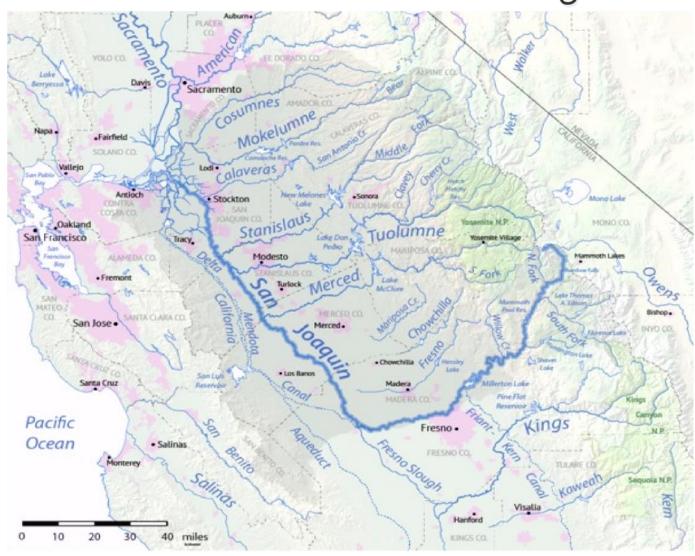
# we all travel different roads to get the



support that is needed on this journey

Here is a list of organizations that help families that have a child with childhood cancer.

This is a list of websites I hope will be useful for you and your family as you go through this battle. When my son relapsed, we did not know where to turn, so we turned to the internet. When in the middle of this battle it was hard to take the time to find the information we needed. As we find new web sites, we will keep updating the list. **Check website for updates.** 

The websites that have \$\$ help with funds for families The websites that have R help with research

Please work with your social worker at the hospital, they are a great source of information.

Some of these nonprofits do not financial support families in California, but when we were in Massachusetts for a trail, we were able to get help from non profit that only help families in Massachusetts.

If you know of a resource that should be in this book, please email it to me

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# **National organizations**

# Alex's Lemonade Stand \$\$

www.alexslemonade.org

Childhood cancer

Change the lives of children with cancer through funding impactful research, raising awareness, supporting families, and empowering everyone to help cure childhood cancer. Helps family that needs help with travel of more the 700 miles for treatment. They help with gas cards, Airfare, and lodging. There is a yearly cap. \$4000 per year, 8,000 per year if in the ALSF funded trial. Fund grant for research. Alex's Lemonade Stand has many programs including Flashes of Hope.

#### The National Children's Cancer Society \$\$

www.thenccs.org

Childhood cancer

Supports families making their way through the daunting world of childhood cancer. With over thirty years of experience, NCCS has become a master navigator. Help with transportation assistance and Emergency assistance. The website has webinars and articles. Check out the Education & Resources section

#### **Coalition Against Childhood Cancer**

www.cac2.org

Washington D.C.

Coalition against Childhood Cancer (CAC2) is a collaborative network of nonprofits, corporations, and individuals from 36 states and five countries, supporting and serving the childhood cancer community. CAC2 members effectively advance a variety of childhood cancer causes by unifying their efforts.

There is information on Advocacy, Awareness, research & treatment, and family support& survivorship.

Mainly information and **paid membership** to them.

This web site has a lot of resources.

#### **Stupid Cancer**

https://stupidcancer.org/

Stupid Cancer helps to empower everyone affected by adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer by ending isolation and building community.

AYA stands for "Adolescent and Young Adults," which is defined as ages 15-39. Each year, 89,500 AYAs will be diagnosed with cancer. AYAs are THE most underserved patient population by age.

Stupid Cancer has lots of resources: Mental Health, Health & Wellness, sex & Relationships, Insurance and finances, and College & Career. Stupid Cancer has programs to help young adults including zoom programs. in person or online meetups, webinars, summits and cancercon.

# **American Cancer Society\$\$**

www.cancer.org

Whether you or someone you love has cancer, knowing what to expect can help you cope. From basic information about cancer and its causes to in-depth information on specific cancer types – including risk factors, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment options – you will find it here.

Anything you need to know about cancer, support, transportation and more Call 1800-227-2345

#### **Gold Together**

www.cancer.org/involved/fundraise/gold-together.html

#### Children

As the American Cancer Society's childhood cancer initiative, Gold Together empowers individuals to help raise funds to directly support research, education, advocacy, and services, as well as promote cancer prevention efforts that could reduce children's risk for cancer later in life.

