

CANCER RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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Alternative Therapy

The Annie Appleseed Project

www.annieappleseedproject.org (561) 324-6247

This organization provides information, education, and advocacy for people with cancer who are interested in complementary and natural therapies. They aim to empower individuals to make more informed decisions about their health and wellness.

Block Integrative Cancer Center (Chicago, IL)

www.blockmd.com (888) 814-6775

This clinic provides an individualized approach to cancer care by integrating conventional treatments like chemotherapy and radiation with integrative therapies. They focus on whole-person wellness, using nutrition, exercise, and biobehavioral therapies to improve treatment tolerance and quality of life.

Hippocrates Wellness (West Palm Beach, FL)

www.hippocratesinst.org (561) 471-8876

This center offers a variety of programs and services focused on promoting health and well-being through a plant-based, raw food diet and lifestyle. They provide nutritional counseling, therapies, and educational lectures to help people activate their body's self-healing mechanisms.

AYA (Adolescent Young Adult)

3 Little Birds 4 Life

www.3littlebirds4life.org (844) 482-9474

This organization is dedicated to spreading kindness and joy, like confetti, to adult cancer patients and their families, particularly those between 18 and 40 who are often overlooked in wish-granting programs. They achieve this mission by providing care packages, peer support through "The Flock" program, and creating opportunities for personalized acts of kindness.

Allyson Whitney Foundation

www.allysonwhitney.org (845) 898-1752

They are dedicated to easing the financial burdens for young adults (aged 16-36) with rare cancers by providing "Life Interrupted Grants." Their goal is to empower this underserved demographic with financial support for essentials like rent, utilities, and medical bills so they can focus entirely on healing.

Elephants and Tea

www.elephantsandtea.com

This nonprofit media organization is dedicated to helping adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers know they are not alone. They publish a magazine written entirely by and for this community to share their stories and build a sense of connection.

Nikolas Ritschel Foundation

www.nikolasritschelfoundation.org (815) 262-8825

This foundation provides "wishes" to young adults with cancer who are between the ages of 18 and 24, a group that often falls into a gap in support programs. They aim to bring moments of joy and hope to patients and their loved ones, helping them to forget about cancer for a while.

SAMFund

www.expectmiraclesfoundation.org/samfund/ (617) 938-3484

They provide financial assistance to young adult cancer survivors (ages 21-39) to help them recover from the financial impact of treatment. They offer grants to help with essential living expenses, such as housing and transportation, and family-building expenses like adoption or fertility treatments.

Stupid Cancer

www.stupidcancer.org (212) 619-1040

This organization is dedicated to building the adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer community and ending isolation. They provide resources, support, and education specifically for young people with cancer to help them navigate the unique challenges they face.

Young and A Survivor (Chicago, IL)

www.youngandasurvivor.org (312) 335-3063

This program is a network of healthcare providers and community-based organizations that work together to bring resources and services to young women affected by breast cancer. They focus on promoting health equity and providing high-quality, supportive care to those who may face barriers to access.

Camps & Retreats

Epic Experience

www.epicexperience.org (855) 650-9907

This organization offers free week-long adventure camps for adult cancer survivors and thrivers in the Colorado Rockies. They provide a space for participants to connect with others, challenge themselves physically, and gain tools to help them live beyond cancer.

First Descents

www.firstdescents.org (303) 945-2490

They offer free outdoor adventure programs for young adults impacted by cancer and other serious health conditions (diagnosed between the ages of 15 to 39 and must currently be between the ages of 18-45). Through activities like kayaking, climbing, and surfing, they provide a supportive community and empower participants to reclaim their lives beyond their diagnosis.

Harmony Retreats

www.harmonyhill.org (360) 898-2363

They provide renewal retreats and educational programs, primarily focusing on offering support to people with cancer, their caregivers, and those who have lost a loved one. Their mission is to transform the lives of those affected by cancer and inspire healthy living for all, including specialized retreats for healthcare professionals.

Live by Living

www.livebyliving.duplie.com (303) 808-2339

This organization's mission is to connect adult cancer survivors and their caregivers with nature and one another through the healing power of walks, hikes, and mountain retreats. They offer free, transformative programs that combine the solace of nature, the benefits of exercise, and the camaraderie of shared experience to aid in addressing recovery.

Mary's Place by the Sea

www.marysplacebythesea.org (732) 455-5344

This home provides a seaside respite, free of charge, for women who have received a cancer diagnosis to rest, find support, and focus on healing the mind, body, and soul. They offer various integrative services such as oncology massages, guided meditation, and counseling to complement their guests' medical treatment and empower their recovery.

