

# **Cancer Support Resources**

Addressing the gaps in services available and improving the quality of life for cancer patients in Carbon County and Tamaqua.

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# Introduction

Turn To Us offers all Carbon County, Coaldale, and Tamaqua residents that are diagnosed with cancer financial assistance (utility assistance, medical needs, gas gift cards, food boxes/grocery store gift cards), emotional support, and connection to resources. Please contact TTU at 570-732-4220 or email <u>Alicia@TurnToUsInc.org</u> to request an application.

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# **Types of Oncologists**

#### This section is from Cancer.Net

Oncology is the study of cancer. An oncologist is a doctor who treats cancer and provides medical care for a person diagnosed with cancer.

The field of oncology has three major areas: medical, surgical, and radiation.

- A medical oncologist treats cancer using <u>chemotherapy</u> or other medications, such as <u>targeted</u> <u>therapy</u> or <u>immunotherapy</u>.
- A **surgical oncologist** removes the tumor and nearby tissue during surgery. He or she also performs certain types of **biopsies** to help diagnose cancer.
- A radiation oncologist treats cancer using radiation therapy.

Other types of oncologists include:

- A gynecologic oncologist treats gynecologic cancers, such as uterine, ovarian, and cervical cancers.
- A pediatric oncologist treats cancer in children. Some types of cancer occur most often in children and teenagers. This includes certain brain tumors, leukemia, osteosarcoma, and Ewing's sarcoma. Types of cancer more common in children sometimes also occur in adults. In these situations, an adult may decide to work with a pediatric oncologist.
- A hematologist-oncologist diagnoses and treats blood cancers, such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma.

An oncologist manages a patient's care throughout the disease. This starts with the diagnosis. His or her role includes:

- Explaining the cancer diagnosis and stage
- Talking about all treatment options and his or her preferred choice
- Delivering quality and compassionate care
- Helping a patient manage the symptoms and side effects of cancer and cancer treatment.

Different types of doctors often work together to create a patient's overall treatment plan that combines different types of treatments. For instance, a patient may need treatment with a combination of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy. This is called a **multidisciplinary team**.

Cancer care teams also include a variety of other health care professionals:

- A **pathologist** reads laboratory tests. This includes checking cells, tissues, and organs to diagnose disease
- A diagnostic radiologist conducts imaging tests to diagnose disease. This includes x-rays or ultrasound tests.
- An oncology nurse

#### • An oncology social worker

The team may also involve doctors from other areas of medicine. For instance, a dermatologist who specializes in skin problems may also help treat skin cancer.

Sometimes a person's cancer diagnosis is complex. In this case, the patient's oncologist may ask a **<u>tumor</u> <u>board</u>** to review the case. This involves medical experts from all areas of cancer care who come together to decide on the best treatment plan.

### Insurance

#### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

800-633-4227

www.cms.gov

CMS is the government entity responsible for Medicare and Medicaid. For comprehensive information about Medicare and especially Medicare Part D call: 800-633-4227. For comprehensive information about Medicaid see www.Medicaid.gov.

#### HealthCare.gov

800-318-2596 <u>www.healthcare.gov</u> The United States health insurance exchange website

#### State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP)

800-633-4227 <u>www.medicare.gov/contacts</u> Available in every state, these programs assist people with health insurance questions, particularly related to Medicare and Medicaid.

# Housing / Transportation / Financial

Air Charity Network 877-621-7177 AirCharityNetwork.org

Air Charity Network is a charitable organization that provides access for people in need who are seeking free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community, or national crisis. Air Charity Network serves all 50 states and its volunteer pilots utilize their aircraft, fuel, and time to provide free air transportation to medical facilities for citizens who are financially distressed or otherwise unable to travel on public transportation.

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge 800-227-2345 cancer.org/HopeLodge

#### Cancer Finances: A Toolkit for Navigating Finances After Cancer

617-938-3484

#### CancerFinances.org

Triage Cancer is a national, nonprofit organization providing education on the practical and legal issues that may impact individuals coping with cancer and their caregivers, through educational events, materials, and resources. Triage Cancer also offers an educational blog.

#### **Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition**

#### CancerFAC.org

CFAC is a coalition of financial assistance organizations joining forces to help cancer patients experience better health and well-being by limiting financial challenges.

#### **Corporate Angel Network**

914-328-1313

#### CorpAngelNetwork.org

Corporate Angel Network is the only charitable organization whose sole mission is to fly cancer patients (both children and adults) to treatment at no cost to them on empty seats on both private and corporate planes. This not only improves the patients' chances of survival, but also reduces their emotional stress, physical discomfort, and financial burden.

#### Joe's House

877-563-7468

JoesHouse.org

Joe's House is a nonprofit organization that helps cancer patients and their families find a place to stay when traveling away from home for medical treatment.

#### Healthcare Hospitality Network

800-542-9730 HHNetwork.org

The Healthcare Hospitality Network, Inc. (HHN) is a nationwide professional association of nearly 200 unique, nonprofit organizations that provide lodging and support services to patients, families, and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities.

#### **Mercy Medical Angels**

757-318-9174

MercyMedical.org

Mercy Medical Angels remove 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 commercial airlines.

#### Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief

866-512-3861

CoPays.org

Our case managers advocate and mediate on behalf of patients to provide avenues of access for therapies, therapeutic agents, and devices deemed medically efficacious by the medical and scientific communities while working to find sources of reimbursement to pay for care.

#### **Patient Access Network Foundation**

866-316-7263 PANfoundation.org

The PAN Foundation is an independent, national 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to helping federally and commercially insured people living with life-threatening, chronic, and rare diseases with out-of-pocket costs for

their prescribed medications.

#### **Ronald McDonald House Charities**

630-623-7048 rmhc.org The mission of RMHC is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families.

# General

#### American Institute for Cancer Research

800-843-8114 <u>aicr.org</u> We fund cutting-edge research and give people practical tools and information to help them prevent — and survive — cancer.

#### American Society for Radiation Oncology - ASTRO

703-502-1550 astro.org rtanswers.org

#### CanCare

888-461-0028

#### CanCare.org

CanCare is a mighty community of survivors who lift and inspire cancer patients and caregivers through oneon-one support, empathy, and hope to ensure no one endures cancer alone. Our 700+ trained volunteers have survived cancer, and they want to help you do the same for yourself – or a loved one! Whether you need encouragement or want to give it, CanCare is the place for you. Support is available over the phone, via text, email, and in-person – one time or on an ongoing basis.

#### **Cancer and Careers**

646-929-8032

#### CancerAndCareers.org

Mission: Cancer and Careers empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, by providing expert advice, interactive tools, and educational events.

#### **Cancer Hope Network**

877-467-3638 CancerHopeNetwork.org

For nearly 40 years, CHN has trained cancer survivors and their caregivers as Support Volunteers. Our 400+ volunteers have faced more than 80 cancer types. They've completed courses of chemotherapy and rounds of radiation, helped pioneer treatments and medications as clinical trial participants, received stem cell transplants, faced bisections, ostomy bags, and surgeries.

CHN cancer.net 888-651-3038

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#### **Cancer Research Institute**

800-992-2623 <u>CancerResearch.org</u> Immunotherapy is the most promising cancer treatment of our time. With your support, we can fund more breakthrough research and more cures for cancers of all kinds.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

888-793-9355 CancerSupportCommunity.org

We are dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community.

#### CancerCare

800-813-4673 <u>CancerCare.org</u> Founded in 1944, Cancer*Care* is the leading national organization providing free, professional support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical, and financial challenges of cancer.

#### CaringInfo

800-658-8898

CaringInfo.org

CaringInfo is a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, provides free resources to help people make decisions about end-of-life care and services before a crisis.

#### Coping with Cancer magazine

615-790-2400

#### copingmag.com

*Coping with Cancer* website is a complete online experience that educates and inspires. It is presented in a warm and friendly, easy-to-use format, and provides knowledge about living with cancer, hope, and inspirational topics. The *Coping* team is constantly adding relevant articles and trustworthy resources.

#### Endurance (with Jan and Dave Dravecky)

800-295-5880

endurance.org

Many people feel inadequate to help a loved one who is suffering. But your desire to express loving care is deeply appreciated, and Endurance resources can help you provide precious gifts of encouragement and comfort.

#### Hope for Two...The Pregnant with Cancer Network

800-743-4471

#### HopeForTwo.org

Hope for Two...The Pregnant with Cancer Network offers free support for women diagnosed with cancer while pregnant. We connect women who are currently pregnant with cancer with other women who have experienced a similar cancer diagnosis.

#### Imerman Angels

866-463-7626

imermanangels.org

Imerman Angels 'mission is to provide comfort and understanding for all cancer fighters, survivors, previvors, and caregivers through a personalized, one-on-one connection with someone who has been there.

#### Livestrong

855-220-7777

livestrong.org

We are dedicated to finding and funding disruptive, energetic, breakthrough ideas that ensure every person living with cancer does not just survive, they Livestrong.

#### Lymphatic Education & Research Network

516-625-9675

LymphaticNetwork.org

The Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) is an internationally recognized non-profit organization founded in 1998 to fight lymphatic diseases and lymphedema through education, research, and advocacy. With chapters throughout the world, LE&RN seeks to accelerate the prevention, treatment, and cure of these diseases while bringing patients and medical professionals together to address the unmet needs surrounding lymphatic diseases, which include lymphedema and lipedema.

#### National Cancer Institute

800-422-6237

cancer.gov

NCI's strategy to advance progress against cancer is based on careful planning, coordination, collaboration, and fiscal stewardship of federal resources. NCI is committed to funding the highest-priority scientific discoveries to prevent more cancers and improve the lives of all those who have been affected by the disease.

#### **National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation**

615-794-3006

<u>ncsd.org</u>

National Cancer Survivors Day® is an annual, treasured Celebration of Life that is held in hundreds of communities nationwide, and around the world, on the first Sunday in June. It is a CELEBRATION for those who have survived, an INSPIRATION for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of SUPPORT for families, and an OUTREACH to the community. On National Cancer Survivors Day®, thousands gather across the globe to honor cancer survivors and to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful, rewarding and even inspiring.

#### **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

877-622-7937 CancerAdvocacy.org

#### The National LGBT Cancer Network

212-675-2633

cancer-network.org

The National LGBT Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBT cancer survivors and those at risk by:

- EDUCATING the LGBT community about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screening and early detection;
- TRAINING health care providers to offer more culturally-competent, safe and welcoming care; and
- ADVOCATING for LGBT survivors in mainstream cancer organizations, the media, and research.

#### **National Lymphedema Network**

800-541-3259

#### lymphnet.org

The National Lymphedema Network is dedicated to promoting the awareness of lymphedema and empowering people with lymphedema to live life to the fullest.

#### OncoLink

#### OncoLink.org

OncoLink provides tools and educational materials to support the practice of busy practitioners, including treatment education, psychosocial support, and survivorship care plans. These create a one-stop-shop for patient education, enabling more impactful patient interactions, improving patient-provider communication and satisfaction. Also, these tools can enable practices to meet regulatory requirements. Our content is available for syndication and co-branding to meet your patient education needs.

#### **Richard & Annette Bloch Family Foundation**

800-433-0464

#### BlochCancer.org

The narrow goal of the R. A. Bloch Cancer Foundation is limited to projects that will help people diagnosed with cancer have the best chance of beating it as easily as possible. Many other facets could be more important such as making people immune to cancer, eliminating the cause of cancer, or finding a cure. However, these fields are best left to professionals, and our resources are devoted exclusively to projects in our area.

#### **Vital Options International**

#### 818-508-5657

#### VitalOptions.org

At Vital Options International, we understand the Every day challenges that a Chronic, Terminal, or Rare Condition can have on a Patient and their Family. To that end, we are working hard to bring your health and wellness-related products and services that we hope will improve, enhance, or better your life in some way.

# Disability

#### **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213

#### www.https://secure.ssa.gov/iClaim/dib

- You need a document that shows you are eligible like:
  - Birth certificate, Proof of U.S. citizenship, military discharge papers, etc.
- We ask that you have the following information at hand:
  - Date and Place of birth and social security number
  - Name, date, and place of birth of spouse or former spouse
  - Names and date of birth of children
  - Bank or other financial institution's routing transit number
  - You need information about your medical condition:
    - Name, address, and contact of someone we can contact who knows about your medical conditions and can help with your applications.

- Detailed information about your medical illnesses, injuries, and conditions
  - i. Names, addresses, phone numbers, patient ID numbers, and dates of treatment for all doctors, hospitals, and clinics
  - ii. Names of medicines and who prescribed them
  - iii. Names and dates of medical tests you have had and who sent you for them

Compassionate Allowances are a way to quickly identify diseases and other medical conditions that, by definition, meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits. The CAL initiative helps reduce waiting time to reach a disability determination for individuals with the most serious disabilities.

- Acute Leukemia
- Adrenal Cancer
- Adult Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Child Lymphoma
- Child Neuroblastoma
- Chondrosarcoma
- Angiosarcoma
- Alveolar Soft Part Sarcoma
- Astrocytoma grade III & IV
- Anaplastic Adrenal Cancer
- Atypical Teratoid/ Rhabdoid Tumor
- Bilateral Retinoblastoma
- Bladder Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Carcinoma of Unknown Primary Site
- Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (Blast Phase)
- Ependymoblastoma
- Esophageal Cancer
- Esthesioneuroblastoma
- Ewing Sarcoma
- Follicular Dendritic Cell Sarcoma
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- Glioblastoma Multiforme
- Glioma grade III & IV
- Head and Neck Cancers
- Hepatoblastoma
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- Kidney Cancer
- Leiomyosarcoma
- Leptomeningeal Carcinomatosis
- Liposarcoma
- Liver Cancer
- Malignant Brain Stem Gliomas
- Malignant Ectomesenchymoma
- Malignant Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor
- Malignant Germ Cell Tumors
- Medulloblastoma
- Merkel Cell Carcinoma
- Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
- Oliogodendroglioma Brain Cancer
- Osteosarcoma

- Ovarian Cancer
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Peripheral Nerve Cancer
- Peritoneal Mesothelioma
- Peritoneal Carcinomatosis
- Pleural Mesothelioma
- Primary Central Nervous System Lymphoma
- Rhabdomyosarcoma
- Salivary Cancer
- Sinonasal Cancer
- Skin Malignant Melanoma with Metastases
- Small Cell Cancer (Large Intestine, Prostate or Thymus)
- Small Cell Lung Cancer
- Small Cell Cancer of the Female Genital Tract
- Small Intestine Cancer
- Large Intestine Cancer
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- Spinal Nerve Root Cancer
- Stomach Cancer
- Thyroid Cancer
- Ureter Cancer

# National Cancer Organizations

#### American Cancer Society

# 800-227-2345

#### www.cancer.org

Cancer Care provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, their loved ones, and caregivers.