#### Stand up to cancer

www.standuptocancer.org

**Both Children and Adults** 

Stand up to cancer was started by Katie Couric and two other women to help bring awareness to cancer and cancer screening. Stand up to cancer raises money and 100% of your donation received supports Stand Up To Cancer and its collaborative cancer research programs. Our unique research models are expertly designed to initiate collaboration, accelerate the pace of cancer research, and clear the way for high-impact breakthroughs.

lot of good information

#### **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

www.lls.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) is a global leader in the fight against cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care.

#### Sarcoma foundation of America

www.curesarcoma.org Washington D.C.

Both Children and Adults

Advocate for sarcoma patients by funding research and by increasing awareness about the disease. The organization raises money to privately fund grants for sarcoma researchers and conducts education and advocacy efforts on behalf of sarcoma patients.

#### **Organizations in California**

# Stanford Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer (SAYAC) Program

www.stanfordchildrens.org/en/service/adolescent-young-adult-cancer?utm source=local&utm medium=Yext&utm campaign=GMB

#### Adolescent and young adult

Since healthcare organizations commonly design their care for either children or adults, the unique needs of teens and young adults are often not met. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and Stanford Health Care have created the Stanford Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer (SAYAC) Program to provide a holistic approach for adolescents, teens, and young adults ages 15-29 with all types of cancer to help meet these needs.

#### **Teen Cancer America**

www.Teen Cancer America.org

Teen and young Adult

That every adolescent and young adult diagnosed with cancer has access to age appropriate, specialized AYA programs and space no matter where they are treated in the US.

#### **City of Hope**

https://www.cityofhope.org/homepage

California

City of Hope is a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, making it a national leader in advancing research and treatment protocols.

#### **Jack's Angels Foundation**

www.Jacksangelsfoundation.com Santa Clarita, CA

#moonshot4kids

Awareness, Support and Research for DIPG. Information. #Moonshot4Kids is our support campaign for the National DIPG Awareness Resolution in the United States Congress. The Resolution raises awareness for DIPG and childhood brain cancer, the leading cause of cancer-related death in children, and the urgent, unmet needs of this vulnerable and largely unseen population.

#### **Bumble Bee Foundation \$\$**

www.Bumblebeefoundation.org
Westlake Village, California

The Bumble Bee Foundation is committed to putting families first. We are responsible with the funds you trust us with. Bumble Bee's biggest program provides much-needed assistance and Financials to families

#### **Dillon's Dream: A World Without Childhood Cancer \$**

www.dillonsdreams.org

California

Childhood Cancer

Dillon's Dreams A World Without Cancer mission is to help bring awareness of the important to get more funding for childhood cancer by going to various community events and parades and talking to people about childhood cancer. Dillon's Dreams A World Without Cancer will also support families affected by childhood cancer by food assistance, transportation assistance and more.

#### **NorCal CarciNET Community**

https://norcalcarcinet.org

California

Our mission is to help those with neuroendocrine tumors and carcinoid to share challenges and experiences, learn about prognosis and treatments, find information, and improve communications between the medical community, patients, and caregivers.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

https://cancersupport.net California

#### Adults and Children

We support people facing cancer in our community to become healthier, live longer, and live better. Cancer Support Community has a very full calendar of activities, support group, exercise classes and information groups.

#### Lazarex cancer foundation

https://lazarex.org/# Danville, Ca

**Both Child and Adults** 

Lazarex helps both children and adults. At Lazarex Cancer Foundation we improve the outcome of cancer care, giving hope, dignity and life to advanced stage cancer patients and the medically underserved by providing assistance with costs for FDA clinical trial participation, identification of clinical trial options, community outreach and engagement. We provide resources for cancer patients who have been told they have no other options, but who are not yet done with their journey in life and refuse to give up.

#### **Kaleidoscope Cancer Connection**

https://kaleidoscopehope.org Byron, Ca

Both Children and Adults

Kaleidoscope organization whose mission since 2003 has been to provide hope and connection to people living with cancer in East Contra Costa County. Our primary concerns are the emotional and spiritual journey that may be as, if not more, debilitating than the physical symptoms themselves. Some of the programs they have are Bags of hope, Kaleidoscope information Connection Circle, Kaleidoscope Kids Celebrations.