True North Treks

www.truenorthtreks.org

This organization helps young adults with cancer and their caregivers find direction and connection through free outdoor adventures. They offer backpacking, canoeing, and retreat-style trips to help participants connect with nature, peers, and themselves after the isolating experience of cancer.

Waves of Grace

www.waves-of-grace.org (256) 572-8800

They provide all-expenses-paid beach vacations to cancer patients and their families, encouraging them to leave the stress of their illness behind for a week of rest and relaxation. Their mission is to offer hope, peace, and renewal through the healing power of the ocean, helping families return home refreshed and ready to continue their fight.

Clinical Trials

NIH Clinical Trial Database

www.clinicaltrials.gov

This is a public registry and results database for clinical studies involving human participants. It is a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The database provides information on publicly and privately supported clinical trials for a wide range of diseases and conditions.

College Scholarships

25 Scholarships for Cancer Survivors

www.top10onlinecolleges.org/scholarships-for/cancer-survivors

Survivors of childhood cancer overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles to fight their cancer and regain their health. However, a battle with cancer often leaves a family in financial difficulties. For survivors entering college, several funds have been set up to assist families in affording a college education for their child following the diagnosis of childhood cancer. Here is a list of 25 college scholarships available to cancer survivors or students who have been affected by the cancer diagnosis of a family member.

Emotional/Mental Support Services

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

www.988lifeline.org 988

This is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. It is available 24/7 in the U.S. by calling or texting 988, offering a vital resource for anyone who needs help.

Crisis Text Line

www.crisistextline.org Text **HOME** to 741741

They provide free, 24/7 support for people in crisis by text message. They offer a secure and confidential way to connect with a trained Crisis Counselor who can provide emotional support and help with de-escalation and safety planning.

Cancer Care

www.cancercare.org (800) 813-4673

This organization provides free, professional support services and information to anyone affected by cancer. Their services include counseling, support groups, financial assistance, and education to help people manage the emotional, practical, and financial challenges of a cancer diagnosis. The counseling is only for residents of New Jersey and New York.

Cancer Support Community

www.cancersupportcommunity.org (888) 793-9355

This is a nonprofit organization that provides free professional support services and information to anyone affected by cancer. Their programs focus on education, advocacy, and direct support to help people manage the emotional, practical, and financial challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Imerman Angels (One-on-One Cancer Support)

www.imermanangels.org (866) 463-7626

This is a nonprofit organization that provides free, personalized one-on-one cancer support to patients, survivors, previvors, and caregivers. They achieve this by carefully matching people with a "Mentor Angel" — someone who has a similar cancer experience.

Mental Health America

www.mhanational.org

This nonprofit is the nation's leading community-based organization dedicated to addressing the needs of those with mental illness and promoting overall mental health. They provide advocacy, education, research, and services, including a widely used online mental health screening program.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

www.thehotline.org (800) 799-7233

This organization provides compassionate support, resources, and safety planning to anyone affected by domestic violence. Their hotline, available 24/7, connects callers with advocates who can offer help in a confidential and supportive environment.

National Emergency Line

www.911.gov 911

The National 911 Program works with state and local partners to strengthen emergency response systems and improve access to 911 services nationwide.

NoStigmas

www.nostigmas.org (773) 234-3147

This nonprofit organization is dedicated to eliminating the stigma and shame associated with mental illness. They build a global peer-to-peer mental health community and provide resources to help people talk openly about their experiences.

The Columbia Lighthouse Project

cssrs.columbia.edu

This project disseminates the Columbia Protocol, a series of simple questions designed to help anyone identify individuals at risk for suicide. By providing free training and resources, they aim to make suicide prevention a universal capability for families, healthcare providers, and communities.

The Columbia Protocol App

cssrs.columbia.edu

This mobile application provides the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) in an easy to use digital format. It guides users through a series of up to six plain language questions to assess suicide risk level and immediately connects them to appropriate crisis resources, such as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Fertility and Family Building

Alliance for Fertility Preservation

www.allianceforfertilitypreservation.org (925) 290-8950

This organization is dedicated to informing and supporting cancer patients and the medical community about fertility preservation. They provide resources and guidance to help individuals understand their options and make informed decisions before undergoing cancer treatment.

Chick Mission

www.thechickmission.org (917) 627-6195

This nonprofit organization is fiercely dedicated to funding fertility preservation for newly diagnosed female cancer patients. They provide financial grants to cover the costs of egg freezing, ensuring women have the option to have a biological family after life-saving cancer treatment.