#### American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

#### 888-651-3038 www.cancer.net

ASCO is a nonprofit organization with more than 30,000 members from the field of oncology. ASCO's patient information website—Cancer.Net (www.cancer.net)— brings the expertise and resources of ASCO to people living with cancer and those who care for and about them.

#### **Cancer Care**

800-813-4673 <u>www.cancercare.org</u> Counseling. Support groups (phone, online, in-person). Connect education workshops. Publications. Financial and co-pay assistance. Community programs (free in NY, NJ, and CT).

#### **Cancer Support Community**

1-888-793-9355 www.cancersupportcommunity.org This organization has an online cancer community in which you can link up and communicate with other people who have the same cancer as you (online cancer community).

Attend support groups, educational sessions, health, and wellness programs as well as find support, hope, and community. Our programs are free of charge to anyone affected by cancer, including patients, caregivers, loved ones, and children.

#### **Corporate Angel Network**

1-866-328-1313 <u>www.corpangelnetwork.org</u> <u>info@corporpangelnetwork.org</u> -Space on corporate jets is given free to cancer patients who have to fly long distances.

#### LIVESTRONG Foundation

855-220-7777

#### www.livestrong.org/wecanhelp

The LIVESTRONG Foundation provides free support, information, and tools to help people affected by cancer. Print and online resources help people deal with changes and challenges during all phases of the cancer journey. LIVESTRONG Navigation Services offers free, confidential, one-on-one support including counseling and referrals to resources in your area for psychosocial, financial, and insurance concerns. All services are available in both English and Spanish.

#### National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

#### http://www.canceradvocacy.org/toolbox/

NCCS' mission is to advocate for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer. Founded by and for cancer survivors, NCCS created the widely accepted definition of survivorship and defines someone as a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis and for the balance of life.

#### **National Cancer Coalition**

(504)-335-0672

#### http://www.nationalcancercoalition.org

The best cancer care starts with the best cancer information. With nearly 45,000 members who are leaders in advancing cancer care, the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is the voice of the world's cancer physicians. ASCO's patient information website -- Cancer.Net (<u>www.cancer.net</u>) -- brings the expertise and resources of ASCO to people living with cancer and those who care for and care about them. Well-informed patients are their own best advocates and invaluable partners for physicians. Cancer.Net provides timely, comprehensive information to help patients and families make informed health care decisions. Cancer.Net is supported by the Conquer Cancer Foundation.

#### **National Library of Medicine**

#### 1-888-FIND-NLM www.nlm.nih.gov

The world's largest medical library and allows the public to access its stored books and journals. One can also review clinical trials and treatments currently being studied.

#### American Childhood Cancer Organization

#### www.acco.org

The American <u>Childhood Cancer</u> Organization (ACCO) is one of the nation's largest grassroots organizations at the forefront of the crucial battle against <u>childhood cancer</u>. We are dedicated to improving the lives of children living with <u>childhood cancer</u> or its long-term impacts, and to offer critical advice, support, and assistance to families engaged in this life-altering struggle. Together with our ever-expanding network of local

divisions across the country, we offer essential programs and services designed to address the critical needs that families facing this dreaded diagnosis encounter every day. As a leader in the national fight against <u>childhood cancer</u>, we speak for the needs of families and survivors, and in doing so, we help shape policy, research, and programs, nationally and internationally, that affect the lives of cancer-stricken families today and tomorrow. If you have a child fighting <u>childhood cancer</u>, if you have lost a child to cancer, or if your child is a survivor, then we are here for you, and we are committed to serving you and others like you in our nation-wide community until the day when no child dies and no child is left with life-long effects from this devastating disease.

# **Diagnosis Based National Organizations**

# Astrocytoma Grade III & IV

#### NORD

rarediseases.org

# 1-800-999-6673

NORD, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.

#### **American Brain Tumor Association**

abta.org

773-577-8750

The ABTA is a steadfast advocate on behalf of the brain tumor community in the United States, and we are here to help patients, caregivers, and their loved ones as they navigate the brain tumor journey.

#### National Brain Tumor Society

braintumor.org 617-924-9997

We are in the unique position to affect change across the drug development, policy and legislative, research, and clinical trial systems at all levels. We don't focus on a single method or approach to defeating brain tumors. We drive a multi-faceted and thoughtful approach to aggressively influence and fund strategic research and discovery, as well as advocate for public policy changes, to achieve the greatest impact, results, and progress for brain tumor patients.

Anapestic Adrenal Cancer

NCH Healthcare System 239-624-5000 nchmd.org The NCH Healthcare System is one of the most progressive in the country. More than just a couple of hospitals, the NCH Healthcare System is an alliance of more than 700 independent physicians and medical facilities in dozens of locations throughout Collier County and southwest Florida. Not only do we offer advanced comprehensive care, but we also embrace new, effective ideas in medical care and healing.

# Hartford Healthcare 855-255-6181

#### hartfordhealthcare.org

It started in 2014, when the Cancer Institute became the first member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Alliance, sharing treatment methods with the famed New York City cancer treatment center. More than 500 doctors from both health-care systems collaborated for a year to develop close to 300 measurable standards of care in six disease specialties: breast, colorectal, kidney, lung, prostate, and uterine. Now you can receive that standardized care, close to your home and your loved ones, and also participate (if eligible) in clinical trials initiated by Memorial Sloan Kettering as part of its ongoing cancer research.

#### **UCDavis Health**

health.ucdavis.edu 800-770-9261

When faced with cancer, you want the best chance for an excellent outcome. At the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, we are breaking barriers to beat cancer through our commitment to excellence in cancer care

# Atypical Teratoid/ Rhabdoid Tumor

#### St Jude Children's Research Hospital

#### <u>stjude.org</u>

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family's ability to pay.

#### **National Cancer Institute**

1-800-422-6237

#### cancer.gov

As the leader of the cancer research enterprise, collectively known as the National Cancer Program, and the largest funder of cancer research in the world, NCI manages a broad range of research, training, and information dissemination activities that reach across the entire country, meeting the needs of all demographics—rich and poor, urban and rural, and all racial/ethnic populations.

#### **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**

617-632-2680

#### http://www.danafarberbostonchildrens.org

Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center offers the combined expertise of both a world-class cancer center and an internationally renowned children's hospital.

# **Bilateral Retinoblastoma**

World Eye Cancer Hope wechope.org Every child deserves the best opportunities to overcome cancer and to have a good quality of life beyond cure or when cure is not possible. We bring those opportunities to children and adult survivors around the world

#### ACCO

202-262-9949

# acco.org

We are a community of families, survivors, and friends who have been affected by childhood and adolescent cancer. We offer our community support, information, advocacy. We are their voice.

#### Bladder Cancer

#### Bladder Cancer Advocacy (BCAN)

1-888-901-2226 www.bcan.org

info@bcan.org

Offers online and in-person support groups, research grants, and educational tools. It is the only national group devoted to bladder cancer.

#### **American Bladder Cancer Society**

(413) 684-2344

#### www.bladdercancersupport.org

Raises awareness of bladder cancer. Offers support. Informs one regarding the causes and symptoms of bladder cancer. Advocates for the advancement of research into a cure, treatment, and early diagnosis.

#### World Bladder Cancer

No Phone Number Listed <u>http://worldbladdercancer.org</u> Promote a global community of people affected by bladder cancer. Drive partnerships with health professionals, policymakers, academics, researchers, and industry. Campaign for better bladder cancer information, support, and care

Services Include: -Foster an international community -Build alliances with patients and volunteers -Advocate for access -Governance for people who are suffering or had suffered from this horrible disease

#### Blood / Bone Marrow

Be the Match - National Bone Marrow Donor Program BeTheMatch.org 888-999-6743

For the thousands of people diagnosed every year with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, a cure exists. Over the past 30 years Be The Match ®, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program ® (NMDP), has managed the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. We work every day to save lives through transplant.

#### **Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network**

BMTinfonet.org 888-597-7674 Founded in 1990, BMT InfoNet has pioneered a vast array of services to help transplant patients make critical decisions throughout their transplant journey.

#### **Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation**

CLFoundation.org 248-644-9014 The Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation is an independent, non-profit patient advocacy organization dedicated to supporting every person affected by cutaneous lymphoma.

#### **International Myeloma Foundation**

myeloma.org

900-452-2873

Founded in 1990, the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) is the first and largest organization focusing specifically on multiple myeloma. The IMF's reach extends to more than 525,000 members in 140 countries worldwide. The IMF is dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure through our four founding principles: Research, Education, Support, and Advocacy.

#### Lymphoma Research foundation

lymphoma.org

800-500-9976

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the nation's largest lymphoma-focused health organization devoted to improving care through education and support services and improving outcomes through investment in the most promising lymphoma research. Our mission is to eradicate lymphoma and serve all those impacted by this blood cancer.

#### **MPN Advocacy & Education International**

mpnAdvocacy.com

517-899-6889

MPN Advocacy and Education International is dedicated to providing the knowledge, support, and resources patients will need as they adjust to living with an MPN through educational symposia in several cities each year, website access, free webcasts of each program, collateral materials, and direction to people, resources and other organizations that can help

#### **MPN Education Foundation**

#### mpnInfo.org

The MPN Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by volunteer MPN patients. It was incorporated in early 2004 at the urging of Dr. Ayalew Tefferi of Mayo Clinic (Rochester). The initial thrust of the Foundation was to continue the information/education/support goals of Dr. Harriet Gilbert through her MPN Research Center, which unfortunately died when she did in 2003. Our co-founder, Joyce Niblick (who passed in 2009), was a patient volunteer for Dr. Gilbert's center and Editor of the MPD VOICE newsletter.

#### **MPN Research Foundation**

#### mpnResearchFoundation.org

#### 312-683-7247

The mission of the MPN Research Foundation is to stimulate original research in pursuit of new treatments -and eventually a cure -- for the blood cancers polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, and myelofibrosis, known collectively as myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN).

#### **Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**

# theMMRF.org

#### 866-603-6628

The MMRF is the largest nonprofit in the world focused on accelerating the cure for multiple myeloma. Our work is not done until every multiple myeloma patient has the answers they need. With our exceptional leadership, strategic collaboration, and uniquely innovative approach, we are on the path to finding a cure for multiple myeloma.

#### The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

LLS.org 800-955-4572

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is at the forefront of the fight to cure cancer. We are the largest nonprofit dedicated to creating a world without blood cancers. Since 1949, we've invested nearly \$1.3 billion in groundbreaking research, pioneering many of today's most innovative approaches.

# **Brain Tumors**

#### **American Brain Tumor Association**

773-577-8750

#### www.abta.org

The mission of the American Brain Tumor Association is to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors with the goals of improving, extending and, ultimately, saving the lives of those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis.

#### **Brain Tumor Alliance**

(727)-781-4673 http://braintumoralliance.org/about-us

Provides emotional and financial support for families affected by brain tumors and raise awareness and funding for research and clinical trials. Offers resources such as travel, living expenses, and food assistance to enhance the quality of life of those suffering from a brain tumor. Application for financial assistance: http://braintumoralliance.org/images/docs/BTA-Financial-Assistance.pdf

#### **Bruce Kaye Brain Tumor Foundation**

<u>http://www.brucekayefoundation.org/patient\_support/</u> Provides information, education, financial support, and connections to experts/professionals in nutrition, complementary, and alternative medicine fields.

#### Making Headway Foundation

(914)238-8384 https://makingheadway.org This foundation has been providing care and comfort to children with brain and spinal cord tumors while funding medical research geared to better treatments and a cure.

#### Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research and Information, Inc.

1-888-295-4740

www.virtualtrials.com

Helps brain tumor patients through emotional and financial support. Educates and raises money for brain tumor research.

#### National Brain Tumor Society

617-924-9997

www.braintumor.org

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and united our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments and advocate for patients and care partners.

# Breast Cancer

#### The Pink Fund

(877)-234-7465

http://www.pinkfund.org

- Provides short-term financial aid to breast cancer patients in active treatment
- Helps with maintenance of health insurance premiums, house or rent payments, car or vehicle lease payments, utility payments, car insurance payments, and license plate tabs.
- Short term is defined as a period of up to three consecutive months of non-medical financial assistance with a cap of \$3,000
- Active treatment does not include long-term hormonal therapies
- The Pink Fund does not make payments for any medical treatments, prescription drugs (including hormone therapy), medical co-pays, insurance deductibles, prostheses, wigs, food, gasoline, or car repairs.
- Qualification guidelines:
  - You do NOT qualify if you were unemployed at the time of your diagnosis or cannot show a reduction in your income as a result of your diagnosis.
  - You do NOT qualify if you are currently receiving monthly financial aid through the State and/or Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits (SSDI).
  - You do NOT qualify if you are retired and receiving a monthly pension check from your former employer and do not require a second job to pay for basic monthly living expenses.
  - You do NOT qualify if you are working in an unrecognized revenue-producing position in which you are currently not paying federal or state taxes or receiving cash under the table which is not reported to the government (babysitting, grass cutting, dog watching, etc.).
- Applicants must fill out 5 questions to make sure they qualify for the fund before filling out the application
  - Apply online: http://www.pinkfund.org/do-i-qualify/

#### Linking A.R.M.S

1-(800)-813-4673

http://ww5.komen.org/uploadedfiles/content/breastcancer/treatment/linkingarms.pdf

• Provides financial assistance, education, and support services to low-income, under-, or uninsured women across the country.

