

# CHILDHOOD CANCER RESOURCES SERVING OHIO

"These entities exist to support you through this unfair time. Let them do what they do best. Accept the help. Your child and family deserve support."

- Melissa Jackson





#### THE OBJECTIVE

This guide offers a curated list of Ohio's resources and support services designed to assist families impacted by <u>childhood and adolescent/young adult (AYA) cancer</u>. Our aim is to help connect you with organizations that may provide valuable assistance throughout your medical journey.

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#### **USE OF THE GUIDE**

- Entities are listed alphabetically by main service areas.
- Asterisks signify that the organization may also serve adults with cancer.
- AYA resources are highlighted.

#### Note:

- The guide is intended for personal use only.
- The guide should not be edited/modified/sold.
- If you would like to suggest changes/additions to the guide, please contact Melissa Jackson at info@feelbetterfoundation.com



# Financial Resources (1/2):



| Organization:   | Website:                   | Potential Services:  | Location: |
|---|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| <u>Angelworks</u>                                       | myangelworks.org           | Funeral, Holiday   | Ohio+     |
| <u>Cancer For College</u>                               | cancerforcollege.org       | College Scholarships   | National  |
| Cancer Support Community Central Ohio -Empower Program* | cancersupportohio.org      | Financial of 350% FPL  | Ohio      |
| Complex Medical Help<br>Program (CMH)                   | odh.ohio.gov               | Financial – Diagnostic (first 6<br>months) & Treatment Program<br>(annually) | Ohio Only |
| <u>Dragonfly Foundation</u>                             | dragonfly.org              | Family Fun, Financial,<br>Education  | Ohio      |
| Friends of Faith Pruden<br>Foundation                   | faithprudenfoundation.org  | Financial, Family Holiday<br>Fun, Scholarships                               | Ohio      |
| <u>Karis' Cause</u>                                     | <u>kariscause.org</u>      | Financial, Family Fun  | Ohio      |
| Keira Kilbane Foundation                                | keirakilbanefoundation.org | Financial, Advocacy,   | Ohio      |
| Kids Get Cancer Too                                     | <u>kgct.org</u>            | Financial, Spiritual   | Ohio      |
| <u>The Littlest Heroes</u>                              | thelittlestheroes.org      | Emergency Financial<br>Support   | Ohio      |



"552 children and adolescents are diagnosed with childhood cancer each year in the state of Ohio."



#### Financial Resources (2/2):

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| Nellie's Champions for Kids<br>(NC4K) | nc4k.org                                  | Family Fun, Financial                | Ohio               |
| Patches of Light                      | patchesoflight.org                        | Financial Support                    | Ohio,<br>National  |
| Pinky Swear Foundation                | <u>pinkyswear.org</u>                     | Financial Support, Family<br>Support | National           |
| Ronald McDonald Houses                | rmhc.org                                  | Lodging, Support                     | National           |
| Smiles for Sophie Forever             | smilesforsophieforever.org                | Financial Support, Brain<br>Tumors   | Cleveland,<br>Ohio |
| The Samfund (AYA)                     | expectmiraclesfoundation.o<br>rg/samfund/ | AYA Financial Support,<br>Fertility  | National           |



## Direct Family Support Resources (1/2):



| Organization:   | Website:                         | Potential Services:   | Location:              |
|---|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| <u> A Kid Again</u>                                     | <u>akidagain.org</u>             | Family Fun, all diagnoses                                   | National               |
| A Special Wish  | <u>aspecialwishneo.org</u>       | Family Fun  | Ohio<br>Chapters       |
| Brock Strong Foundation                                 | brockstrongfoundation.com        | Family Support, Scholarships                                | Ohio                   |
| Camp Quality USA  | <u>campqualityusa.org</u>        | Family Fun, Camps   | National,<br>Ohio      |
| Cancer Support Community Central Ohio -Empower Program* | <u>cancersupportohio.org</u>     | Classes, Wellness, Therapy,<br>Fitness, AYA                 | Ohio                   |
| <u>CarsonStrong</u><br><u>Foundation*</u>               | <u>carsonstrong.org</u>          | Family Getaways, AYA  | Ohio, Select<br>States |
| Connecting Champions                                    | connectingchampions.org          | Family Fun, Education, AYA                                  | OH/PA                  |
| <u>Dragonfly Foundation</u>                             | <u>dragonfly.org</u>             | Family Fun, Financial, Education                            | Cincinnati,<br>Ohio    |
| Elephants and Tea -<br>Magazine                         | <u>elephantsandtea.org</u>       | AYA Support   | National,<br>Ohio      |
| Feel Better Foundation*                                 | feelbetterfoundation.com         | Support Groups, Retreats, Feel<br>Better Mom, Advocacy, AYA | Ohio                   |
| <u>First Descents (AYA)</u>                             | firstdescents.org/who-we-<br>are | AYA Camps, Fun  | National               |
| <u>Flashes of Hope</u>                                  | flashesofhope.org                | Family Photography  | National               |
| <u>Flying Horse Farms</u>                               | <u>flyinghorsefarms.org</u>      | Camp, Family Camps, Support,<br>(7-21 years)                | Ohio                   |



