



Information about The National Children's Cancer Society

The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS) has helped more than **36,000 children** with cancer and their families!

Each day in this country, 39 children are diagnosed with cancer. It is a diagnosis that impacts the entire family, oftentimes sending them into a tailspin. After all, cancer is typically a diagnosis given to adults—not children. Our government estimates the economic impact of childhood cancer totals \$623,000 per case. Families who have a child with cancer feel the weight of this burden.

For these reasons, the NCCS created programs that build a supportive community so families don't have to endure the incredible costs and heartache of childhood cancer alone.

Family Support Program

NCCS staff provides practical and emotional assistance to parents, caregivers and survivors. These dedicated individuals offer support during difficult times, educate parents and caregivers on how to best advocate for their child and provide referrals when needed. NCCS also offers a mentorship program that pairs college age survivors with children in treatment.

Beyond the Cure

Beyond the Cure prepares childhood cancer survivors and their families for life after cancer, offering a web-based information center on late effects and a late effects assessment tool, archived web conferences, links to resources, community conferences and educational publications. In addition, the program awards college scholarships childhood cancer survivors to help them move forward with their lives in meaningful ways.

Transportation Assistance Fund

The Transportation Assistance Fund alleviates the financial burden of travel expenses, meals and lodging for families who have a child with cancer. This includes transportation expenses such as mileage and airfare, meal assistance to families whose children are receiving treatment in the hospital or need to remain near their treatment facility, and lodging when a child needs to stay near the hospital for treatment and nonprofit lodging is unavailable.

Emergency Assistance Fund

The Emergency Assistance Fund provides an annual stipend to families who have a child that has been inpatient or away from home for (30) consecutive days. Assistance may be used for mortgage, rent, utility payments, childcare, health insurance premiums, car expenses or treatment-related expenses such as meals away from home, prescriptions and parking.

Global Outreach Program

This program coordinates worldwide distribution of donated pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to healthcare facilities in less-developed countries throughout the world. The program is dedicated to addressing the critical effects of inadequate and nonexistent medical care for thousands of children with cancer worldwide.