- Financial assistance grants are made for women with limited income who require:
  - Oral medication for cancer treatment
  - Pain and anti-nausea medication
  - Lymphedema support and supplies
  - o Durable medical equipment ordered by their physician
- Financial assistance is not available for daily living expenses such as rent, utilities, food, doctor and hospital bills, diagnostic testing, non-oral cancer therapies, and insurance premiums.
- Also offers:
  - Counseling and support for patients and families
  - Help with practical problems like obtaining wigs and breast prostheses

#### **Breast Cancer Charities of America (Help Now Fund)**

#### (936)-231-8460

http://www.thebreastcancercharities.org/help-now-fund/

- The Help Now Fund provides one-time emergency financial assistance (for rent and utility bills) for breast cancer patients
- Qualification guidelines:
  - Must be in active breast cancer treatment
    - Active treatment is defined as the period after diagnosis of breast cancer has been made by a licensed physician and treatment is being administered (chemotherapy, radiation, breast surgery for removal of cancer). Receiving maintenance medications alone does not qualify as active treatment.
  - Must be a U.S. citizen
  - Provide documentation of past-due rent and/or utility bill
    - Handwritten leases are not accepted
  - Have not to be funded within the past 12 months
- Due to limited funds, eligible applicants are not guaranteed funding
- Accepted applicants can receive a maximum of \$500
- If approved, we will call social worker/medical personnel by the 15th of the month
  - Checks will be made payable to the utility and/or rental company and mailed to the applicant's home address for review.
- Applicants must go through the social worker/medical personnel with any questions regarding their application.

#### **PA Breast Cancer Coalition**

800-377-8828

#### info@pabreastcancer.org

They reach out to individuals in PA who have received a breast cancer diagnosis within the last 6 months with a FREE Friends Like Me Care Package. The package contains educational information and books, as well as soft touches like a pink ribbon pin, cosmetics, and donated gifts. They also offer free webinars, conferences, and support groups.

#### Lymphedema

#### http://lymphedema.com/alertband,htm

Some breast cancer patients may get lymphedema, painful swelling that can result from lymph node removal. The All4ONe Lymphedema Fund will provide one sleeve FREE of charge to low-income women who have had breast cancer.

#### All4One Alliance

https://www.all4onealliance.org-cancer-resources/

Breast Cancer patients/survivors with lymphedema, or at risk to develop it, need to avoid having injections, blood draws, IV insertion, and blood pressure readings on the affected arm.

#### **Kristy Lasch Miracle Foundation**

http://kristylash.org/index.html

Kristy Lasch Miracle Foundation offers limited FREE financial assistance to women under 30 living with breast cancer for medical-related expenses only.

#### **Cancer Care CoPay Assistance Foundation**

http://cancercarecopay.org/

Cancer Care Co-Payment Assistance Foundation is a non-profit that helps metastatic breast cancer patients cover the insurance copayment cost of chemo and targeted treatment drugs.

#### **Sisters Network**

#### http://www.sistersnetworkinc.org/programs.html

Breast Cancer Assistance Program as part of the Sisters Network, a leading voice for African American breast cancer survivors, this program provides FREE services to women facing financial challenges during treatment, radiation, and chemotherapy, including medical-related lodging, copays, office visits, and prosthesis.

#### **ABCD After Breast Cancer Diagnosis**

abcdBreastCancerSupport.org

800-977-4121

The work of ABCD is all teamwork. All of the services ABCD provides that reflect our mission and our efforts in the overall cancer support community are possible only because of the generosity of others: donors, sponsors, volunteers.

#### **Advanced Breast Cancer Community**

#### AdvancedBreastCancerCommunity.org

The Advanced Breast Cancer community stretches far and wide. And we understand that people with advanced or metastatic stages of breast cancer may have different physical and emotional needs than people with earlier stages of breast cancer. The Count Us, Know Us, Join Us mission is to recognize and support those who are living with advanced or metastatic breast cancer, as well as their caregivers, supporters, friends, and family members.

#### BreastCancer.org

breastcancer.org

610-642-6550

Breastcancer.org is a nonprofit organization founded in 2000 by breast oncologist Marisa C. Weiss, M.D., and born out of her conviction that people with breast cancer need more information and support than a doctor's visit can provide.

#### Living Beyond Breast Cancer

lbbc.org

#### 855-807-6386

Living Beyond Breast Cancer is a national nonprofit organization that seeks to create a world that understands there is more than one way to have breast cancer. To fulfill our mission of providing trusted information and a community of support to those impacted by the disease, Living Beyond Breast Cancer offers in-person experiences and on-demand emotional, practical, and evidence-based content that is meaningful to those newly diagnosed, in-treatment, post-treatment, and living with metastatic disease.

#### **National Breast Cancer Coalition**

BreastCancerDeadline2020.org

#### 800-622-2838

The National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) is dedicated to ending breast cancer through the power of grassroots action and advocacy. In 2010, NBCC launched Breast Cancer Deadline 2020<sup>®</sup> to focus resources and efforts on the areas that will lead to the knowledge needed to end breast cancer. The research component of Breast Cancer Deadline 2020<sup>®</sup> includes the Artemis Project<sup>®</sup>, an advocate-led, innovative, mission-driven approach of strategic summits, catalytic workshops, research action plans, and collaborative efforts of various stakeholders.

#### SHARE

ShareCancerSupport.org

#### 844-275-7427

SHARE is a national nonprofit that supports, educates, and empowers women affected by breast, ovarian, or metastatic breast cancer, with a special focus on medically underserved communities. Our mission is to connect these women with the unique support of survivors and peers, creating a community where no one has to face breast or ovarian cancer alone.

#### Sharsheret

#### sharsheret.org

866-474-2774

Sharsheret, a national non-profit organization, improves the lives of Jewish women and families living with or at increased genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer through personalized support and saves lives through educational outreach.

While our expertise is in young women and Jewish families as related to breast cancer and ovarian cancer, Sharsheret programs serve all women and men.

#### Sisters Network Inc.

SistersNetworkInc.org

866-781-1808

Sisters Network Inc. is committed to increasing local and national attention to the devastating impact that breast cancer has on the African American community.

#### Susan G. Komen

komen.org

877-465-6636

We've transformed how the world treats and talks about this disease and have mobilized the largest and most passionate community. Since 1982, we've funded more than \$988M in research, more than \$2.2 billion in education, screening, and treatment, serving millions in over 60 countries worldwide.

#### **Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Foundation**

tnbcFoundation.org

877-880-8622

The Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation was founded in 2006 in honor of Nancy Block-Zenna, a young woman who was diagnosed at age 35 with triple-negative breast cancer and passed away two and a half years later in 2007. In response to Nancy's diagnosis, her close friends launched the TNBC Foundation to raise awareness and support research in the area of triple-negative breast cancer.

# Carcinoid / Neuroendocrine

The Carcinoid Cancer Foundation carcinoid.org 888-722-3132

#### **Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation**

netrf.org

617-946-1780

The mission of the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation is to fund research to discover cures and more effective treatments for neuroendocrine cancers.

The Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation is committed to improving the lives of patients, families, and caregivers affected by neuroendocrine cancer by providing information and educational resources.

# Carcinoma of Unknown Primary Site

#### CancerCare

800-813-HOPE (4673)

#### cancercare.org

Our comprehensive services include case management, counseling, and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications, and financial and co-payment assistance. All CancerCare services are provided by oncology social workers and world-leading cancer experts.

#### **National Cancer Institute**

1-800-422-6237 <u>cancer.gov</u> NCI leads, conducts, and supports cancer research across the nation to advance scientific knowledge and help all people live longer healthier lives.

#### **MD Anderson Cancer Center**

1-855-470-1661 mdanderson.org

Whether you are looking for directions to one of our locations, need information about appointments, or have insurance questions, our expert team is ready to help.

# **Cervical Cancer**

#### The Rogel Cancer Center

www.rogelcancercenter.org

The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center seeks to reduce cancer burden and improve cancer outcomes through research, innovation, and transdisciplinary collaboration. The center is the national leader in the prevention, early diagnosis, optimal treatment, and survivorship care for those at risk of or affected by cancer.

CancerCare

<u>www.cancercare.org</u> 800-813-HOPE CancerCare provides free, professional support services for people affected by ovarian cancer, as well as ovarian cancer treatment information and additional resources.

# Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (Blast Phase)

#### WebMD

#### webmd.com

The WebMD Medical Team works closely with a team of over 100 nationwide doctors and health experts across a broad range of specialty areas to ensure WebMD's content is up to date, accurate, and helps you live a healthier life.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

888-793-9355

#### cancersupportcommunity.org

We are dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community.

# Colon Cancer

#### **Blue Hope Nation**

877-422-2030

# www.ccalliance.org

To empower a nation of allies who work with us to provide support for patients and families, caregivers, and survivors; to raise awareness of preventive measures, and inspire efforts to fund critical research. Provides resources and information about colorectal cancer. Stage of the disease, treatments, side effects, managing the disease, support, and financial assistance.

#### Penn Medicine Abramson Cancer Center

1-215-316-5143

#### www.lp.pennmedicine.org

Penn's Abramson Cancer Center has a team of world-renowned specialists who only focus on advanced, evidenced-based approaches to surgery and treatment of cancer of the colon, rectum, and anus. The team's constant communication, weekly case conferences, and collaboration are key to the comprehensive care of our colon and rectal cancer patients.

#### Cancer Care

1-800-813-HOPE

#### www.cancercare.org

CancerCare provides free, professional support services for people affected by colorectal cancer, as well as colorectal cancer treatment information and additional resources.

#### The Colon Club

# 1-520-400-6798

#### www.colonclub.com

Our mission is to raise awareness, educate, and help those with colorectal cancer, particularly those diagnosed under age 45, along with their community of support.

#### **Fight Colorectal Cancer**

1-877-427-2111 www.fightcolorectalcancer.org

Fight Colorectal Cancer is the leading patient-empowerment and advocacy organization in the United States, providing balanced and objective information on colon and rectal cancer research, treatment, and policy. We are relentless champions of hope, focused on funding promising, high-impact research endeavors to influence legislation and policy for the collective good.

#### Livestrong

1-855-220-7777 www.livestrong.org

We believe we can only achieve the best solution by asking the right questions. We ask survivors and caregivers what they need, we ask the system how it can be more person-centered, we ask innovators how we can bring impossible ideas to life. We believe in putting the survivor first, and that is why we created tools and resources to help ease the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

#### **Colorectal Cancer Alliance**

1-202-628-0123

#### www.ccalliance.org

We believe colorectal cancer is a senseless killer that must be stopped. Founded in 1999 by a group of 41 survivors, and friends, we are today the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to colorectal cancer. We empower a nation of allies who work with us to provide genuine support for patients and families, caregivers, and survivors; raise awareness of preventive measures, and inspire efforts to fund critical research.

#### **Chris for Life Colorectal Cancer**

#### 1-703-239-0915

#### www.nccrt.org

This one-of-a-kind guide provides newly diagnosed patients with information from what to expect physically, medically, and emotionally to personal day-to-day issues that the patient may experience. The resources guide is available at www,chrisforlife.org/resource-dvd.

# Childhood / Young Adult

#### American Childhood Cancer Organization

acco.org

855-858-2226

The American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO) was founded in 1970 by parents of children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer. Formerly known as Candlelighters, ACCO is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots organization dedicated to childhood cancer.

# Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

cbtf.org

866-228-4673

#### **CureSearch for Children's Cancer**

CureSearch.org

800-458-6223

End childhood cancer by driving targeted and innovative research with measurable results in an accelerated time frame.

CureSearch for Children's Cancer is a 501(c)3 U.S.-based non-profit foundation that accelerates the search for cures for children's cancer by driving innovation, overcoming research barriers, and solving the field's most challenging problems. We fight every day to make new, better treatments possible for the 43 children diagnosed with cancer each day.

#### The National Children's Cancer Society

TheNCCS.org 314-241-1600

314-241-1600

The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS) provides emotional, financial, and educational support to children with cancer, their families, and survivors.

#### **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation**

CureTheKids.org 800-253-6530

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is the world's leading nonprofit dedicated to the childhood brain tumor community. We serve the more than 28,000 U.S. children and teens battling brain tumors by investing in the most promising research and providing practical, informational, and emotional support to families.

#### **Stupid Cancer**

<u>StupidCancer.org</u> 877-735-4673 Stupid Cancer's mission is to empower young adults affected by cancer by ending isolation and building community.

# Ependymoblastoma

#### Disease InfoSearch

#### diseaseinfosearch.org

Disease InfoSearch serves as a resource for curated and crowdsourced disease information to help individuals access quality and credible information. Also, Disease InfoSearch connects individuals to support organizations and avenues to participate in research. On Disease InfoSearch, information is aggregated from a variety of resources including journal articles, clinical trials, and news and events. All disease descriptions are from websites including Mayo Clinic, Healthline, NIH sites, Genetic Home References, Orphanet, and Web MD or written by Disease InfoSearch and reviewed by a genetic counselor.

**Esophageal Cancer** 

#### **Smart Patients**

#### smartpatients.com

The Smart Patients Esophageal Cancer discussion forum is an online support group for patients and caregivers dealing with esophageal cancer. Members share help, advice, and information about treatments, symptoms, and side effects.

#### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

800-525-2225

#### www.mskcc.org

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center — the world's oldest and largest private cancer center — has devoted more than 135 years to exceptional patient care, innovative research, and outstanding educational programs. Today, we are one of 51 National CancerInstitute–designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers, with state-of-the-art science flourishing side by side with clinical studies and treatment.