## Direct Family Support Resources (2/2):



| Organization:                                | Website:                                   | Potential Services:                              | Location:                 |
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| Friends of Faith Pruden<br>Foundation        | faithprudenfoundation.org                  | Family Fun, Financial                            | Ohio                      |
| Glitter Girls Guild                          | g <u>littergirlsguild.org</u>              | Family Fun/Direct Support                        | Central OH                |
| Hope Meadows Equine<br>Therapy               | <u>hopemeadowsoh.org</u>                   | Horse Therapy                                    | Medina, OH                |
| Icing Smiles                                 | www.icingsmiles.org                        | Birthday Cake Support                            | National                  |
| Kids Get Cancer Too                          | <u>kgct.org</u>                            | Family Support, Financial,<br>Spiritual          | Ohio                      |
| Leia's Kids                                  | <u>leiaskids.org</u>                       | AYA Retreats, Family Fun                         | National                  |
| <u>Lighthouse Family Retreat</u>             | <u>lighthousefamilyretreat.org</u>         | Getaways, Religion                               | National                  |
| Make A Wish                                  | <u>wish.org</u>                            | Family Fun, Wish Granting                        | National                  |
| <u>Momcology</u> *                           | momcology.org                              | Support Group, Mothers                           | National                  |
| Nellie's Champions for<br>Kids (NC4K)        | nc4k.org                                   | Family Fun, Financial                            | Ohio                      |
| Ohio Family to Family                        | ucucedd.org/ohio-family-<br>to-family-f2f/ | Family Support, Education                        | Ohio                      |
| Stewarts Caring Place*                       | stewartscaringplace.org                    | Family Support Groups, Wigs,<br>Legal, Financial | Fairlawn, OH              |
| <u>Special Spaces</u>                        | <u>specialspaces.org</u>                   | Room Makeovers                                   | National-<br>Select Areas |
| <u>Take Heart Cancer</u><br><u>Community</u> | takeheartcommunity.org/                    | Support, Religion                                | Ohio/National             |
| The Molly Impact*                            | mollyoldham.com/tmi-<br>themollyimpact     | AYA (18-24 years) Support,<br>Care Packages      | National                  |
| <u>Way to Battle</u> *                       | waytobattle.com                            | Stuffed Animals, Family<br>Support               | Ohio                      |

#### **Advocacy Resources**



| Organization:                                    | Website:   | Potential Services:                          | Location:         |
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| Alliance For Childhood<br>Cancer                 | allianceforchildhoodcancer.o<br>rg                     | Advocacy, Capital Hill<br>Days               | National          |
| American Cancer Society –<br>Gold Together*      | <u>cancer.org</u>                                      | Advocacy, Awareness                          | National          |
| American Childhood Cancer Organization           | acco.org   | Advocacy, Family<br>Support, Awareness       | National          |
| Arms Wide Open Childhood  Cancer Foundation      | www.awoccf.org   | Advocacy- CureFest                           | National          |
| Elephants and Tea- AYA<br>Cancer Magazine        | <u>elephantsandtea.org</u>                             | AYA Support                                  | National,<br>Ohio |
| KIDS V CANCER                                    | <u>kidsvcancer.org</u>                                 | Advocacy                                     | National          |
| <u>Leukemia and Lymphoma</u><br><u>Society</u> * | <u>lls.org</u>   | Advocacy, Scholarships,<br>Education         | National          |
| Ohio Fights Childhood  Cancer Collaborative      | feelbetterfoundation.com/oh<br>iofightschildhoodcancer | Advocacy, Awareness,<br>Bridge the Gap Event | Ohio              |
| <u>Stupid Cancer (AYA)</u>                       | <u>stupidcancer.org</u>                                | AYA Advocacy, Support                        | National          |
| Teen Cancer America                              | <u>teencanceramerica.org</u>                           | AYA Support, Advocacy                        | National          |
| Steven G. Cancer<br>Foundation                   | stevengcancerfoundation.org                            | AYA Support, Advocacy                        | National          |



# Medical/Education Resources (1/2)



| Organization:   | Website:  | Potential<br>Services:               | Location: |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Alliance for Fertility Preservation- Financial Assistance Programs* | allianceforfertilitypreservation.<br>org                | Fertility,<br>Financial,             | Ohio      |
| Adaptive Sports Connection  | adaptivesportsconnection.org/                           | Sports, Limb<br>Differences          | National  |
| Angel Flight*   | <u>angelflight.com</u>                                  | Emergency<br>Transportation          | National  |
| Be the Match*   | nmdp.org  | Medical, Transplant                  | National  |
| <u>CaringInfo*</u>  | <u>caringinfo.org</u>                                   | Education                            | National  |
| Compass to Care*  | compasstocare.org                                       | Transportation<br>Support            | National  |
| Got Transition*   | g <u>ottransition.org</u>                               | AYA, Transition of<br>Care Education | National  |
| Help Me Grow (0-5 age)*   | <u>helpmegrow.org</u>                                   | Education, Support                   | Ohio      |
| Lazerex Cancer Foundation Clinical Trial Navigation*                | <u>lazarex.org/helping-</u><br>you/clinical-trial-form/ | Clinical Trials                      | National  |