#### **Junior Foundation**

https://www.juniorfoundation.org Chino Hills California

Children

Junior Foundation Charities provides all-encompassing programs and services for families affected by childhood cancer. Through the development of educational programs and resources, emotional support services and family-focused events, Junior Foundation Charities has positively enriched the quality of life of a child diagnosed with cancer. Programs include food assistance, transportation assistance, birthday celebrations and many more.

#### **Alone Comes Hope**

https://www.alongcomeshope.com

San Luis Obispo, CA

Children

Providing Resources for Children & Their Families

To inspire HOPE and healing by keeping families together, when it matters the most. We also provide support through financial assistance with travel for treatment, creative emotional support programs and advocacy to promote policy changes, awareness and education.

#### Organization grouped by cancer

#### **BRAIN**

#### **DIPG Advocacy Group**

www.DIPGadvocacy.org

Admin Group in California, Tennessee, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, and Missouri Organizer in California.

DIPG Advocacy group does advocacy and education about the prevalence and symptoms of childhood brain cancer.

#### The Pacific Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium

www.pnoc.us

The Pacific Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium (PNOC) is an international consortium with centers within the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia. We are dedicated to bringing new therapies to children and young adults with brain tumors. Our goal is to improve outcomes by translating the latest findings in brain tumor biology into better treatments for these children.

#### **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation \$\$**

www.curethekids.org

No family should have to face their child's brain tumor diagnosis alone. PBTF is a critical point of care for families navigating a child's diagnosis, empowering them with patient family education, financial relief, and emotional support.

#### **Chad Tough Defeat DIPG Foundation**

www.Chadtough.org Michigan

Brain cancer DIPG

The Chad Tough Defeat DIPG Foundation funds the most innovative, promising research on DIPG, which is underfunded compared to most cancers.

#### **Julia Barbara Foundation**

www.Juliabarbaradipg.org

Knoxville, Tennessee

Julia Barbara is fighting to cure DIPG (brain stem tumors). We provide research funding to find a cure for DIPG. Information and funding for research.

#### Love, Chloe Foundation \$\$

www.lovechloefoundation.org or www.lovechloe.org
Kansas

Kansas license plate

Brain cancer DIPG

The Love, Chloe mission is to provide hope for families facing a childhood cancer diagnoses with essential travel items, financial support and funding of ground-breaking childhood cancer research while raising awareness. They also do holiday packages, informational resource packets, and parent to parent support.

#### **Warrior Wagons**

Each wagon includes an abundance of snacks, overnight essentials for parents and child, a blanket and travel pillow, PJs, lounging clothes, socks, games and activities for the childhood cancer patient and his/her siblings.

In addition, the family receives gifts cards for the family to help with gas, eating out and other essential needs during travel to and from treatments and follow up visits.

Family Assistance Grants \*due to limited funds, only available to Kansas families\*

The Love, Chloe Foundation is proud to offer direct financial assistance up to \$1,500 to families of children with cancer.

#### Monkey in My Chair

www.monkeyinmychair.org

Monkey in the student's classroom chair when the student is out. Sponsored by Love, Chloe

#### **Swifty Foundation**

WWW.swiftyfoundation.org

The Swifty Foundation's mission is to raise funds and awareness for pediatric brain cancer research by supporting:

- Tissue Donation
- Research Collaboration
- Medulloblastoma Research

#### **Battlecorn Care Packages \$**

www.Battlecorncarepackages.com

Brain

At Battlecorn Care Packages we strive to spread smiles and joy across the country and as far as our support will fly. You can request a package on their website, you can also find other resources under their tab 'Resources' and 'Hope-Portal.

#### **Zoefia Alexandria Foundation**

www.zoefiaalexandriafoundation.org
New York

The mission of the Zoefia Alexandria Foundation is to honor Zoefia's life and her courageous battle against Brain Cancer. Through contributions help to enrich the life and development of Cancer Children and their families by supporting Education and Housing. They have a lot of programs like their day of adventure program, their financial housing assistance and many more programs.

#### **The Cure Starts Now**

www.thecurestartsnow.org Ohio

Research to find new treatments for childhood brain tumors represents one of our greatest opportunities to advance cancer research in general. They raise money for research.