#### ECEF

#### fightec.org

We have taken the position that by enhancing our social network affiliations we will accomplish a segment of this goal. We currently post esophageal cancer articles to this website and those articles are posted to our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

# Esthesioneuroblastoma

#### **Cancer Survivors Network**

#### csn.cancer.org

Welcome to our community of cancer survivors, families, and friends! Our lives have been affected by cancer in ways only those of us who have "been there" can truly understand. We invite you to join us today to fully experience all that the Cancer Survivors Network (CSN) has to offer.

#### **Mayo Clinic**

480-301-8000

mayoclinic.org

Mayo Clinic is a nonprofit organization and proceeds from Web advertising help support our mission. Mayo Clinic does not endorse any of the third-party products and services advertised.

#### **Ewing Sarcoma**

#### **Smart Patients**

#### smartpatients.org

The Smart Patients Sarcoma discussion forum is an online support group for patients and caregivers dealing with sarcoma. Members share help, advice, and information about treatments, symptoms, and side effects.

#### **Rein In Sarcoma**

(763) 205-1467 reininsarcoma.org Rein in Sarcoma is dedicated to educating the public and medical community about sarcomas, supporting sarcoma patients and their loved ones, and funding research directed toward developing new treatments and finding a cure for sarcoma cancers.

### Follicular Dendritic Cell Sarcoma

#### **Cancer Research UK**

0808-800-4040

cancerresearchuk.org

Our vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. Our new strategy will give us the foundations we need to tackle the challenges ahead.

#### BMC

#### diagnosticpathology.biomedcentral.com

Diagnostic Pathology is open access, peer-reviewed, online journal that considers research in surgical and clinical pathology, immunology, and biology, with a special focus on cutting-edge approaches in diagnostic pathology and tissue-based therapy.

Gastric Cancer (See Stomach)

# Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)

#### The Liferaft Group

(973) 837-9092

www.liferaftgroup.org

The mission is to enhance the survival and quality of life for people living with GIST through patient-powered research, education, empowerment, and global advocacy efforts.

#### Gallbladder Cancer

Cancer .Net

1-888-651-3038

# <u>cancer.net</u>

Cancer.Net offers individualized guides for more than 120 types of cancer and related hereditary syndromes. Each guide provides comprehensive, oncologist-approved information on Introduction, Medical Illustrations, Risk Factors, Prevention, Symptoms & Signs, Diagnosis, Stages, Types of Treatment, About Clinical Trials, Latest Research, Coping with Treatment, Follow-Up Care, Survivorship, Questions to Ask the Health Care Team, and Additional Resources.

#### National Cancer Institute

1-800-422-6237 www.cancer.gov National Cancer Institute leads, conducts, and supports cancer research across the nation to advance scientific knowledge and help all people live longer healthier lives.

#### **Glioblastoma Multiforme**

**Cancer Care** 800-813-HOPE (4673) <u>cancercare.org</u> Founded in 1944, CancerCare is the leading national organization providing free, professional support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical, and financial challenges of cancer.

### Glioma grade III & IV

#### **American Brain Tumor Association**

800-886-2282

abta.org

Through this journey, what we know scares us, but what we do not know should not scare us. The American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) has multiple sources of knowledge to share with you: supportive CareLine staff, mentorship programs, and an online support community.

#### Head and Neck Cancer

Head and Neck Cancer Alliance 866-916-5107 <u>HeadAndNeck.org</u> Our mission is to advance the prevention, detection, treatment, and rehabilitation of oral, head, and neck cancer through public awareness, research, advocacy, and survivorship.

#### Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer

spohnc.org

800-377-0928

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC) pronounced "*Spunk*" is a nonprofit organization involved in the development of programs of support. As such it can have an enormous positive impact on meeting the psychosocial needs of patients as well as preserving, restoring, and promoting physical and emotional health.

# Hepatoblastoma

### Childrens' Hospital of Philadelphia

1-800-879-2467 chop.edu

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is the nation's first hospital devoted exclusively to the care of children. Since its start in 1855, CHOP has been the birthplace of countless breakthroughs and dramatic firsts in pediatric medicine. Built on a foundation of delivering safe, high-quality, family-centered care, the Hospital has fostered medical discoveries and innovations that have improved pediatric healthcare and saved countless children's lives.

#### ACCO

855-858-2226

#### acco.org

Founded in 1970 by a dedicated group of parents of children with cancer, the American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO) is the oldest and largest grassroots childhood cancer organization in the U.S. and the only U.S. member of Childhood Cancer International. We are dedicated to making childhood cancer a national health priority through shaping policy, supporting research, raising awareness, and providing educational resources and innovative programs to children with cancer, survivors, and their families.

#### Childrens' Oncology Group

#### childrensoncologygroup.org

The Children's Oncology Group (COG), a National Cancer Institute-supported clinical trials group, is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to childhood and adolescent cancer research. The COG unites more than 9,000 experts in childhood cancer at more than 200 leading children's hospitals, universities, and cancer centers across North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe in the fight against childhood cancer.

# Intercranial Hemangiopericytoma

#### **Navigating Care**

1-800-925-4456

https://www.navigatingcare.com/patient/

Today, our Navigating Care platform supports over one million patients and thousands of cancer care providers nationwide to lower costs, improve patient satisfaction, and drive better outcomes.

#### **National Brain Tumor Society**

888-793-9355

https://braintumor.org/brain-tumor-information/finding-support-coping/

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners.

#### Chao Cancer Center Brain Tumor Support Group

714-456-5812

http://www.ucihealth.org/medical-services/brain-tumor-program

The UCI Health Comprehensive Brain Tumor Program offers access to expertise, leading-edge treatments, and promising clinical trials, providing patients with the best outcomes possible. We take a compassionate approach to your care, ensuring that you and your family feel comfortable with your treatment plan.

# **Kidney Cancer**

Kidney Cancer Association 800-850-9132

#### KidneyCancer.org

The KCA is the world's first international charity dedicated specifically to the eradication of death and suffering from renal cancers. It is also by far the largest kidney cancer charity, with members in more than 100 countries. We fund, promote, and collaborate with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO), American Urological Association (AUA), and other institutions on research projects. We educate families and physicians and serve as an advocate on behalf of patients at the state and federal levels in the United States and globally.

#### **Patient Advocates for Advanced Cancer Treatments**

616-453-1477

paact.help

The PAACT organization is dedicated to helping patients and caregivers develop a better understanding of their cancer characteristics, empowering them to research more effectively and develop better questions for their medical team (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, etc.)

#### **Urology Care Foundation**

410-689-3700

https://www.urologyhealth.org/about-us/what-we-do

We support and improve urological care by funding research, developing patient education and pursuing philanthropic support. Engages in public awareness campaigns, special event and community programs to help further the cause of educating those at risk and those already suffering from urological conditions.

# Laryngeal Cancer

#### International Association of Laryngectomees

866-916-5107

theIAL.com

We are an organization dedicated to the support of individuals and their families, who have lost their voice due to the removal of their larynx. We do this by supporting lost chords clubs, assisting and coordinating educational/support conferences, and continuing the legacy of one laryngectomee helping another out of voicelessness.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

(610) 861-7555

https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/mission-vision-and-history

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community (CSC) is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community. This global network of 175 locations, including CSC and Gilda's Club centers, health-care partnerships, and satellite locations that deliver more than \$50 million in free support services to patients and families. Also, CSC administers a toll-free helpline and produces award-

winning educational resources that reach more than one million people each year. Formed in 2009 by the merger of The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club, CSC also conducts cutting-edge research on the emotional, psychological, and financial journey of cancer patients. Also, CSC advocates at all levels of government for policies to help individuals whose lives have been disrupted by cancer. In January 2018, CSC welcomed Denver-based nonprofit MyLifeLine, a digital community that includes more than 30,000 patients, caregivers, and their supporters that will enable CSC to scale its digital services in an innovative, groundbreaking way.

#### **Throat Cancer Foundation**

0203-4754-065

#### https://www.throatcancerfoundation.org/support/

To raise awareness of cancers affecting the throat. To empower patients and carers by providing a forum for the most up-to-date information on cancer, treatment, and care. To campaign for a 'Gold Standard of Care' and for this to be available for all patients. To assist with research into treatments, their efficacy, and how post-treatment quality of life can be improved. To lobby governments to introduce Gender Neutral Vaccination to reduce the impact of HPV.

#### Leiomyosarcoma

#### **Smart Patients**

#### https://www.smartpatients.com

Smart Patients is an online community for patients and families affected by a variety of illnesses. Here you can learn at your level about scientific developments related to your condition, share your questions and concerns with other members, and use what you learn in the context of your own life.

#### Information for Leiomyosarcoma Families

http://www.leiomyosarcoma.org/contact-us/

Please contact us if you have any additional questions about power morcellators or Leiomyosarcoma cancer. Our team of trained professionals is here to help assist you and your family get the treatment and legal help you deserve.

## Leukemia

#### Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

(877) 557-2672

#### www.lls.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Family Support Groups program gives patients and their families a place to go where they can share information, education, and feelings in a comfortable and caring environment. Family Support Groups are for anyone affected by blood cancer and are free. There are currently 230 groups near some of our chapters and in outlying areas, with the number of groups growing each year. Groups generally meet once a month at a library, a local conference room, or at LLS's chapters. Two credentialed health/mental health professionals who have extensive oncology and group work experience facilitate all Family Support Groups. They're prepared to handle sensitive issues such as loss, guilt, treatment

questions, and family stressors. The groups are not a replacement for psychotherapy. They're designed to provide mutual support and education to members who may feel a little less alone by meeting with others whose situations are similar to their own. Family Support Groups can be looked at as a coping tool, in conjunction with your or a loved one's medical treatment.

#### myLeukemiaTeam

#### www.myleukemiateam.com

MyLeukemiaTeam is the social network for those living with leukemia. Get the emotional support you need from others like you and gain practical advice and insights on managing treatment or therapies for leukemia. MyLeukemiaTeam is the only social network where you can truly connect, make real friendships, and share daily ups and downs in a judgment-free place.

#### **Cancer Care**

800-813-HOPE

#### cancercare.org

Cancer*Care* provides free, professional support services for people affected by leukemia, as well as leukemia treatment information and additional resources.

# Liposarcoma

#### **National Organization for Rare Disorders**

(301) 253-8687

#### https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/liposarcoma/

NORD, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.

#### Sarcoma Oncology Center

310-552-9999

#### https://sarcomaoncology.com/liposarcoma-cancer/

Our mission is to provide the best possible care for all our cancer patients. We promise to support our patients and offer the best possible care regardless of the gravity of their illness. Meeting our patients 'medical and personal needs is our highest priority. We will give clear and comprehensive information to help our patients make informed decisions and participate in their medical care. We believe that compassion and mutual respect are essential for success in meeting all the dimensions of cancer care.

# **Liver Cancer**

#### **American Liver Foundation**

1-800-465-4837 liverfoundation.org

ALF's mission is to promote education, advocacy, support services, and research for the prevention, treatment, and cure of liver disease.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

(610) 861-7555

#### https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/mission-vision-and-history

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community (CSC) is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community. This global network of 175 locations, including CSC and Gilda's Club centers, health-care partnerships, and satellite locations that deliver more than \$50 million in free support services to patients and families. Also, CSC administers a toll-free helpline and produces awardwinning educational resources that reach more than one million people each year. Formed in 2009 by the merger of The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club, CSC also conducts cutting-edge research on the emotional, psychological, and financial journey of cancer patients. Also, CSC advocates at all levels of government for policies to help individuals whose lives have been disrupted by cancer. In January 2018, CSC welcomed Denver-based nonprofit MyLifeLine, a digital community that includes more than 30,000 patients, caregivers, and their supporters that will enable CSC to scale its digital services in an innovative, groundbreaking way.

#### **Daily Strength**

#### dailystrength.org

Daily strength is an online chat support group where the affected can help come cope with others who have the same condition as them. Along with getting help from an online counselor.

# Lung Cancer

#### **American Lung Association**

1-800-586-4872 www.lung.org

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, through research, education, and advocacy. Our work is focused on five strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to improve the air we breathe; to reduce the burden of lung disease on individuals and their families; to eliminate tobacco use and tobacco-related diseases, and to accelerate fundraising and enhance organizational effectiveness to support the urgency of our mission.

#### Lung Cancer Alliance

(202)-463-2080 <u>http://www.lungcanceralliance.org</u> Provides information on research, support services, treatment options, an overview of lung cancer.

#### LungCAN

http://lungcan.org/access-patient-services/ Offers various support and education programs, financial aid resources, and education programs.

#### Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation

1-800-298-2436 https://go2foundation.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIst
Founded by patients and survivors, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, transforms survivorship as the world's leading organization dedicated to saving, extending, and improving the lives of those vulnerable, at-risk, and diagnosed with lung cancer.

We work to change the reality of living with lung cancer by ending stigma, increasing public and private research funding, and ensuring access to care.

#### Lung Cancer Research Foundation

212-588-1580

https://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org

The mission of the Lung Cancer Research Foundation (LCRF) is to improve lung cancer outcomes by funding research for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of lung cancer.

#### LungCancer org

212-712-8400

#### lungcancer.org

Lungcancer.org was founded in 1998 by Cancer*Care*, a national non-profit organization providing free, professional support services to individuals, families, caregivers, and the bereaved to help them better cope with and manage the emotional and practical challenges arising from cancer. The main purpose of lungcancer.org is to be a source of support and information for lung cancer patients and their loved ones. Cancer*Care*'s services include counseling and support groups, educational publications and workshops, and financial assistance. All of our services are provided by professional oncology social workers and are offered completely free of charge.

#### **LUNGevity Foundation**

844-360-5864

## LUNGevity.org

We are dedicated to funding scientific research because the link between research spending and improved survival is clear. Our strategic investment in both early detection and therapeutics will help people live better with lung cancer and dramatically improve on the current 19% five-year survival rate. LUNGevity initiatives position us as thought leaders in the lung cancer advocacy community, providing programs and driving change for those with lung cancer today and in the future. While we fund primary research, we also conduct patient-focused research to better understand their unmet needs and convene multi-stakeholder meetings to streamline the research process and accelerate progress to patients.