Team Maggie's Dream

www.teammaggiesdream.org (678) 977-5755

This foundation provides financial assistance to young women and men with cancer to help with the costs of fertility preservation. They aim to provide hope and options for a future family after a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Worth the Wait

www.worththewaitcharity.com (757) 498-9051

This is a nonprofit organization that provides financial support for couples and individuals struggling with infertility. They offer grants to help cover the costs of adoption, in-vitro fertilization (IVF), surrogacy, and other fertility treatments.

Financial, Insurance & Legal

American Life Fund

www.americanlifefund.com (877) 261-0632

This is a viatical settlement company that provides financial services to individuals with life-threatening or chronic illnesses. It offers a lump-sum cash payment in exchange for their existing life insurance policy, helping them cover medical expenses and other financial needs.

Angels of Hope (For Michigan Families only)

www.angelsofhope.org (586) 226-3146

This foundation provides financial and emotional support to families battling pediatric cancer. They offer direct financial aid to help cover a variety of expenses, including medical bills, travel costs, and household bills, so that families can focus on their child's health.

Cancer and Careers

www.cancerandcareers.org (646) 929-8032

This organization empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace. They provide expert advice, interactive tools, and educational events to help individuals manage their careers during and after a cancer diagnosis.

Cancer Care

www.cancercare.org (800) 813-4673

This nonprofit organization provides free, professional support to people affected by cancer.

Their services include counseling, support groups, education, and financial assistance.

Licensed oncology social workers and psychologists are available to help navigate cancer's emotional and practical challenges.

CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation

www.cancercarecopay.org (866) 552-6729

Helps people with cancer afford their prescribed treatments by assisting with co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles. They aim to remove financial barriers and ensure patients can access the medications they need.

Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition

www.cancerfac.org

This organization is a coalition of groups that helps cancer patients manage their financial challenges. They provide a searchable database to help people find financial assistance resources from their member organizations and also educate patients and healthcare providers about available support.

Disability Rights Legal Center

www.thedrlc.org (866) 843-2572

This is a non-profit law firm that champions the rights of people with disabilities through education, advocacy, and litigation. They work to protect and advance the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, ensuring equal access to education, employment, and public accommodations.

Dollar For

www.dollarfor.org (503) 553-3059

This national nonprofit organization works to crush medical debt by simplifying the process for patients to access hospital financial assistance, often called "charity care." They provide free tools and dedicated advocates to help patients apply for and receive debt forgiveness, ensuring a medical crisis does not lead to a financial one.

Family Reach

www.familyreach.org (973) 394-1411

This organization is dedicated to eliminating the financial barriers that stand between a cancer patient and their life-saving treatment. They work with hospitals and cancer centers to provide immediate financial assistance, education, and resource navigation for families struggling with the cost of care.

HealthWell Foundation

www.healthwellfoundation.org (800) 675-8416

They provide financial assistance to help underinsured people with chronic or life-altering diseases afford their medications and treatments. They offer grants to cover a patient's share of costs for prescriptions, biologics, and other medical expenses.

Job Accommodation Network

www.askjan.org (800) 526-7234

This is a free consulting service that provides expert guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. They offer confidential one-on-one consultations to employers and people with disabilities to help make the workplace more inclusive.

New York Legal Assistance Group (For New Yorkers Only)

www.nylag.org (212) 946-0357

This is a nonprofit law firm that provides free, comprehensive civil legal services to New Yorkers with cancer and their family members who cannot afford private counsel. They serve both the "abject poor" and those who earn slightly above the government-designated poverty threshold (the working poor).

PAN Foundation

www.panfoundation.org (866) 316-7263

This is an independent nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to underinsured people with life-threatening, chronic, and rare diseases. They offer grants to cover out-of-pocket costs for a wide range of medications, treatments, and other medical expenses.

Patient Advocate Foundation

www.patientadvocate.org (800) 532-5274

This organization provides professional case management services to Americans with chronic, debilitating, and life-threatening illnesses. They help patients and caregivers navigate the complexities of health care, including access to care, insurance, and financial assistance.

SAMFund

www.thesamfund.org (617) 938-3484

This foundation provides financial assistance to young adult cancer survivors to help them recover from the financial impact of treatment. They offer grants to help with essential living expenses, such as housing and transportation, and family-building expenses like adoption or fertility treatments.

Triage Cancer

www.triagecancer.org (424) 258-4628

They provide free education on the practical and legal issues that can follow a cancer diagnosis. They offer webinars, guides, and resources to help people navigate survivorship.

