

Who we are

Our four year old son, Foster, was diagnosed with cancer in 2016. One of the positive and uplifting memories we have of during that heart wrenching time is being delivered a care package from a friend during those difficult first days upon diagnosis. It brought us a much needed distraction that was filled with helpful items but most of all it brought us smiles and the sense that we were not as alone as we thought.

We knew immediately that we wanted to extend the same thoughtful generosity and support to other families upon diagnosis of their child. "Fostership" is about fostering kindness, extending support, developing relationships, sharing resources, providing essentials, and most important of all, reaching out with understanding to families during a difficult time.

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Resource and Support Information*



Delivering care packages filled with love and support.

* These have been compiled from other families that have accessed their services and found them helpful. They are in no particular order and only here as suggestions to possibly aid your family during this time.

Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta

<https://www.kidscancercare.ab.ca/>

“Kids Cancer Care is passionately dedicated to helping young people affected by cancer and their families survive and thrive in body, mind and spirit.” Outreach programs, special events, PEER, pizza night, Camp Kindle, Educational Support, Wellness Bags, Child Life Specialist support...

Believe in the Gold

<https://www.believeinthegold.com/>

“Believe in the Gold is a charitable foundation dedicated to the children. We are committed to raising awareness about Childhood Cancer, raising funds to help support families with medical expenses that are not covered by Alberta Health Care or extended benefit plans, and raising funds for Childhood Cancer research.”

Helping Families Handle Cancer

<http://helpingfamilieshandlecancer.com/>

“We are a Not-For-Profit Organization specifically designed to aid families financially while they are dealing with cancer.” Parking passes, groceries, transportation, daily living costs, ...

Childhood Cancer Canada

<https://www.childhoodcancer.ca/>

“To create victories for Canadian children with cancer through investment in national, collaborative, lifesaving research, empowering education and community programs.” EmPower Packs, Amazing Adventures, Sibling Support, Scholarships, School resources...

ComfyCozy

<https://www.amandahope.org/comfycozy>

“As a 12 year-old undergoing chemotherapy, Amanda Hope envisioned and designed a shirt that would give all children a sense of dignity and control. We call that shirt, Comfycozy’s for Chemo. It was the beginning of what has now become a clothing line designed with the input from young users everywhere. The adaptive apparel line has zippers, buttons, snaps, pockets, and openings to allow nurses to access the child’s port while allowing them to remain covered. They asked for hoodies, dresses, onesies for infants, and shirts designed in a variety of colors. Partnering with both in-patient and out-patient hospitals, Comfycozy’s for Chemo apparel items have been provided to more than 7,000 warriors. We will continue to expand distribution to the many hospitals who have expressed an interest across the country until we fulfill Amanda’s dream of helping every child battling cancer.”

Specs For Little Heroes

<http://www.specsforlittleheroes.com>

Our mission is singular: to purchase protective eyewear for kids impacted by retinoblastoma. The proper protective eyewear is expensive, and insurance companies typically do not cover these glasses.

The Cooper Trooper Foundation

<http://www.coopertrooper.org/>

CTF ensures that all members of the family are cared for by distributing the Cooper Trooper Caring and Courage Kit to siblings of children diagnosed with cancer. These kits are provided with the intention of celebrating sibling’s strength and courage, providing education, and enhancing total family care.

CareALine

<https://carealine.com/>

“Giving PICC and Central Line Patients the Freedom to Live Safely! CareAline's Vascular Access product line's are original innovations of a Cancer Mom and is owned by a Cancer Mom and Dad.”

Joy Jars

<http://negu.org/joy-jars/>

“Jessie’s Wish was to encourage every kid fighting cancer to Never Ever Give Up, which is the goal of our Year of Joy program. Over the course of a year, kids fighting cancer and their family members receive fun doses of hope, joy and love.”

Monkey in My Chair

<http://www.monkeyinmychair.org/>

“Through the program, each child is provided with a "monkey kit" which includes a big stuffed monkey that takes their place in school when they are unable to be there.”

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada

<http://www.llscanada.org>

“Our strategy to achieve the mission is based on three areas of focus: research, patient support and advocacy.” Books, pamphlets, tutoring, ...

KAM Support Group (Facebook)

“A (Facebook) support group put together for ACH Momcologists to be able to have casual conversation, insight from our experiences, bonding, some tears, laughter but always love. We are all in different places on the timeline from DX and would love a safe place to share our stories, help each other up when needed and connect.”

Children’s Wish

<http://www.childrenswish.ca/>

“Children’s Wish Foundation of Canada is the largest and only all-Canadian wish granting charity dedicated to granting wishes to Canadian children between the ages of 3 and 17 who are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.”

Make-A-Wish

<https://makeawish.ca/>

“Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.”

Jamie’s Preschool

<http://jamiespreschool.ca/>

“Jamie’s Preschool provides a rich program of play, learning and support for children facing cancer, blood disorders, organ transplants and other critical illnesses.”

Icing Smiles

<http://www.icingsmiles.ca/>

“Icing Smiles is a nonprofit organization that provides custom celebration cakes and other treats to families impacted by the critical illness of a child.”

Community Key

<http://www.richardsmortgagegroup.ca/community-key-mortgage-relief-program>

“Community Key is a registered charity set up in late 2015 by our mortgage brokerage that helps families caring for a seriously ill or critically injured child to make their monthly mortgage or rent payments at their time of greatest need.”

Camp Quality

<http://campquality.org/camps/alberta/>

“We are a national charitable organization devoted to providing free camp experiences and year-round programming for children with cancer.”

Victoria’s Quilts

<http://www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com/>

“Victoria's Quilts Canada (VQC) provides handmade quilts to people living with cancer in Canada.”

Feel Better Friends

<http://fbfdolls.org/>

“Feel Better Friends are handmade dolls stuffed with love and well wishes, crafted by volunteers and donated to children battling cancer and other illnesses. These well loved dolls are custom made with the child’s likeness in mind, matching eye and hair color, and replicating the child’s favorite outfit to the best of our ability. They can even be made bald like the child with a little matching wig too! “

Momcology

<https://momcology.org/>

“Momcology is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to extending the benefits of community by providing reciprocal peer support models for childhood cancer families.”

Hugginz by Angel

<http://hugginzbyangel.com/>

“Hugginz Blankets are sewn with fun printed flannel, cotton and/or fleece.”

Angel Hair for Kids

<https://www.acvf.ca/angel-hair-for-kids>

“Using hair and financial donations generously donated to the program, Angel Hair For Kids provides wigs and hair systems to recipients at no cost to the child’s family.”

Beads of Courage Canada

<http://www.beadsofcourage.ca/>

“Caring for children coping with serious illness, their families and clinicians by helping them to RECORD, TELL and OWN their story of COURAGE through beads.” They also have a Siblings Bead program.

Parents of Alberta Children’s Hospital (Facebook)

“(Facebook group) We just wanted to create a place where Parents could be heard, celebrated and supported. We are all on our own journeys, past, present and future.”

Crowns of Courage

<http://crownsofcourage.ca>

“Crowns of Courage is a charity program for children with serious life threatening illnesses. Children who are inpatient at the Alberta Childrens Hospital can call upon Crowns of Courage celebrate a birthday, end of treatment, life saving surgery.”