## Lymphoma

#### Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

(877) 557-2672 www.lls.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Family Support Groups program gives patients and their families a place to go where they can share information, education, and feelings in a comfortable and caring environment. Family Support Groups are for anyone affected by blood cancer and are free. There are currently 230 groups near some of our chapters and in outlying areas, with the number of groups growing each year. Groups generally meet once a month at a library, a local conference room, or at LLS's chapters. Two credentialed health/mental health professionals who have extensive oncology and group work experience facilitate all Family Support Groups. They're prepared to handle sensitive issues such as loss, guilt, treatment

questions, and family stressors. The groups are not a replacement for psychotherapy. They're designed to provide mutual support and education to members who may feel a little less alone by meeting with others whose situations are similar to their own. Family Support Groups can be looked at as a coping tool, in conjunction with your or a loved one's medical treatment.

## **Cancer Support Community**

1-202-659-9709

#### www.cancersupportcommunity.org

Our mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community.

#### Lymphoma Action

#### 808-808-5555

#### https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/support-groups

Our support groups offer a safe and confidential environment where people can share experiences, ask questions, and help each other through the day-to-day issues of living with and beyond lymphoma.

## Lymphoma Research Foundation

(800) 500-9976

## https://lymphoma.org/learn/supportservices/

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the nation's largest lymphoma-focused health organization devoted to improving care through education and support services and improving outcomes through investment in the most promising lymphoma research. Our mission is to eradicate lymphoma and serve all those impacted by this blood cancer.

## Malignant Brain Stem Gliomas

#### **Brain Tumor Research**

www.braintumourresearch.org/info-support/types-of-brain-tumour/brainstem-glioma

We are building a network of experts in sustainable research at dedicated Centres of Excellence whilst influencing the Government and larger cancer charities to invest more nationally.

We are the only national charity in the UK that is dedicated to raising funds for continuous and sustainable scientific research into brain tumors and we are a leading voice calling for greater support and action for research into what scientists are calling the last battleground against cancer.

#### **Navigating Care**

1-800-925-4456

https://www.navigatingcare.com/patient/

Today, our Navigating Care platform supports over one million patients and thousands of cancer care providers nationwide to lower costs, improve patient satisfaction, and drive better outcomes.

#### **National Brain Tumor Society**

888-793-9355

https://braintumor.org/brain-tumor-information/finding-support-coping/

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners.

## Malignant Ectomesenchymoma

#### **National Organization for Rare Disorders**

(301) 253-8687 https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/liposarcoma/

NORD, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.

## Malignant Germ Cell Tumors

#### **American Brain Tumor Association**

773-577-8750

# www.abta.org

The mission of the American Brain Tumor Association is to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors with the goals of improving, extending, and, ultimately, saving the lives of those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis.

#### Cancer .Net

www.cancer.net

Cancer.Net provides timely, oncologist-approved information to help patients and families make informed health care decisions.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

888-793-9355 <u>https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/germ-cell-tumors</u> We are dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community.

## Medulloblastoma

## **American Brain Tumor Association**

773-577-8750

#### www.abta.org

The mission of the American Brain Tumor Association is to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors with the goals of improving, extending, and, ultimately, saving the lives of those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis

#### Cancer.Net

## www.cancer.net

Cancer.Net provides timely, oncologist-approved information to help patients and families make informed health care decisions.

#### **Smart Patients**

#### smartpatients.com

The Smart Patients Esophageal Cancer discussion forum is an online support group for patients and caregivers dealing with esophageal cancer. Members share help, advice, and information about treatments, symptoms, and side effects.

## Merkel Cell Carcinoma

#### merkelcell.org

Dr. Clifford S. Perlis, MD, MBE (215) 390-1449 Provides information regarding the disease such as symptoms, treatment, testing, and prognosis.

## National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

<u>www.rarediseases.org</u> (202) 588-5701 NORD is leading the fight to improve the lives of patients with rare diseases.

## **Skin Cancer Foundation**

www.skincancer.org Provides information regarding Merkel cell cancer such as treatment, warning signs, stages, and risk factors.

## **Roger Cancer Center**

(734) 936-6360 <u>www.rogercancercenter.org</u> The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center seeks to reduce cancer burden and improve cancer outcomes through research, innovation, and transdisciplinary collaboration.

# Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

## **Cancer Support Community**

1-888-793-9355 www.cancersupportcommunity.org

This organization has an online cancer community in which you can link up and communicate with other people who have the same cancer as you (online cancer community).

Attend support groups, educational sessions, health, and wellness programs as well as find support, hope, and community. Our programs are free of charge to anyone affected by cancer, including patients, caregivers, loved ones, and children.

## Lung Cancer Research Foundation

844-835-4325 https://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org/about/ The mission of the Lung Cancer Research Foundation (LCRF) is to improve lung cancer outcomes by funding research for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of lung cancer.

#### Lungevity

844-360-5864 https://lungevity.org

We are dedicated to funding scientific research because the link between research spending and improved survival is clear. Our strategic investment in both early detection and therapeutics will help people live better with lung cancer and dramatically improve on the current 19% five-year survival rate.

# Oliogodendrogiloma Brain Cancer

## **American Brain Tumor Association**

abta.org 773-577-8750 The ABTA is a steadfast advocate on behalf of the brain tumor community in the United States, and we are here to help patients, caregivers, and their loved ones as they navigate the brain tumor journey.

## **Brain Science Foundation**

617-852-5230 https://www.brainsciencefoundation.org/brain-tumor-resources/support-groups/

#### **Brain Trust**

https://braintrust.org/about/

The mission of The Healing Exchange BRAIN TRUST is to improve the quality of life for people living with brain tumors and related conditions TODAY.

# **Oral Cancer**

## The Oral Cancer Foundation

949-723-4400 OralCancerFoundation.org

The Oral Cancer Foundation is a national public service, non-profit entity designed to reduce suffering and save lives through prevention, education, research, advocacy, and patient support activities. Oral cancer is the largest group of those cancers which fall into the head and neck cancer category.

#### Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer

800-377-0928

spohnc.org

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC) pronounced "*Spunk*" is a nonprofit organization involved in the development of programs of support. As such it can have an enormous positive impact on meeting the psychosocial needs of patients as well as preserving, restoring, and promoting physical and emotional health.

## CancerCare

#### www.cancercare.org

800-813-HOPE

CancerCare provides free, professional support services for people affected by ovarian cancer, as well as ovarian cancer treatment information and additional resources.

## Osteosarcoma

## **Rein In Sarcoma**

651-224-7030

https://smartgivers.org/organizations/rein-in-sarcoma/

Rein in Sarcoma is dedicated to educating the public and medical community about sarcomas, supporting sarcoma patients and their loved ones, and funding research directed toward developing new treatments and finding a cure for sarcoma cancers.

## **Smart Patients**

#### https://www.smartpatients.com/contact

Smart Patients is an online community for patients and families affected by a variety of illnesses. Here you can learn at your level about scientific developments related to your condition, share your questions and concerns with other members, and use what you learn in the context of your own life.

# **Ovarian Cancer**

## CancerCare

<u>www.cancercare.org</u> 800-813-HOPE CancerCare provides free, professional support services for people affected by ovarian cancer, as well as ovarian cancer treatment information and additional resources.

## FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer)

www.facingourrisk.org

1-866-288-RISK

Our mission is to improve the lives of individuals and families addicted to hereditary breast, ovarian, and related cancers. FORCE accomplishes this mission by creating awareness, supplying information and support to our community, advocating for and supporting research, and working with the research and medical communities to help people dealing with hereditary breast, ovarian, and related cancers.

## Foundation for Women's Cancer

312-578-1439

#### www.foundationforwomenscancer.org

Provides information regarding ovarian cancer, clinical trials, events, and courses to those with gynecologic cancers.

# National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 888-682-7246

www.ovarian.org

Provides education for those suffering from ovarian cancer. Shows community outreach, research, sign, and symptoms of the disease. Allows one to find her local ovarian cancer chapter.

#### Ovarcome

#### www.ovarcome.org

Overcome is an ovarian cancer foundation envisioned to end the courage of ovarian cancer. They are inspired by the simple philosophy of love, support, and celebration of life.

#### **Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA)**

#### www.ocrahope.org

1-866-399-6262

OCRA is the leading organization in the world fighting ovarian cancer from all fronts, including in the lab and on Capitol Hill while supporting women and their families.

#### Society of Gynecologic Oncology

www.sgo.org

# 312-235-4060

The Society of Gynecological Oncology (SGO) is the premier medical specialty for health care professionals trained in the comprehensive management of gynecologic cancers. As a 501©(6) organization, the SGO contributes to the advancement of women's cancer care by encouraging research, providing education, raising standards of practice, advocating for patients and members, and collaborating with other domestic and international organizations.

#### **Sisters in Survival**

www.sistersinsurvival.org

(408) 488-2013

Sisters in Survival works directly with gynecologic oncologists. medical imaging centers, and other community partners to provide financial support for medications, diagnostic procedures, certain life expenses to ovarian cancer patients who, otherwise, could not afford them.

## **Pancreatic Cancer**

#### Project Purple

www.projectpurple.org

Project Purple is a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization created to raise awareness, support patients and families affected by the disease, and fund research efforts to defeat pancreatic cancer.

#### **Pancreatic Cancer Action Network**

#### www.pancan.org

## 1-877-573-9971

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) is dedicated to fighting the world's toughest cancer. In our urgent mission to save lives, we attack pancreatic cancer on all fronts: research, clinical initiatives, patient services, and advocacy. Our effort is amplified by a nationwide network of grassroots support. We are determined to accelerate the process and improve patient outcomes.

#### Lustgarden Foundation - Pancreatic Cancer Research

www.Lustgarden.org

1-866-789-1000

We've compiled a comprehensive list organization and services which can help patients and caregivers navigate this challenging disease.

## **National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation**

www.npcf.org

## 1-800-859-6723

The National Pancreatic Foundation strives to provide quality of life, sustainability, and dignity to those we serve. Through our volunteers, we provide an opportunity of hope and caring for those afflicted by this devastating disease. We also provide the opportunity for their family members to help fight one of the leading causes of death in the United States. There is no knows sure, however, there are new developments every day to prolong and sustain the quality of life of the patient.

**Pediatric Cancer** 

## Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow

(610) 377-1191

www.dylanandgavinsrainbow.com

Dylan & Gavin's Rainbow Ministry was begun to reach out to families who are experiencing a serious illness of a child or loss of a child. As members of the body of Christ, we wish to allow such families to have the knowledge that they are not alone during their struggle. While a child may need prolonged hospitalization or extensive treatment, the rest of the family is affected due to the physical, emotional, and spiritual stress they face.

While the whole family feels as if their world is falling apart, Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow can provide support to make that time a bit more bearable.

Dylan & Gavin's Rainbow reaches out to these families with a monetary gift to help them cover expenses in any way they see fit during the illness of their child, offers prayers, compassion, and God's love to the entire family during this difficult time. The ministry also places the family on the prayer list of Zion United Church of Christ and provides a small gift to the child struggling with an illness.

## American Childhood Cancer Organization

1-855-858-2226

#### www.acco.org

Provide a list of resources, tools, support networks, and specialized programs to help your family cope with the medical, emotional, and psychological repercussions of childhood cancer. These resources enable you to interact with other people who understand exactly what you are going through.

#### St. Jude Children's Hospital

1-866-278-5833

## www.stjude.org

The mission of St Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. No child is denied treatment based on race religion, or a family's ability to pay.

#### **Cure Search**

# 1-800-458-6223

www.curesearch.org

CureSearch for Children's Cancer is a 503c3 U.S.-based non-profit foundation that accelerates the search for cures for children's cancer by driving innovation, overcoming research barriers, and solving the field's most challenging problems. They help catapult strong medical research and provide education and resources.

#### St. Baldrick's Foundation

1-888-899-2253

#### www.stbaldricks.org

By working with leading pediatric oncologists, we determine the most promising research to fund and create funding priorities to make the greatest impact for children with cancer. They provide hospitals with funds to open high-impact clinical trials for rare diseases, placing children on studies to increase the rate of progress, while also increasing the likelihood for a child to receive the best treatment plan in a hospital near home.

## **Peripheral Nerve Cancer**

## Sarcoma Foundation of America

1-301-253-8687

#### www.curesarcoma.org

The Sarcoma Foundation of America supports sarcoma research grants since 2003. It helps to increase research performed on sarcoma and to facilitate clinical trials. There is an emphasis on fundraising for research grants and advocacy activities.

#### Mayo Clinic

1-480-301-8000 www.mavoclinic.org

This is a nonprofit organization committed to clinical practice, education, and research, providing expert, whole-person care to everyone who needs healing.

## **Prostate Cancer**

#### Us TOO

(800) 80-Us TOO (800-808-7866) http://www.ustoo.org/Home

Us TOO was founded by—and continues to be governed by—people directly affected by prostate cancer. We're a nonprofit established in 1990 that serves as a resource of volunteers with peer-to-peer support and educational materials to help men and their families/caregivers make informed decisions about prostate cancer detection, treatment options, and related side effects.

#### ZERO The End of Prostate Cancer

888-245-9455 www.zerocancer.org

ZERO is a national nonprofit organization with the mission to end prostate cancer. They lead the fight to end the disease by advancing research, encouraging action, and providing education and support to men and their

families. ZERO joined forces with the PAN Foundation to provide comprehensive support for patients with metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC). Financial assistance is available to patients with metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer who qualify.

## Prostate Cancer Research Institute

800-641-7274

pcri.org

Our mission is to improve the quality of prostate cancer patients' and caregivers' lives by empowering them to manage their prostate cancer through education.

## **Prostate Cancer Foundation**

800-757-2873

pcf.org

PCF funds the world's most promising research to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of prostate cancer and ultimately cure it for good.