## Medical/Education Resources (2/2):

| Organization:  | Website:   | Potential Services:                          | Location: |
|--|--|--|-----------|
| <u>Crowns of Courage</u>                             | <u>crownsofcourage.com</u>                           | Wigs   | National  |
| LiveStrong Fertility  Preservation  Assistance*      | livestrong.org/how-we-<br>help/livestrong-fertility/ | Fertility, AYA, Financial                    | National  |
| <u>Marrow Mates</u> *                                | <u>marrowmates.org</u>                               | Medical, Transplant                          | National  |
| Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program                  | <u>odh.ohio.gov</u>                                  | Hearing, Financial                           | Ohio      |
| Parent Consultants –<br>Ohio Department of<br>Health | Parent Consultants                                   | Financial, Support,<br>Medical Assistance    | Ohio      |
| Passport for Care*                                   | <u>passportforcare.org</u>                           | Medical, Transitioning,<br>Survivorship, AYA | National  |
| Worth the Wait*                                      | worththewaitcharity.com                              | Fertility/Adoption<br>Support/Funding, AYA   | National  |



#### **Bereavement Resources**

| Organization:                            | Website:  | Services:  | Location:                  |
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| <u>Angelworks</u>                        | <u>myangelworks.org</u>                                       | Funeral Costs,<br>Bereavement<br>Retreats        | Ohio &<br>Select<br>States |
| Cancer Support Community Central Ohio*   | <u>cancersupportohio.org/programs</u><br><u>-and-services</u> | Grief Therapy,<br>Support Groups                 | Ohio                       |
| Compassionate Friends *                  | <u>compassionatefriends.org</u>                               | Grief Therapy                                    | National                   |
| Cornerstone of Hope *                    | <u>columbus.cornerstoneofhope.org</u>                         | Grief Therapy                                    | Ohio                       |
| <u>Dougy Center</u> *                    | <u>dougy.org</u>  | Grief Therapy,<br>Spanish                        | National                   |
| Fernside Center for<br>Grieving Children | <u>fernside.org</u>   | Grief Therapy, Camps                             | Cincinnati,<br>Ohio        |
| <u>Walk With You</u>                     | walkwithyounonprofit.org                                      | Loss, Funeral,<br>Support Groups<br>Photography, | National                   |



#### Research/Advocacy Focused Resources



| Organization:                      | Website:                 | Potential Services:              | Location:              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation   | <u>alexslemonade.org</u> | Research, Awareness,<br>Advocacy | National               |
| Callahan Murphy Hare<br>Foundation | thecmhfoundation.org     | Research, Awareness,             | Ohio, Select<br>States |
| CureSearch                         | <u>curesearch.org</u>    | Research                         | National               |
| Children's Cancer<br>Cause         | childrenscancercause.org | Research/Advocacy                | National               |
| On Brave Wings                     | onbravewings.org         | Chordoma Research,<br>Awareness  | Ohio                   |
| Rally Foundation                   | allyfoundation.org       | Research, Awareness,<br>Advocacy | National               |
| St. Baldrick's<br>Foundation       | stbaldricks.org          | Advocacy                         | National               |



#### **National Resources Shared By Users:**

Note: These resources may or may not serve Ohioans. Please vet them before reaching out.

(No particular order) \$= Financial Support

- NEGU Never Ever Give Up
- CURE Childhood Cancer
- Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer
- Do it for the Love
- Go for the Goal \$
- Project Outrun
- Serious Fun Network
- Battlecorn Care Packages
- Shellys Warriors
- Good Days \$
- Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Miracle Flights \$ medical travel
- Musicians on Call
- Bear Necessities P
- My HomeTown Heroes \$
- National Childrens Cancer Society Emergency Fund \$
- Project Ed Bear For NE Ohio
- Wigs for Kids
- Project Outrun
- Stephen Comunale Foundation \$
- The B+ Foundation Family Fund \$
- Miracle Travel Works
- North Star Reach- Camp
- Childhood Cancer Hub- CAC2
- Better Together- CAC2



#### **Unvetted National Resources Shared By Users:**

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- United Healthcare Childrens Fund \$
- Aiden's Army
- Braden's Hope for Childhood Cancer
- A Moment of Magic
- Along Comes Hope \$
- Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels
- ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation Virginia only
- Book for Hope- KT, IL, TN
- Books that Heal
- Camp Casco
- CancerFree Kids- Research
- Carson Leslie Foundation
- Kimberly Walton Foundation \$
- Matthew Renk Foundation \$
- MBA Opens Doors \$
- Child Core Family Support
- Elaine Roberts Foundation
- Serious Fun Network -Camps/Activities
- Shellys Warriors \$
- Emily Whitehead Foundation- Awareness
- End Kids Cancer- Neuroblastoma
- Evan's Victory Against Neuroblastoma Foundation
- For a Day Foundation
- Gabriella's Smile Foundation
- Lifeline Pilots