#### **The Brooke Healey Foundation**

www.brookehealey.com New Jersey

Brain cancer DIPG

The Brooke Healey Foundation helps families thought financial assistance, funding research, Scholarships and the Butterfly Award. The Butterfly Award is presented annually at The Brooke Healey Foundation Golf Outing. It recognizes individuals in the medical field that continually go above and beyond the scope of their job outlines to help comfort, heal or touch a pediatric patient in ways no other medical professional could. The compassion of these individuals helps struggling families cope and deal with the tragedies they face.

#### **Reflections of Grace \$\$**

www.reflectionsofgrace.org

#### **Pennsylvania**

Brain cancer DIPG

Reflections Of Grace Foundation is proud to offer direct financial assistance to families of children with brain cancer. They help families through grants across the United States. Through our partnership with the DIPG Collaborative, Reflections Of Grace has been instrumental in funding groundbreaking research of Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma cancer.

<u>Aidan's Avengers</u> Fighting the Battle against Pediatric Brain Cancer <u>www.aidansavergers.com</u>

Aidan's Avengers mission statement "Understanding the devastating effects of pediatric brain cancer, Aidan's Avengers™ strive to raise awareness and funding for research programs that focus on pediatric brain tumors with an emphasis on DIPG and to provide financial assistance for families affected by pediatric brain cancer."

**Brain tumors** are now the most common cancer and cause of cancer-related death in children less than 15 years of age. They are the most common solid tumor in children – accounting for approximately 25% of all childhood cancers. <u>Aidan's Avengers</u> family support program provides financial support to families of children diagnosed with brain tumors in PA, NJ, DE, MD and NY.

#### **Ewing Sarcoma Cancer**

#### **Little Warrior Foundation**

https://littlewarrior.org

Childhood cancer with a specific focus on Ewing Sarcoma

The Little Warrior Foundation was founded in 2020 with a simple mission: **To fund and find a lasting cure for childhood cancer**, with a specific focus on Ewing Sarcoma.

The funds raised by the foundation are granted to researchers and institutions developing high-potential therapies for pediatric applications. The Little Warrior Foundation was founded in 2020.

We have particular interest in targeted therapies that attack cancer cells, and leave normal cells unharmed, such as Immunotherapy and Molecular Therapy.

Your donations support research and clinical trials vetted by our team so we can save children's lives. We take no salaries, which means your dollars go where it matters most: life saving treatments.

#### **Other Cancers**

#### Leia's Kids \$\$

www.Leiaskids.org

Texas

Leia's Kids mission is to spread hope and directly donate to families actively battling childhood cancer. Podcast, Journals, helps these families pay for childcare, food, hospital stays for mom and dad and extra expenses for the family. During the donation ceremonies, we throw a party and give money to children and families who are fighting childhood cancer. Gift cards.

#### **Rally Foundation \$\$**

www.Rallyfoundation.org Georgia

Support for one patient has an annual (12-month calendar year) cap of \$500 and a lifetime cap of \$750. They also have Research funds.

#### **Super Sam Foundation \$**

www.Supersamfoundation.org Missouri

Super Sam Foundation is a pediatric cancer foundation focused on raising awareness, funding research, and supporting families in the fight. Support families through comfort packs, sibling packs, and caregiver packs.

#### Sara's Acts of Kindness \$

www.saraskindness.org

Sara's Acts of Kindness is a childhood cancer foundation raising money for cancer patients (to bring a moment of joy to kids with cancer through acts of kindness, gifts, and support) and cancer research. The Sara Willis Research Grant will help fund potentially life-saving childhood cancer research.

# Lucy's Love Bus \$

www.Lucyslovebus.org

Massachusetts

An average of 75 childhood cancer patients across the country receives individual funding for integrative therapies each year through their Lucy's Children program. The Healing Room is their hospital-based integrative therapy program that is in 6 New England hospitals. Helps children in Massachusetts

# **Nonprofit that help with Critical Illness**

<u>There with care</u> For Families and Children Facing Critical Illness <a href="https://bayarea.therewithcare.org">https://bayarea.therewithcare.org</a>

Our mission is to provide a wide range of thoughtful and fundamental services to families and children during the critical phase of a medical crisis. There are many programs to help families that have a child with a critical illness. There programs include Transportation, Meals, Baby Essentials, Home Maintenance, Sibling Support, and more. Check web site to see what programs are offered in California.