Wings for Widows

www.wingsforwidows.org (612) 466-2716

This nonprofit organization provides personalized financial coaching and literacy education completely free of charge to guide widowed people toward stability and peace of mind. They offer services like pro bono financial advisors, a resource center, and a self-paced online course to help navigate the trauma of loss and the associated legal and financial complexities.

WiTT (We're in This Together)

www.wittforever.com (800) 550-1678

This is a nonprofit that provides a patient support platform to help people with cancer manage financial and non-clinical challenges. It works like a gift registry where patients can request financial or practical support from their community, such as money for prescriptions or rides to appointments. The goal is to improve health outcomes by making sure patients can focus on their treatment without the burden of these other issues.

Food Services

Culinary Care (Chicago, IL)

www.culinarycare.org (773) 340-4879

This organization provides free, nourishing meals to cancer patients and their families. They partner with local restaurants to deliver healthy, ready-to-eat meals, aiming to ease the burden of cooking and provide comfort during treatment.

Hippocrates Health Institute (West Palm Beach, FL)

www.hippocrateswellness.org (877) 582-5850

This center offers a variety of programs and services focused on promoting health and well-being through a plant-based, raw food diet and lifestyle. They provide nutritional counseling, therapies, and educational lectures to help people activate their body's self-healing mechanisms.

General Support

211

www.211.org 211

This is a free, confidential helpline that connects people to a wide range of social services and community resources. It is available 24/7 and can help with things like food, housing, utility assistance, and mental health support.

American Cancer Society

www.cancer.org (800) 227-2345

This is a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer and providing support to those affected by the disease. They fund cancer research, provide free patient support services, and advocate for public policies that help save lives.

Findhelp

www.findhelp.org

This is a software platform with a mission to simplify and modernize the social safety net by providing an easy, dignified way for people to find help. It allows users to connect to a national network of community programs and services that offer free or reduced-cost support for various needs like food, housing, and utility assistance.

National Cancer Institute

www.cancer.gov (800) 422-6237

This U.S. federal government agency is the principal institute for cancer research and training, acting as the largest funder of cancer research in the world. Its mission is to lead, conduct, and support research to advance scientific knowledge and help all people live longer, healthier lives.

Genetic/Previvor/High Risk Resources

AliveandKick'n

www.aliveandkickn.org/

They are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families who are affected by Lynch syndrome, which is a common hereditary cancer condition. They achieve this mission through research, educational programs, screening initiatives, and providing support for those with the associated cancer risks.

FORCE - Facing Hereditary Cancer Empowered

www.facingourrisk.org (866) 288-7475

This organization is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by hereditary breast, ovarian, and related cancers. They provide a community of support, comprehensive information, and advocacy for those with an increased risk for these cancers.

MPN Research Foundation

mpnresearchfoundation.org (773) 977-7216

This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stimulating and funding research in myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs) like polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, and myelofibrosis. Their goal is to find new treatments and ultimately a cure for these rare blood cancers.

Genetics Related Organizations

Colon Cancer Alliance for Research and Education of Lynch Syndrome

www.fightlynch.org (312) 725-9769

This is a program that provides a platform for education and research related to colorectal cancer, including forms caused by Lynch Syndrome. It aims to improve patient outcomes by connecting researchers, clinicians, and patients to share knowledge and advance understanding of the disease.

HLRCC Foundation

www.hlrccinfo.org (800) 767-4845

This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving patients and families affected by Hereditary Leiomyomatosis and Renal Cell Cancer (HLRCC). They focus on raising awareness, funding research, and providing a community of support to those with this rare genetic condition.

Jacqueline Rush Foundation

www.jrushfoundation.org (408) 657-7874

This foundation is dedicated to saving lives by increasing awareness of Lynch Syndrome—a common but often undiagnosed hereditary condition that significantly increases the risk of colorectal, endometrial, and other cancers. They provide education and resources to help families understand their genetic risks, advocate for early screenings, and fund research to improve outcomes for carriers.

KRAS Kickers

www.kraskickers.org

This organization, founded by patients, is committed to supporting individuals impacted by cancers related to the KRAS oncogene, including patients, survivors, and caregivers. They empower their community by providing education, research updates, and advocacy, sharing the latest advancements and connecting members with leading experts to navigate their care.

Living LFS

www.livinglfs.org (844) 537-2255

This organization is dedicated to providing education, support, and advocacy for people with Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (LFS) and their families. They work to raise awareness of this rare genetic condition and improve the lives of those it affects.