## **Urology Care Foundation**

410-689-3700

https://www.urologyhealth.org/about-us/what-we-do

We support and improve urological care by funding research, developing patient education and pursuing philanthropic support. Engages in public awareness campaigns, special event and community programs to help further the cause of educating those at risk and those already suffering from urological conditions.

## Patient Advocates for Advanced Cancer Treatments

616-453-1477

<u>paact.help</u>

The PAACT organization is dedicated to helping patients and caregivers develop a better understanding of their cancer characteristics, empowering them to research more effectively and develop better questions for their medical team (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, etc.)

# **Rectal Cancer**

## Penn Medicine Abramson Cancer Center

1-215-316-5143

## www.lp.pennmedicine.org

Penn's Abramson Cancer Center has a team of world-renowned specialists who only focus on advanced, evidenced-based approaches to surgery and treatment of cancer of the colon, rectum, and anus. The team's constant communication, weekly case conferences, and collaboration are key to the comprehensive care of our colon and rectal cancer patients.

#### Cancer Care

1-800-813-HOPE

### www.cancercare.org

CancerCare provides free, professional support services for people affected by colorectal cancer, as well as colorectal cancer treatment information and additional resources.

## The Colon Club

## 1-520-400-6798

## www.colonclub.com

Our mission is to raise awareness, educate, and help those with colorectal cancer, particularly those diagnosed under age 45, along with their community of support.

## **Fight Colorectal Cancer**

1-877-427-2111 www.fightcolorectalcancer.org

Fight Colorectal Cancer is the leading patient-empowerment and advocacy organization in the United States, providing balanced and objective information on colon and rectal cancer research, treatment, and policy. We are relentless champions of hope, focused on funding promising, high-impact research endeavors to influence legislation and policy for the collective good.

#### Livestrong

1-855-220-7777 www.livestrong.org

We believe we can only achieve the best solution by asking the right questions. We ask survivors and caregivers what they need, we ask the system how it can be more person-centered, we ask innovators how we can bring impossible ideas to life. We believe in putting the survivor first, and that is why we created tools and resources to help ease the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

#### **Colorectal Cancer Alliance**

1-202-628-0123

## www.ccalliance.org

We believe colorectal cancer is a senseless killer that must be stopped. Founded in 1999 by a group of 41 survivors, and friends, we are today the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to colorectal cancer. We empower a nation of allies who work with us to provide genuine support for patients and families, caregivers, and survivors; raise awareness of preventive measures, and inspire efforts to fund critical research.

## **Chris for Life Colorectal Cancer**

## 1-703-239-0915

#### www.nccrt.org

This one-of-a-kind guide provides newly diagnosed patients with information from what to expect physically, medically, and emotionally to personal day-to-day issues that the patient may experience. The resources guide is available at www,chrisforlife.org/resource-dvd.

## Sinonasal Cancer

#### Cancer .Net

www.cancer.net

Cancer.Net provides timely, oncologist-approved information to help patients and families make informed health care decisions.

## **Cancer Support Community**

888-793-9355 CancerSupportCommunity.org

We are dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community.

## **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

800-525-2225

https://www.mskcc.org/about

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center the world's oldest and largest private cancer center has devoted more than 135 years to exceptional patient care, innovative research, and outstanding educational programs. Today, we are one of 51 National CancerInstitute–designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers, with state-of-the-art science flourishing side by side with clinical studies and treatment.

## Soft Tissue Sarcoma

#### Move for Jenn Foundation

# 1-704-710-6299

# www.moveforjenn.org

This is a nonprofit corporation that will raise funds to issue grants for sarcoma research and amputees who need prostheses.

#### Sarcoma Foundation of America

1-301-253-8687

#### www.curesarcoma.org

Its primary focus is to increase the focus and attention on sarcoma research, there is an emphasis on fundraising grants and advocacy activities.

#### National Cancer Institute at the National Cancer Institutes of Health

1-800-4-CANCER

www.cancer.gov

National Cancer Institute (NCI) drives the cancer enterprise by supporting and convening researchers, paying for facilities and systems, and coordinating the National Cancer Plan, and more. It is the federal government's principal agency for cancer research and training.

#### National Organization for Rare Diseases (NORD)

1-(203)-744-0100 <u>www.rarediseases.org</u> National Organization for Rare Diseases is leading the fight to improve the lives of patients with rare diseases.

#### Sarcoma Alliance

1-415-381-7236 www.sarcomaalliance.org

The Sarcoma Alliance strives to improve the lives of people affected by sarcoma through accurate diagnosis, improved access to care, guidance, and support.

#### St. Baldrick's Foundation

1-888-899-2253 www.stbaldricks.org

By working closely with leading pediatric oncologists, we determine the most promising research to fund and create funding priorities to make the greatest impact for children with cancer.

# Spinal Nerve Root Cancer

## American Association of Neurological Surgeons

1-888-566-AANS (2267) <u>www.aans.org</u> Provided information relating to cancer of the neurological system.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

1-202-659-9709 <u>www.cancersupportcommunity.org</u> Our mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by the community.

## **Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation**

1-800-225-0292

## www.christopherreeve.com

We are dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by advancing innovative research and improving the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by paralysis.

## Salivary Cancer

#### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

1-800-525-2225

## www.mskcc.org

We offer clinical trials using tumor-sequencing technology to find new treatment approaches to many types of salivary gland cancer. We are exploring drug therapies, ranging from hormone therapy to immunotherapy. Experts in rehabilitation, speech pathology, dental oncology, and more are an essential part of MSK's holistic approach to salivary gland cancer care.

#### **Cancer Support Community**

1-888-793-9355

## www.cancersupportcommunity.org

It is helpful to know what the common short and long-term side effects of head and neck cancer are and how to manage them. Everyone experiences treatment and side effects differently, but it can help to feel prepared.

Skin Cancer

American Academy of Dermatology 1-866-503-SKIN

#### www.aad.org

arc.aad.org

Provides information and educational materials on melanoma and other skin cancers and skincare.

#### AIM At Melanoma Foundation

1-877-246-2635 www.aimatmelanoma.org

AIM at Melanoma is globally engaged and locally invested in advancing the battle against melanoma through innovative research, legislative reform, education, and patient and caregiver support. Founded in 2004, AIM at Melanoma is the largest international melanoma foundation seeking the cure for melanoma.

## American Melanoma Foundation

(858) 882-7712 <u>www.myamf.org</u> info@melanomafoundation.org Advises anyone who wants to start a melanoma support group.

## Cancer Care Inc.

1-800-813-HOPE www.cancercare.org info@cancercare.org Toll-free cancer care counseling. Leads patients and caregivers to services in their calling area.

## Melanoma Research Alliance

202-336-8935 www.curemelanoma.org

The mission of the Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA) is to end suffering and death due to melanoma by collaborating with all stakeholders to accelerate powerful research, advance cures for all patients, and prevent more melanomas.

#### **Melanoma Research Foundation**

1-800-673-1290 <u>www.melanoma.org</u> To eradicate melanoma by accelerating medical RESEARCH while EDUCATING to and ADVOCATING for the melanoma community.

#### The Skin Cancer Foundation

212-725-5176 www.SkinCancer.org

The Skin Cancer Foundation has sought to save and improve lives. We empower people to take a proactive approach to daily sun protection and the early detection and treatment of skin cancer.

# Stomach (Gastric) Cancer

Gastric Cancer Foundation www.gastriccancer.org

## TURN TO US - CANCER SUPPORT

info@gastriccancer.org Helps patients face their diagnosis with reliable information. Helps to find a cure and fund research.

#### No Stomach for Cancer

(608)692-5141 info@nostomachforcancer.org <u>www.nostomachforcancer.org</u> Provides information, publications, and resources regarding gastric cancer.

#### **Debbie's Dream Foundation (DDF)**

1-855-475-1200

## www.debbiesdream.org

Raises awareness about stomach cancer, advances funding for research, and provides education and support. Can connect one with a stomach cancer mentor.

**Testicular Cancer** 

# Testicular Cancer Foundation 1-855-390-8231

www.testicularcancer.org

Testicular Cancer Foundation provides education and support to young men to raise awareness about testicular cancer, the most commonly diagnosed cancer among males ages 15 – 34.

TCF supports families of testicular cancer patients and shares its resources with the medical and healthcare communities, schools, and various young men's groups.

# Testicular Cancer Society 513-696-9827

#### www.testicularcancersociety.org

We are committed to raising awareness for the most common form of cancer in men age 15-35, providing education about the disease, and give support to fighters, survivors, and caregivers.

#### Cancer Care

800-813-HOPE

#### www.cancercare.org/services

Cancer Care provides free, professional support services for people affected by testicular cancer, as well as testicular cancer treatment information and additional resources.

## **Thyroid Cancer**

## American Thyroid Association

(703) 998-8890 www.thvroid.ora

Provides information regarding thyroid cancer. Find a specialist resource. Communication network for national and international thyroidologists. A centralized search engine of clinical trials related to thyroid disease. Supports research to help treat and diagnose thyroid cancer.

## Light of Life Foundation

(609) 409-0900 www.lightoflifefoundation.org Provided education and support to those with thyroid cancer and their caregivers.

## **Endocrine Web**

(973) 783-0330 <u>www.endocrineweb.com/conditions/throid-cancer</u> Provides education about thyroid conditions including thyroid cancer.

## Penn Medicine

https://www.pennmedicine.org/cancer/types-of-cancer/thyroid-cancer/thyroid-cancer-support-services

## ThyCa:Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc

1-877-588-7904

www.thyca.org

- To Educate, so we and our families better understand our disease.
- To Participate, so others learn from our experience.
- To Communicate, so we and our health care professionals better understand each others' needs.
- To Support Research, for a future free of thyroid cancer.

# **Ureter Cancer**

## Urology Care Foundation

410-689-3700

#### https://www.urologyhealth.org/about-us/what-we-do

We support and improve urological care by funding research, developing patient education, and pursuing philanthropic support. Engages in public awareness campaigns, special events, and community programs to help further the cause of educating those at risk and those already suffering from urological conditions.

## Fox Chase Cancer Center

888-FOX-CHASE

## https://www.foxchase.org/clinical-care/conditions/urethral-cancer/support-survivorship

We understand that cancer care can affect the whole family. We offer an array of support services for patients and their families. This includes individualized care to manage the symptoms and side effects of cancer treatment, as well as case management, social work services, support groups, and access to the Fox Chase Resource and Education Center. To support a holistic approach to healing and wellness, the Fox Chase Integrative Care Program offers evidence-based techniques and therapies that promote healing of the body and mind. These include yoga classes, Reiki sessions, music therapy, and stress management. These healing practices have been shown to help relieve the symptoms and side effects of cancer treatment; ease pain, fatigue, and anxiety; and improve mood.

## **Patient Advocates for Advanced Cancer Treatments**

616-453-1477 paact.help The PAACT organization is dedicated to helping patients and caregivers develop a better understanding of their cancer characteristics, empowering them to research more effectively and develop better questions for their medical team (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, etc.)

# **Financial Assistance**

## Cancer Care

(800) 8134673

http://www.cancercare.org/financial

- Provides emotional and financial support for cancer patients
- Eligibility for financial assistance:
  - Have an oncology health care provider confirm the diagnosis
  - Be in active treatment
  - Be a United States citizen
  - Meet the eligibility guidelines of 250% of the Federal Poverty Limit
- Offers Co-Pay assistance (http://cancercarecopay.org)
  - o It covers gastric cancer, glioblastoma, and pancreatic cancer
  - Must be a United States citizen to be eligible
  - Financial Criteria:
    - Individuals or families with an adjusted gross income of up to four times the federal poverty level may qualify for assistance. CCAF may consider the cost of living in your particular city or state. Income verification is required as part of the application process.
    - Must have private insurance or Medicare that covers a portion of the prescribed chemotherapy or targeted treatment
  - Insurance Criteria:
    - Must be covered by private insurance or an employer-sponsored health plan, or have Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D, or a Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare C).

## Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW)

847-480-6343

#### www.aosw.org

AOSW is a nonprofit, international organization dedicated to the enhancement of psychosocial services to people with cancer and their families. Their website provides a list of resources for financial information. Also, they provide a free database to search for an oncology social worker in your area.

## **Christians Overcoming Cancer**

(614)-985-3750

http://christiansovercomingcancer.com

- Provides financial assistance and emotional support to cancer patients undergoing active treatment, regardless of location or age
- Dollars Allocated to Assist provides information and funding
  - Application: http://christiansovercomingcancer.com/docs/frmAdultIntake.pdf
  - Income eligibility standard is based on the 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines at 200% poverty level or less

## Cancer.Net

(571)-483-1780 or (888)-651-3038

http://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/financial-considerations

- Assists cancer patients with handling and navigating the cost of cancer treatment
- Part of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

## Cancer Card X Change

#### http://www.cancercardxchange.org/

The Cancer Card X Change collects and distributes gift cards to cancer patients around the country in the denomination of \$10 to \$100.

## HealthWell Foundation

#### (800)-675-8416

http://www.healthwellfoundation.org

- Covers coinsurance, copayments, health care premiums, and deductibles for certain medications and therapies.
- All grant enrollments cover 12 months
- Patients must be undergoing treatment for:
  - ANCA-Associated Vasculitis, Wegeners, and Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis; Carcinoid Tumors and Associated Symptoms - Medicare Access; Cystic Fibrosis; Diabetic Foot Ulcers; Dupuytren's Disease; Gout - Medicare Access; Gout Travel Fund; Hepatitis C; Melanoma; Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer - Medicare Access; Pediatric Assistance; Peyronie's Disease; Porphyrias; Pulmonary Fibrosis; Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; Urea Cycle Disorders; Urticaria; Wilms' Tumor
- Must have health insurance that covers part of the treatment costs
  - Health Savings Accounts and Health Retirement Accounts are not traditional insurances and are considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - Drug discount cards do not qualify as insurance.
- HealthWell assists individuals with incomes up to 400-500% of the Federal Poverty Level.
  - The number of people in a household and the cost of living in a particular city or state is taken into consideration
- Application: https://grants.healthwellfoundation.org/patients/apply
- Other questions can be answered here: http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/faqs

## National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

877-622-7937

#### www.canceradvocacy.org

NCCS offers free publications on insurance and employment issues for people living with, through, and beyond cancer. You can also listen to the Cancer Survival Toolbox, an audio program that includes a section on Finding Ways to Pay for Care.