#### **One At A Time**

https://www.campaignoaat.org/oaat-west

Our OAAT WEST chapter stretches from the top of Washington to California and as far east as Utah! This chapter is building a geographic community of families with kids battling life-threatening illnesses.

#### **Dietitian**

#### **Pearlpoint nutrition services**

www.pearlpoint.org/schedule-a-dietitian-consultation

This is a dietitian that can help cancer patients with their dietary needs. Cancer changes your nutritional needs and often the way your body processes food. Eating well during, and after cancer treatment can help you feel better, maintain your strength, avoid treatment delays, and speed your recovery.

#### **Medical Transportation**

#### **Uber Health**

https://www.uberhealth.com

Provide access to care for those in need by scheduling reliable transportation using the Uber Health dashboard. I had a hard time getting information.

#### **Mercy Medical Angels**

https://www.mercymedical.org

Mercy Medical Angels removes the barrier to medical care with transportation on the ground with gas cards, bus and train tickets and in the air with flights flown by volunteer pilots and the commercial airlines.

Mercy Medical Angels is the largest charitable medical transportation system in the world. Last year, they provided more than 24,000 free patient trips to clinical care.

# Camps for patents and families

#### **OKIZU Camp**

http://okizu.org Novato, California

Camp Okizu has offered support programs to families who have a child diagnosed with cancer. Camp Okizu has become a second family and a home away from home for thousands of patients, siblings, and parents. Some of the programs and camps that OKIZU offers are Family, Oncology, SIBS (Special and Important Brothers and Sisters), Bereaved Teen Weekends, Bereaved family camp and Teens-n-Twenties. Teen and Twenties is open to individuals, ages 18-25, who have or have had cancer or who have a sibling who has or has had cancer.

#### **Camp Rainbow**

<u>Home - Camp Rainbow</u> Wildwood, Missouri

The Camp Rainbow Foundation provides free camp experiences and programs for children and families affected by childhood cancer and blood related diseases. Camp Rainbow has many different camps from overnight camp, day camps, sibs camp, teen camps, teens and twenty and family camps. Camp Rainbow has a hospital camp-in where they bring in activities and excitement not only to the Oncology floors but to the outpatient clinics as well. Camp Rainbow brings the same camp activities right to the patients including arts and crafts, music, and games.

#### **Camp Make a Dream**

www.campdream.org Montana

Camp Make-A-Dream empowers survivors and their families to live with and beyond cancer through life-changing Montana experiences where they strengthen life skills, gain resilience, and develop lasting relationships.

# Other types of services

#### Hair We Share \$

www.hairweshare.org

New York

To help maintain dignity, confidence, and self-esteem to those affected by medical hair loss. You can apply for a wig on their website.

#### **Bee Brave Buddies \$**

www.beebravebuddies.com

Our mission is to put a Bee Brave Buddy doll in the arms of all children around the world in treatment or recuperation from cancer who need a hug and to make these children feel brave and to provide emotional support to children and young adults with cancer and other serious illnesses by giving dolls, original Bee Brave Buddies books, cards and other Bee Brave Buddy gifts.

#### **Mystic Force**

www.mysticforcefoundation.com

Florida

Our main objective is to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer and desperately needed funds for research to bring less toxic, more effective treatments for these children. We also strive to enhance the lives of children battling Childhood Cancer through in-patient hospital parties and granting 'Wishes' whenever possible.

#### **Onco Heroes Biosciences**

www.oncoheroes.com

Onco heroes was born to focus only on pediatric oncology drug development. They also have other info and news about pediatric cancer.

#### **Tiny Superheroes**

www.tinysuperheroes.com

We are out to change how the world sees the unique challenges that some kids face and reveal the superpowers behind every difference.

#### **Project Linus**

www.projectlinus.org

At Project Linus, a non-profit organization, we provide new handmade blankets to children in need. Our blankets are lovingly made by adults *and* children from all walks of life and many different sources.

#### **Baxstrong**

https://www.baxstrong.com

Baxter's Smile Box is full of Smiles for children and their families going through childhood cancer. Each box is filled with arts & crafts, Play-doh, sensory toys, and much more to put a BIG SMILE on each and every child's face!

Kaylee's Legocy www.kayleelegocy.org

Provide Lego sets to children in hospitals, allowing them and their families a creative outlet together in their fight against cancer.