My Faulty Gene

www.myfaultygene.org (903) 747-2687

This organization is dedicated to providing information and financial assistance to individuals whose family medical history suggests a high risk for an inherited genetic mutation. They aim to bridge the gap in healthcare by helping underinsured or uninsured individuals access genetic counseling and testing, which can lead to early detection and life-saving preventative measures.

PTEN Foundation

www.ptenfoundation.org (256) 520-8529

They are dedicated to serving patients and families with PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome (PHTS) and related conditions. They work to increase awareness, provide support, and fund research to find new therapies and, ultimately, a cure.

VHL Alliance

www.vhl.org (800) 767-4845

This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) disease. They work to increase awareness, provide a community of support, and fund research to find new treatments and, eventually, a cure.

LGBTQIA+ Community

Escape

www.escapeayac.org (720) 432-5225

This organization provides a sense of escape for LGBTQIA+ adolescent and young adult cancer patients, survivors, and their caregivers. They create a supportive community and offer a retreat from the stresses of cancer treatment and recovery.

National Coalition for LGBTQ Health

www.healthlgbtq.org (202) 232-6749

This group is committed to improving the health and overall well-being of the LGBTQ+ community across the United States. They accomplish this through federal and local advocacy, education, and research to eliminate health disparities and ensure culturally competent care.

The Cancer Network

www.cancer-network.org (212) 675-2633

This is a nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ cancer survivors and their loved ones. They provide educational resources, advocacy, and a community of support to address the unique challenges faced by this population.

Parenting & Cancer

The Ahmad Butler Foundation

www.ahmadbutler.foundation (866) 223-5485

This charitable foundation focuses on supporting the needs of children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases, while aiming to improve their quality of life. They provide "Wonderful Distractions," such as fun activities and care packages, to the children and their families to help them create beautiful, lasting memories.

Bright Spot Network

www.brightspotnetwork.org (608) 335-8650

This is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and support to parents navigating a cancer diagnosis. They offer a community where parents can connect and find tools to help their family through a difficult time.

Kesem

www.kesem.org (253) 736-3821

They support children through and beyond a parent's cancer. They provide a free, fun-filled week of summer camp and year-round peer-support programs to create a lasting community for these kids.

Live Like Bella

livelikebella.org (786) 505-3914

This foundation is a leading organization in childhood cancer research and advocacy, committed to being a strong voice for children battling this disease. They provide financial assistance and emotional support to families currently in treatment, helping with expenses like rent, utilities, and medical co-pays, and also offer memorial support.

Never Ever Give Up (NEGU)

www.negu.org (888) 648-6348

This organization is dedicated to encouraging children fighting cancer. Their primary program involves creating and distributing JoyJars (jars filled with toys, games, and encouragement) to children battling cancer in hospitals around the world, providing them with continuous doses of hope and joy.

Pickles Group

www.picklesgroup.org (559) 313-6873

They provide free peer-to-peer support and resources for kids and teens affected by a parent's cancer diagnosis. It creates a supportive community where young people can connect with others who understand their experience, helping them build resilience and health.

Specific Cancer Diagnosis Resources

305 Pink Pack (Breast Cancer)

www.305pinkpack.org (305) 859-1224

They offer direct support and community to women in South Florida during active cancer treatment. Their free services help ease daily burdens and allow families to focus on what matters most.

American Lung Association

www.lung.org (800) 586-4872

This nonprofit is dedicated to saving lives by focusing on improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy, and research. Its work centers on defeating lung cancer while promoting clean air and tobacco-free living.

Blue Faery (Liver Cancer)

www.bluefaery.org (818) 636-5624

This organization is dedicated to the prevention, treatment, and cure of primary liver cancer, specifically Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC), through research, education, and advocacy. Its primary focus is to improve the quality of life for patients and their caregivers by providing vital information and a supportive community.

Bezy Breast Cancer

www.cancer.bezybc.com

This is a free online platform and app providing a secure, judgment-free space for peer support and community for those living with this diagnosis. Members can connect through one-to-one messaging, participate in live chats with experts, and access relevant articles and personal stories to feel seen and understood.

Colorectal Cancer Alliance

www.colorectal.org (877) 422-1237

This national nonprofit organization is committed to ending colorectal cancer within our lifetime by advocating for preventative screening, magnifying support for those affected, and accelerating research. It works to empower patients, families, and caregivers while actively striving for health equity in diagnosis and treatment.

Ewing Sarcoma Institute

www.ewingsarcoma.org

This institute is exclusively dedicated to accelerating collaborative scientific discovery and the development of breakthrough treatments for a rare type of bone and soft-tissue cancer. It unites the global research community to radically improve patient outcomes, while also empowering patients and families with knowledge and support.