#### Patient Services, Inc.

800-366-7741

#### www.patientservicesinc.org

PSI is a nonprofit organization that has led the charge to provide much-needed patient assistance, soliciting donations to fund thousands of patients and their families in a myriad of disease areas.

## Heating Costs - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

(202)-401-9351

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/liheap/about

- Offers grants to help pay heating and utility bills
- Eligibility requirements include:
  - Income eligibility criteria for LIHEAP may not be set lower than 110 percent of the poverty

## Krysta Hankee Memorial Fund

610-767-4154

#### http://www.krystahankeememorialfund.org/

The Krysta Hankee Memorial Fund supplies local organizations and hospitals (St. Luke's University Health Network, Lehigh Valley Health Network, and CHOP oncology departments) with gas gift cards to ease the financial strain associated with traveling for medical appointments and treatments. Talk to your medical caseworker or oncologist or Turn To Us.

# **Prescription Assistance**

#### NeedyMeds

#### www.needymeds.org

NeedyMeds is a free, online service to help people who cannot afford medicine or health care costs. Information on Discount Drug Cards, Medicaid websites, and more.

The patient must fill out a form for qualification.

#### Good Days® (formerly known as Chronic Disease Fund)

#### 877-968-7233

#### www.gooddaysfromcdf.org/ for-patients

Good Days® is a nonprofit charitable organization that helps underinsured patients with chronic disease, cancers or life-altering conditions obtain the expensive medications they need. They assist patients throughout the United States who meet income qualification guidelines and have private insurance or a Medicare Part D plan but cannot afford the co-payments for their specialty therapeutics. The patient must meet financial and other program-specific criteria.

#### GoodRx

http://www.goodrx.com

• Compares prescription prices at pharmacies near your area

### **HealthWell Foundation**

800-675-8416

## www.healthwellfoundation.org

The HealthWell Foundation helps individuals afford prescription medications they are taking for specific illnesses. The Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket health care costs, including prescription drug co-insurance, co-payments, deductibles, and health insurance premiums. The patient must apply and list income and disease.

#### HealthWarehouse

https://www.healthwarehouse.com

- Provides cheap prescription and over the counter medications
  - A prescription from your doctor is required to receive prescription medications
  - Your doctor must send your prescription by phone or fax
    - Fax: 1-888-870-2808
    - Phone: 1-800-748-7001
  - Prescriptions are processed in 1-3 days
- Order online and mail medications to your house
- Insurance is not required to receive medications

## Partnership for Prescription Assistance

## 888-477-2669

## www.pparx.org

PPA is a coalition of many groups and individuals that help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through the public or private program that's right for them. The PPA offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. The patient must list drugs and complete a form.

## Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)

866-316-7263

## www.panfoundation.org

PAN is a nonprofit organization that assists underinsured patients facing high out-of-pocket costs for their critical treatments. PAN helps patients with co-pays, coinsurance deductibles, and for certain diseases, can cover the cost of patients' insurance premiums and expenses incurred while traveling to a treatment site. Patients, their caregivers, or a member of their medical team can apply online or over the phone; a determination for assistance is made within one minute, so that eligible patients may begin receiving prescribed treatments immediately.

#### **Patient Advocate Foundation**

#### 800-532-5274

#### www.patientadvocate.org/gethelp

PAF is a national nonprofit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment, and preservation of their financial stability relative to their diagnosis of life-threatening or debilitating diseases. Among resources offered are the Underinsured, Uninsured, and Financial Resource Directories, which help individuals and families locate valuable resources and seek alternative coverage options or methods for better reimbursement.

### Co-Pay Relief Program

866-512-3861

#### www.copays.org

The Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who must qualify financially and medically to access pharmaceutical copay assistance. The program offers personal service to all patients through the use of call counselors guiding patients through the enrollment process.

## Walmart Pharmacy

http://www.walmart.com/cp/1078664

• Offers a list of \$4 prescriptions

## Walgreens

1-(866)-922-7312 http://www.walgreens.com/images/psc/pdf/PSC 2 0 VPG List FINAL 32312.pdf

- Value priced medication list
  - Must be a Walgreens member to receive value-priced medications
    - Membership cost \$20 for an individual or \$35 for the family per year
- Members receiving benefits from Medicaid, Medicare, or other state/federal healthcare programs are ineligible

# Legal

## LawHelp.org

## www.LawHelp.org

LawHelp helps low and moderate-income people find free legal aid programs in their communities, answers to questions about their legal rights, and find forms to help with their legal problems.

## **National Cancer Legal Services Network**

## www.NCLSN.org

NCLSN is a coalition of legal service providers that promote the increased availability of free legal services programs for people affected by cancer.

## Survivorship A-Z

www.survivorshipatoz.org/cancer Survivorship A-Z is a web-based resource providing practical, legal, and financial information.

# Workplace

Family Medical Leave Act TIP – You do not need to take the FMLA 12 weeks at one time.

## **Cancer and Careers**

646-929-8031 www.cancerandcareers.org

Cancer and Careers, founded in 2001, is a national nonprofit organization that empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace by providing expert advice, interactive tools, and educational events. Cancer and Careers services include a comprehensive website, free publications in English and Spanish, legal and insurance information, career coaching, resume review, and national events and speaking engagements for employees with cancer and their health care providers and coworkers.

## National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

877-622-7937 www.canceradvocacy.org

NCCS offers free publications on insurance and employment issues for people living with, through, and beyond cancer. You can also listen to the Cancer Survival Toolbox, an audio program that includes a section on Finding Ways to Pay for Care.

# **Cleaning Services**

## Cleaning for a Reason

http://cleaningforareason.org/ Since the organization started in 2006, it has helped more than 28,000 women with cancer. Mrs. Domestic Cleaning 570-722-2911

# Transportation

## Carbon County Community Transit (CCCT)

570-669-6380 https://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/resource-search.detail.html/99819-111044.html

If the rider has a Medical Assistance Access Card they can ride FREE to medical appointments. Physically Challenged & Seniors ride via a reduced rate ticket system.

## Schuylkill County Transportation Authority

570-429-2701 – 800-832-3322 <u>www.go-sts.com</u> STS offers a fixed route bus service, ADA complementary paratransit program, the person with disabilities shared ride, and medical assistance transportation shared-ride van program. St. Luke's Miners Campus is now part of their route.

Registration and reservations are required.

## American Cancer Society – Road to Recovery

800-227-2345

Provides ambulatory cancer patients with ground transportation to and from cancer-related medical appointments. Rides are dependent on volunteer driver availability. Patients must be able to walk unassisted to and from the vehicle or have an accompanying caregiver to assist. Patients under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a legally responsible adult such as a parent or caregiver. All road requests require at least 3 business days' advance notice, the date of transportation is needed.

# Flights

#### PALS

631-694-7257

http://www.palservices.org/

Patient AirLift Services arranges volunteer medical flights and free air transportation for needy individuals throughout the greater Northeast region.

## National Patient Travel Center

#### 800-296-1217 www.patienttravel.org

The NPTC works with patients and significant others to try to assure that no one is denied access to distant specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment if they cannot afford long-distance medical transportation. Using donated frequent flier miles, NPTC works to arrange low-cost air tickets for people traveling a distance for treatment or a second opinion.

#### **Corporate Angel Network**

866-328-1313

## www.corpangelnetwork.org

Corporate Angel Network is a nonprofit organization that arranges free air transportation for cancer patients traveling to treatment using empty seats on corporate jets.

# Places to Stay

#### Hope Lodge

http://www.cancer.org/Treatment/SupportProgramsServices/HopeLodge/

Traveling out of town for treatment when required can be prohibited expensive, so the American Cancer Society has a FREE place where cancer patients and their caregivers can stay when the home is far away. Must be staying for three nights and have three to four appointments booked within the trip.

#### Joe's House

877-563-7468 www.joeshouse.org

Joe's House is a nonprofit organization providing a nationwide online service that helps cancer patients and their families find lodging near treatment centers.

# Wig Banks

#### TenderLovingCare

800-850-9445

#### www.tlcdirect.org

TLC is a part of a company affiliated with the American Cancer Society. TLC offers products for hair loss caused by chemotherapy, radiation, or surgical treatment, as well as special products for breast cancer patients and survivors.

You can request a free copy of the TLC catalog by calling 800-850-9445.

Eligibility requirements: the patient must be inactive cancer-related treatment or up to six months posttreatment, patients are eligible regardless of insurance status, and the patient has not received another wig or "tlc" wig coupon within the past 12 months.

#### **Cancer Support Community Greater Lehigh Valley**

610-861-7555

## TURN TO US - CANCER SUPPORT

https://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/resource-search.detail.html/122529-159480.html 944 Marcon Blvd Suite 110 Allentown, PA 18109 Please call for an appointment. 610-861-7555. Tuesday – 11:30am to 3:00pm. Wednesday 12:30pm to 3:00pm. If possible, they could accommodate other times, if needed.

## **Geisinger Hazleton Cancer Center**

570-624-4864

https://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/resource-search.detail.html/121924.html The patient must be inactive for cancer-related treatment (Chemotherapy, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, or other forms of treatment) or up to 6-months post-treatment. Patients are eligible regardless of insurance status. Patient has not received another wig or TLC wig coupon from the American Cancer Society (regardless of source) within the last 12 months.

## Sandy's Hair Net-Work

570-578-3962 302 Ridge Street, Freeland, PA 18224 Contact LeeAnn Baskin Works with the American Cancer Society to provide wigs to cancer patients.

# Hats

#### Ellie's Hats

#### https://ellieshats.org/about-ellies-hats/

Ellie's Hats donates hats to children battling cancer and much more. We send children a special package of hats and other items to help bring a smile to the child battling cancer. We also include hats for any sibling because often they feel left out.

#### **Heavenly Hats**

920-362-2668 https://heavenlyhats.org/

The Heavenly Hats Foundation(TM) collects and distributes brand new hats of all kinds to those heroes of all ages who lose their hair due to the treatment of cancer or the many other medical conditions which may cause hair loss.

#### Hats Off For Cancer

424-888-4632

#### http://hatsoffforcancer.org/about/

Hats Off For Cancer collects and donates hats of all kinds to the courageous children who lose their hair due to cancer treatments.

# Scarves

## **Good Wishes**

888-778-5998

http://www.goodwishesscarves.org/

Our mission is simple: to provide free of charge, one beautiful It's a Wrap<sup>©</sup> or Good Wishes Scarf to anyone experiencing the thinning or loss of hair as a result of illness or treatment. Our goal is to in some small way ease their journey, provide a small bit of comfort and share the power of positive thinking and good wishes with these individuals on their path to healing and recovery.

The online request form shows scarf options and colors. If you do not have a computer, Turn To Us will fill out the online form for you.

# Massages, Acupuncture, and Acupressure

## Jim Thorpe Massage and Wellness Studio

570-995-3025

#### http://www.jimthorpemassage.com/services

Every massage is customized to the needs of the client. Therefore, your massage may include elements of Swedish, Deep Tissue, Neuromuscular Facilitation, Myofascial Release, Shiatsu, and other therapies. Our therapist will discuss your needs and preferences to provide your best massage. Refer to **Turn To Us Inc.** for financial assistance.

# Support Groups

#### **Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley**

610.861.7555.

## https://www.cancersupportglv.org/about-us/

The Cancer Support Community's programs help people affected by cancer – survivors, caregivers, friends, and family – regain control of their lives, reduce stress and isolation, and restore a sense of hope for a better quality of life regardless of the stage of the disease or the type of cancer. All programs are free to participants who may take as many as they like. Calander events consist of activities such as yoga, karate, fit-rhythms, wellness workouts, jewelry making, etc.

#### **Breast Cancer Support Group**

610-377-7029

## https://www.blmtn.org/health-care-services/services/support-groups/

The breast cancer support group presents an opportunity to help yourself as well as helping others who are facing breast cancer. The meetings are held from 12:30pm to 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month in the ground floor community room of St. Luke's Gnaden Huetten campus. If you think you might be interested in attending the support group, please call (610) 377-7029.

## Metastatic Breast Support Group

610-402-1028 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (6:30p-8) Location: 1240 S Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18103 Suite 210 Conference room 1.

## Men Facing Cancer Discussion group: (Prostate Group

610-402-0128 Location: 1240 S Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18103 Suite 210 Conference room 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (6:30p-8p)

#### Support of Survivors- newly diagnosed Breast cancer patients,

Ana Sierra, LSW 610-402-0128 You may call the survivors' helpline, 24 hours a day, leave a message and a volunteer will return your call.

# Wishes and Retreats

#### Give Kids the World Village

#### http://gktw.org/about/

Give Kids The World Village is an 84-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The Village and its community partners provide children and their families accommodations in fully-furnished villas, transportation, tickets to theme parks, meals, daily entertainment, and much more.

#### Make a Wish America

#### 602-279-9474

#### http://wish.org/#sm.0000gswa2yi0ud08rek13yb6vyufa

A wish experience can be a game-changer for a child with a critical illness.

This one belief guides us in everything we do at Make-A-Wish®. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve. It compels us to be creative in exceeding the expectations of every wish kid. It drives us to make our donated resources go as far as possible. Most of all, it's the founding principle of our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child.

#### **Dream Come True**

610-865-3475

http://www.dreamcometrue.org/

Dream Come True's mission is to promote and enrich the lives of children who are seriously, chronically, or terminally ill. We offer children with life-threatening illnesses the chance to hope, dream and live their fantasies.

#### **Epic Experience: Life Beyond Cancer**

#### 855-650-9907

## www.epicexperience.org/events/

Week-long outdoor experiences for individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer. Experiences are based upon outdoor adventure activities such as white water kayaking and during the winter months snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Throughout the experience, participants will be encouraged to recognize the reality that cancer is a part of their story, but it no longer defines them. Connections with other individuals who share a similar story will create a community that lasts long after their Epic Experience has ended.