Fight CRC

www.fightcolorectalcancer.org (703) 548-1225

This is the leading patient-empowerment and advocacy organization in the U.S. that provides balanced, objective information on colorectal cancer research, treatment, and policy. They are relentless champions of hope, focused on funding high-impact research while equipping advocates to influence legislation and policy.

GYNCA - Gyn Cancers Alliance

www.gynca.org (417) 869-2220

This alliance is dedicated to providing education, resources, and vital support to women and their families affected by gynecologic cancers. They offer direct help like gas cards for treatment travel, free wigs, non-medical financial assistance, and supportive community programs.

Head and Neck Cancer Alliance

www.headandneck.org (866) 792-4622

They are dedicated to providing hope and support to those impacted by a specific group of cancers, from diagnosis through survivorship. It focuses on raising public awareness for prevention and early detection while advocating for improved patient care and outcomes through various resources.

Hope For Stomach Cancer

www.stocan.org (424) 239-9943

This organization provides essential support and resources to patients, caregivers, and loved ones affected by gastric cancer. They also drive awareness, early detection, and prevention efforts through public education and national advocacy events.

Kidney Cancer Association

www.kidneycancer.org (800) 544-3522

This is a global community dedicated to serving and empowering patients and caregivers, leading change through advocacy, research, and education. They are a trusted source of education and resources, offering programs like a Patient Navigator Program, virtual support groups, and a "Just Diagnosed Toolkit."

KidneyCouch

www.kidneycouch.com

This organization is a dedicated online resource and community committed to providing information and support to individuals battling kidney cancer and/or chronic kidney disease. It acts as a "Library" of helpful insights, resource links, and articles to foster connection, understanding, and empowerment for patients and their loved ones.

Knitted Knockers

www.knittedknockers.org

This is a volunteer initiative that provides free, soft, knitted breast prosthetics to women who have undergone a mastectomy, lumpectomy, or radiation. These lightweight, comfortable alternatives are often preferred over traditional silicone prosthetics and are made by a global community of volunteer knitters and crocheters.

Lary's Speakeasy (Laryngectomy - Throat Cancer)

www.larysspeakeasy.org (301) 775-7175

They are dedicated to providing resources, education, and advocacy to patients who have undergone a laryngectomy and those with throat cancer. It operates the largest community on social media for this group, distributes free medical supplies to those in need, and partners with tech companies to offer free voice cloning services.

Learn Look Locate

www.learnlooklocate.com (407) 592-4474

This organization's mission is to educate and empower women globally on the critical importance of breast health, screening methods, and the necessity of early detection. They provide a safe, supportive online platform with expert insights, patient stories, and trusted resources to help women navigate their breast cancer journey with confidence.

Living Beyond Breast Cancer

www.lbbc.org (855) 807-6386

This is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing education and support to people affected by breast cancer. They offer trustworthy information, a supportive community, and resources to help people with a diagnosis and their loved ones thrive.

Leukemia Research Foundation

www.leukemiarf.org (847) 424-0600

This organization is dedicated to accelerating the development of new and better treatments for all types of leukemia by funding innovative research projects worldwide. It also offers comprehensive patient and family support programs, including educational resources, peer connections, and limited financial assistance for those navigating their cancer journey.

Lymphoma Research Foundation

www.lymphoma.org/ (800) 500-9976

This nonprofit is the nation's largest organization dedicated exclusively to funding innovative research into lymphoma, a form of blood cancer. Its core mission is to realize the promise of science to eradicate the disease while simultaneously providing comprehensive education and support to the community it affects.

Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance

www.mbcglobalalliance.org (973) 264-9624

This alliance is dedicated to bringing men with this disease together with researchers and clinicians to advance research, clinical trials, and treatments globally. They passionately advocate for all men diagnosed to ensure they receive equal access to support and treatment and are appropriately represented in scientific studies.

Melanoma Action Coalition

www.melanomaactioncoalition.org

This organization is a coalition of community-based foundations and advocates across the country working together to promote awareness, education, and research for this serious skin cancer. They serve as a platform for sharing resources, replicating innovative programs, and providing a stronger, unified voice for public policy advocacy.

Melanoma Research Foundation

www.melanoma.org (800) 673-1290

This is the largest independent organization dedicated to accelerating medical research to find effective treatments and a cure for all types of melanoma. In addition to funding research, the group educates the community about prevention, diagnosis, and treatment and advocates on behalf of patients for better care and policy.

National Brain Tumor Society

www.braintumor.org (617) 924-9997

They take a multi-faceted approach to the disease by funding strategic research, advocating for public policy changes, and providing comprehensive support for patients and caregivers. Their programs include the "MyTumorID" initiative, which educates patients on the importance of biomarker testing, and various clinical trial navigation services to help families explore the latest treatment options.

Northwest Sarcoma Foundation (Pacific Northwest Region)

www.nwsarcoma.org (206) 257-7215

This organization is committed to ensuring that no one faces this rare form of cancer alone, providing vital hope, education, and support to patients and families in the Pacific Northwest region. They offer direct financial assistance for both adult and pediatric patients to ease the financial burden of treatment, while also investing in research to improve cure rates.

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance

www.ocrahope.org (212) 268-1002

OCRA is the world's largest organization dedicated to fighting ovarian and all gynecologic cancers on all fronts while supporting patients and their families. They offer dedicated assistance and empathetic support for those who need it most, no matter where they are in their cancer journey.

The Paula Takacs Foundation

www.paulatakacsfoundation.org (704) 287-7733

This foundation funds local research and raises awareness to fight sarcoma, and offers financial assistance for non-medical expenses so patients can focus on treatment and recovery.

Pink Fund (Patient Financial Aid Program for Breast Cancer Patients)

www.pinkfund.org (877) 234-7465

They provide short-term financial aid for up to 90 days to breast cancer patients who are in active treatment. It directly pays critical non-medical bills—like for housing, transportation, utilities, and insurance—for people experiencing lost income due to their illness.

Project Purple (Patient Financial Aid Program for Pancreatic Cancer Patients)

www.projectpurple.org (203) 714-6052

This organization is a nonprofit dedicated to finding a cure for pancreatic cancer and improving the lives of patients through support and compassion. It provides crucial Patient Financial Aid for living expenses, like utilities and medical bills, and also funds important research initiatives.

Sarcoma Alliance

www.sarcomaalliance.org (415) 381-7236

This organization is a crucial source of guidance, education, and support for people affected by sarcoma. They offer financial grants to help patients cover the costs associated with getting a critical second opinion from a specialist.

Sarcoma Foundation of America

www.curesarcoma.org (301) 253-8687

They advocate for sarcoma patients by funding critical research and raising public awareness. As the largest private funder of sarcoma research, SFA improves outcomes and increases survivors by supporting innovative studies and fostering collaboration between researchers and the pharmaceutical industry.

Share Cancer Support

www.sharecancersupport.org

This is an online support community where those touched by breast cancer can share their experiences with loved ones and with one another.

Sharsheret

www.sharsheret.org (201) 833-2341

Sharsheret is an organization that is devoted to helping young Jewish women who are living with breast cancer. It provides support and knowledge about breast cancer and Jewish women.

Zero Prostate Cancer

www.zerocancer.org (844) 244-1309

This leading national nonprofit is dedicated to the mission of improving and saving lives from prostate cancer through advocacy, awareness, education, and support. Their programs include the ZERO360 Patient Navigation Program, which offers free, personalized assistance with financial, insurance, and emotional challenges.

Transportation & Lodging

ACS Road to Recovery & Hope Lodge Services

www.cancer.org (800) 227-2345

This volunteer program provides free rides to cancer-related appointments for patients who can't drive and meet local eligibility and safety requirements, including being able to get in and out of the car independently.

Air Charity Network (Free Flights)

www.aircharitynetwork.org (877) 621-7177

They coordinate free air transportation for children and adults with urgent medical or compelling humanitarian needs. They utilize a large network of volunteer pilots who donate their aircraft, fuel, and time to fly financially distressed citizens to specialized health care facilities.

Compass to Care

www.compasstocare.org (563) 231-0458

This nonprofit organization provides a free Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) solution. They ensure that children fighting cancer and facing financial hardship can travel to life-saving treatment and clinical trials.

Corporate Angel Network, Inc. (Free Flights)

www.corpangelnetwork.org (914) 328-1313

This organization helps cancer patients access treatment by arranging free travel on empty seats aboard corporate aircraft. It reduces the physical, emotional, and financial burden of travel for patients and donors.

Guest House Chicago

www.imdguesthouse.org (312) 996-1167

They provide safe, affordable, and comfortable temporary accommodations for patients and their families who travel to Chicago for medical care, such as transplants, heart surgery, and cancer treatment. It aims to ease the burden on caregivers and patients by offering a "home away from home" near the medical district.

Joe's House

www.joeshouse.org (877) 563-7468

This nationwide, nonprofit organization is an online directory dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families find lodging when traveling away from home for treatment. It provides lists of various accommodations near hospitals, such as hotels and apartments, that offer special discounts to patients.