Our Epic Team www.epicexperience.org/about/our-epic/team/ Outreach Team www.epicexperience.org/about/outreach-team/ Epic Experience in the Press www.epicexperience.org/about/in-the-press/ Camp Photo Gallery www.epicexperience.org/about/camp-photo/gallery/

## For Pete's Sake

267-708-0510

## www.takeabreakfromcancer.org

For Pete's Sake is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting adult cancer patients and their loved ones by providing an expense-paid respite/vacation that includes accommodations and a generous travel stipend providing some time away to refresh, reconnect, and rejuvenate. FPS enables cancer patients and their loved ones the opportunity to strengthen, deepen and unify their relationship by creating unforgettable and lasting respite vacations. Patients must be between 24-55 years of age with a physician diagnosis of cancer.

- The patient must have been active in treatment within the last 6 months
- The patient has not traveled on a self-funded respite/vacation or a respite/vacation through another nonprofit organization or individual since diagnosis or reoccurrence
- The patient must be able to travel within 120 days of nomination and the destination will be determined depending on the availability of respite locations

## Angel 34 House

610-533-1923

#### https://www.angel34.org/

The Angel 34 House was created to be a place of serenity, joy, and encouragement for children and families as they prepare to fight the most important battle of their lives.

#### **The Dream Foundation**

888-437-3267

#### http://www.dreamfoundation.org/\_

The Dream Foundation was the first organization to grant wishes to adults aged 18 and older. Many of the dreams granted require no outlay of cash. Approximately 75% of all the granted wishes are filled with non-cash donations including; frequent flier air miles, hotel rooms, meals at restaurants, tickets to amusement parks and events, medical supplies.

#### Stella's Wish

(314) 803-8496

#### Don@stellaswish.org\_

Upon receiving her wish, Stella's heart was filled with a new wish: for there to be a foundation that granted wishes for adults with life-threatening Stage 4 cancers. In February 2008, Stella's husband established Stella's Wish Foundation in honor of "His Stella".

Stella's Wish Foundation would be honored to grant a wish for you or someone you know who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 of life-threatening cancer. Cancer takes the life of 555,000 people (about 1 in every 489) every year in the USA.

# Home Health Care

#### BAYADA

701 Bridge Street, Suite 201 | Lehighton, PA 18235 (610)-377-4717 https://www.bayada.com

- Offers home health care, pediatrics, hospice, habilitation, staffing, and primary care
- Methods of payment include:

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- Medicare, Medicaid, workers compensation, veterans benefits, health insurance, and private pay (check or credit card)
- Home Health Care
  - Personal care and companionship services help individuals manage their daily lives so they can be independent, safe, and comfortable at home. Includes home health aides (HHAs) and certified nursing assistants (CNAs) who can provide ongoing assistance with what are commonly called activities of daily living (ADLs)
    - Care is available up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including the option for live-in help
  - Private duty nursing care is designed to help clients who are managing complex medical needs or conditions
    - Available in shifts from 2 up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - Home health care services are prescribed by a physician to help with rehabilitation after an illness, injury, hospital stay, or surgery, or to help manage a chronic medical condition to prevent unnecessary hospitalization.
    - This care is provided through one-hour home visits from specialized clinicians and continues until recovery goals have been met.
    - Home health care visits are generally covered 100 percent by Medicare through the Medicare home health benefit or by private insurance.

## **Independent Living Services**

#### 888-837-4235

## www.indlivingservices.com

Independent Living Services offers a wide range of in-home, non-medical personal care services to seniors, people with disabilities, and those recovering from an injury or surgery needing assistance. Depending on needs and financial situation, the in-home personal care services may be paid privately,

## **At-Home Quality Care**

231 Northern Blvd, Suite A | Clarks Summit, PA 18411 (570)-587-4700

http://www.at-homequalitycare.com/our-services/

- Provides personal and/or general care from live-in caregivers or hourly caregivers
- Provides services to Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna, Monroe, Wyoming, Luzerne, Carbon, Schuylkill, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Bradford, Sullivan, Clinton, Union, Lycoming, and Snyder Counties
- All services are provided under an Agency Model
  - The business is solely responsible for running the caregiver's payroll, handling Federal and State taxes, Social Security taxes, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, and liability/bonding/professional/ non-owned auto and umbrella insurances
- Pennsylvania recognizes Registry Models where the client becomes the employer and is responsible for all insurances, taxes, and payroll requirements.
- Affordability:
  - Medicaid can cover up to 100% of live-in caregivers
  - Look into Reverse Mortgages, Veterans Administration, Long Term Care Insurances, Life Insurances, and Private Resources as other sources of financial assistance

## CareGivers of America

23 Main Road | Lehighton, PA 18235 (610)-377-4443 http://www.caregiversamerica.com

- Provides caregivers, nurses, therapists, and medical equipment/supplies
- Caregivers:
  - Services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; 1 hour to 24-hour live-in care
  - o Services include personal care, companionship, and home help

## Homewatch Caregivers of the Lehigh Valley

3864 Adler Place | Bethlehem, PA 18017 (610)-882-2477 https://www.homewatchcaregivers.com/lehigh-valley/bethlehem

## St. Luke's Home Health

240 Union Station Plaza, 1st Floor | Bethlehem, PA 18015 (484)-526-1100 http://www.slhn.org/Conditions-Services/Visiting-Nurse-Association/Home-Health

## Lehigh Valley Visiting Nrs Inc.

2127 South First Ave. | Whitehall, PA 18052 (610)-264-2353

## Home Instead Senior Care

3722 Lehigh St. #408 | Whitehall, PA 18052 (610)-770-7773 https://www.homeinstead.com/217/

## At Home Health Services

415 Business Park Lane | Allentown, PA 18109 (610)-820-8301 http://athomehs.com/?page\_id=11

#### **Comfort Keepers of Allentown**

241 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. | Allentown, PA 18104 (610)-232-7914 http://allentown-692.comfortkeepers.com

# Blue Mountain Home Health Care

1851 West End Ave | Pottsville, PA 17901 (570)-622-4444 http://www.blmtn.org/HomeHealthCare

## **Revolutionary Home Health**

1251 S Cedar Crest Blvd #201 | Allentown, PA 18103 (484) 244-4827 http://www.revolutionary.cc

# **Nutritional Needs**

## Food Banks

If you find yourself in a situation where you cannot afford food, please reach out to your local food bank.

**Beaver Meadows** serves Packer Township located in Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, 19 Second Street, Beaver Meadows, PA 18216. 570-455-6835. Third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Jim Thorpe Area** serves Jim Thorpe School District located in Ebenezer Evangelical Congregational Church, 441 Center Avenue, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229. 570-325-3240 or 570-325-2855 Second Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Lansford Area serves Lansford in Trinity Lutheran Church, 104 East Abbott Street, Lansford, PA 18232 570-645-3416 or 570-657-6159 Third Monday of every month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am

**Lehighton Area** serves Lehighton, Mahoning, Franklin, East Penn Townships, Weissport, and the Lehighton Area School District, including Parryville located in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 175 South Third Street, Lehighton, PA 18235. 610-377-4303. Every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Nesquehoning Area** serves Nesquehoning, Hauto, and Lake Hauto located in Meeds Memorial United Methodist Church, 126 West Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240. 570-645-5873 or 570-427-4071 Third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Palmerton Area** serves Palmerton, Towamensing, Lower Towamensing Townships, and the Palmerton School District including Bowmanstown located in Saint John's Towamensing Lutheran Church, 2915 FireLine Road, Palmerton, PA 18071. 610-377- 4768 or 610-826-6133. Third Friday of each month from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Summit Hill Area** serves in Summit Hill and is located in the Summit Hill Heritage Center, 1 West Hazard Street, Summit Hill, PA 18250. 570-645-3604. Fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Tresckow Area** serves in Banks Township and is located in the Banks Township Municipal building, Cherry and Fern Streets, Tresckow, PA 18254. 570-454-5071. January to October: fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. November to December: Third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

**Weatherly Area** serves in Weatherly, Lausanne and Lehigh Townships, and East Side Borough and is located in the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 335 Third Street, Weatherly, PA 18255. 570-427-8981 or 570-427-5071. Second Tuesday of each month from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

#### Churches / Fellowships That Offer Meals and Food Banks Ben Salem United Church of Christ

1965 Church Hill Rd. | Lehighton, PA 18235 570-386-3870 Operates a local food bank once a month (next is July 16th) http://www.bensalemucc.com/default.html

## **Christ Lutheran Church**

189 Church Rd. | Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 570-325-3757 Takes food pantry donations Helping Hands offers small meals and funeral luncheons, transportation to and from medical appointments, or simple chores/errands. Call for services. http://www.christlutheran-jt.org/outreach.html

## **Christ Redeemer Church**

151 Third St. | Coaldale, PA 18218
(570) 645-3340
No website
Summer lunch program for children up to age 18 in the Panther Valley and Tamaqua areas. Meals are served
Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Aug. 19.

#### **Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1742 Dinkey Road | PO Box 250 | Ashfield, PA 18212 610-377-0641 Food Pantry Call Linda or Charles Bierman for questions @ 610-377-5471 or 610-377-4242 http://www.dmlcashfield.com

## Grace-St. Paul United Methodist Church

40 Church Rd.| Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 570-325-9151 Helping Hands. Heart 2 Heart. Community Dinners on the third Saturday of each month from 4pm-6pm

## Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

500 Church Drive | Palmerton, PA 18071 610-681-5200 Collects for CACPAC

#### **Lighthouse Baptist Church**

1349 Green Street | Lehighton, PA 18235 610-377-0641 Food Pantry. Second Wednesday of every month at 4-7pm and fourth Saturday of every month at 9am-12pm http://www.lbclehighton.org/food-pantry.html

#### **Meeds Memorial United Methodist Church**

132 W Catawissa St. | Nesquehoning, PA 18240 570-669-9212 Free monthly community dinners on the last Wednesday of every month (on June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7pm). http://www.umc.org/find-a-church/church/14158

#### **People's Evangelical Congregational Church**

216 Wagner St. | Lehighton, PA 18235 610-377-1696 The pantry offers toiletries and necessary material items. http://www.peoplesecc.org/community-center.html

#### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

243 Lafayette Ave. | Palmerton, PA 18071 610-826-2335

Christian Action Council of Palmerton Area Churches (CACPAC) - food pantry and furniture bank. <u>http://www.shcpalmerton.org/index.htm</u>

## St. John's Lutheran Church in-the-heights

319 South Ave. | Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 570-325-4255 Free Summer Lunch for parents and children residing in Jim Thorpe begins Monday, June 20th and ends Friday, August 12th - lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11am to 1pm at the Masonic Lodge Social Hall

http://stjohnsinjimthorpe.org

## St. John's Episcopal Church

365 Lafayette Ave. | Palmerton, PA 18071 610-826-2611 Free community dinners on the fourth Thursday from 4pm-6pm every month. CACPAC and ERD http://stjohnspalmerton.com/outreach/

## St. John Evangelist Lutheran Church

1 E Abbott St. | Lansford, PA 18232 570-645-2850 Feed the People community dinner on the first and third Wednesday of every month (July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm to 6:30pm) Use the Tunnel Street entrance.

## St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church

1 E. Abbott St. | Lansford, PA 18232 (570) 645-2850 Summer lunch services for children up to age 18 in Lansford. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through August 19th.

## St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

21 Race St. | Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 570-325-2241 Community dinner at 4pm on last (or second to last) Sunday of each month. Check the website for date and time changes. http://stmarkandjohn.org

## St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

2111 Lake Drive | Lake Harmony, PA 18624570-722-2034Food bank - must live in Carbon County and bring a proof of income and valid ID

## Summit Hill Heritage Center

1 W. Hazard St. | Summit Hill, PA (570) 645-9133 Summer lunch services for children up to age 18 in Summit Hill. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through August 19th. http://www.summithillheritagecenter.com/joomla/

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

175 South 3rd St. | Lehighton, PA 18235 610-377-4303 Food Pantry provides emergency food relief for people in the community. Open on Tuesdays from 10am to 3pm.

Associated with Shepherd House Inc. http://www.tlclehighton.com/SocialServices.asp

## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

500 Ore St. | PO Box 8 | Bowmanstown, PA 18030 610-852-2202 Food Pantry operates on Tuesday's from 10am to 3pm Associated with Shepherd House Inc. http://www.tlclehighton.com

## **Trinity United Church of Christ**

22 Lafayette St. | Tamaqua, PA 18252 570-668-4139 Soup Social on July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm to 6pm http://www.tamaguatrinity.com/Pages/default.aspx

#### Zion United Church of Christ

225 Iron St. | Lehighton, PA 18235
610-826-7766
Food Ministry provides community meals from 5:30pm to 7pm on the last Thursday of each month
Food Bank is open on the last Thursday each month from 6pm to 7pm (recipients must bring a Photo ID and meet the required Federal Income Guidelines)
Free lunch Monday to Friday from 11 am to 12:30 pm for children attending school in the Lehighton Area

School District (summer program) http://zionlehighton.org

## **Other Programs**

#### Meals on Wheels of Palmerton

610.826.1163 <u>www.mealsonwheelsofpalmerton.com</u> Meals on Wheels of Palmerton, Inc. provides ready-to-eat meals at a minimal cost to persons who wish to live independently despite having certain physical restraints.

#### Meals on Wheels of Tamaqua

570-668-6954 22 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua, PA

#### Meal Train

www.mealtrain.com

mealtrain.com simplifies the organization of meal giving around significant life events. We strive to simplify and promote interpersonal relationships between friends, families, and neighbors through meals.

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# **Tips and Advice**

Be your advocate! Ask for printouts of all your tests and lab results.

Create a medical file to store all paperwork -discharge instructions, lab results, test results.

Ask if you qualify for clinical trials.

If you need medical equipment, ask if renting is an option.