Mercy Medical Angels

www.mercymedical.org (757) 318-9174

This organization is a charitable nonprofit that removes the financial barrier to long-distance healthcare by providing free transportation for patients in need. Assistance is offered in the air with commercial or volunteer pilot flights, and on the ground with bus or train tickets and gas cards.

Ronald McDonald House

www.rmhc.org

This charity provides a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close to their hospitalized children at little or no cost. They offer a range of essential services, including lodging near medical centers, to strengthen families and promote healing when a child is ill or injured.

Other Resources

Belong - Beating Cancer Together (Nationwide)

www.cancer.belong.life (212) 634-4595

They run a free, anonymous app—the world's largest social and professional network for cancer patients and caregivers—using AI to connect users with support, medical experts, and tools like a digital medical binder and clinical trial matching.

Byrd Cancer Foundation (Nationwide)

www.byrdcancerfoundation.org

This foundation is dedicated to effectively assisting individuals battling cancer by connecting them to essential support and resources. Through their Cancer Connect Navigator Program, they provide personalized guidance, emotional support, and practical assistance to help people navigate their journey.

Cancer Wellness Center (Northbrook, IL)

www.cancerwellness.org (847) 509-9595

This organization exists to help anyone impacted by the disease find a way forward through guidance, comfort, and community. They provide free holistic services, including counseling, support groups, and evidence-based wellness programs, to equip people with cancer and their loved ones to cope with the life-changing diagnosis.

CaringBridge (Nationwide)

www.caringbridge.org (651) 789-2300

This nonprofit health platform offers free, private websites to help connect family and friends during a significant health journey. It eases the burden on caregivers by allowing them to post health updates and coordinate support like meals or errands all in one place.

Cocktails & Caregivers (Nationwide)

www.cocktailsandcaregivers.org

They focus on providing support, financial grants, and a sense of community for those who are caring for loved ones suffering from long-term sickness, disability, or terminal illness. They aim to shine a light on the struggles of family caregivers and offer programs like their "Keeping Caregivers Close" grant to help offset travel expenses during medical treatments.

Empowering Intimacy (Nationwide)

www.empoweringintimacy.org

They provide resources and presentations on intimacy, sexual health, and dysfunction, empowering individuals and couples to navigate these issues during life changes, chronic illness, or cancer through education and holistic therapies.

Livestrong (Nationwide)

www.livestrong.org (877) 236-8820

This nonprofit organization provides free, personalized support to people affected by cancer, from the moment of diagnosis and throughout their journey. They offer a range of services, including financial assistance, fertility preservation resources, and emotional support.

Meet Up (Nationwide)

www.meetup.com

This platform helps people find and build local communities around shared interests, facilitating both in-person and virtual events for networking, friendship, skill-building, and hobbies.

One Tough Cookie (Nationwide)

www.supportonetoughcookie.com (203) 539-1576

They provide encouragement and support to men, women, and children fighting cancer, as well as their caregivers. They do this through care packages, events, and peer-to-peer wellness programs that foster comfort and unity.

Patient Empowerment Network (Nationwide)

www.powerfulpatients.org (239) 728-1202

This virtual nonprofit is dedicated to providing trusted, evidence-based information and resources to empower anyone impacted by cancer. Their programs boost health literacy to help patients and care partners become confident co-decision makers with their healthcare teams, leading to better treatment outcomes.

Team Survivor Northwest (Seattle, WA)

www.teamsurvivornw.org (206) 732-8350

This organization provides fitness and health education for women diagnosed with cancer, offering activities like dragon boating, mountain climbing, yoga, and triathlon training to support physical and emotional recovery in a strong peer community.

The Rapunzel Project (Nationwide)

www.rapunzelproject.org

This nonprofit is dedicated to helping people undergoing cancer treatment preserve their hair. It raises awareness about cold cap therapy and works to make this effective scalp cooling process available to chemotherapy patients.

Twist Out Cancer (Nationwide)

www.twistoutcancer.org (847) 767-3396

This is a global community that provides psychosocial support to cancer survivors and their loved ones through creative arts programming. Their mission is to enable anyone touched by the disease to connect, create, share, and heal through programs like "Brushes with Cancer," which matches survivors with artists.

Waterford Place (Aurora, IL)

www.rush.edu/waterford-place-cancer-resource-center (331) 301-5280

This resource center offers free counseling, support groups, and wellness programs to anyone affected by the disease, providing comfort, hope, and resources to improve quality of life at any stage.

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