

# South Dakota Cancer Coalition

Resource Guide for Pediatric  
Cancer Patients & Families



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# Introduction



Each year, thousands of children are diagnosed with cancers such as leukemia, brain tumors, and lymphomas, requiring complex, long-term care that extends beyond medical treatment alone. Families often face emotional, financial, and logistical challenges, including traveling long distances for specialized care, coordinating with multiple providers, and navigating school and social disruptions.

In a largely rural state like South Dakota, these challenges can be amplified. Access to pediatric oncology services may require travel to regional centers, and families may experience barriers related to transportation, lodging, financial strain, and limited local support services.

Recognizing these challenges, the Survivorship Task Force of the South Dakota Cancer Coalition acknowledged the critical need for a centralized, easy-to-use resource that connects families, caregivers, and professionals with the services and support systems available across South Dakota. This includes financial assistance and scholarships; medication assistance; education through websites, videos, and books; events and camps; programs and wishes; nutrition; housing, transportation, and travel; support groups; and bereavement resources.

The South Dakota Childhood Cancer Resource Guide was developed to support children diagnosed with cancer and the families and professionals who care for them. Its purpose is to serve as a comprehensive, accessible tool that helps users quickly identify and connect with the resources they need throughout the cancer journey, from diagnosis and treatment to survivorship.

By organizing resources in a clear and practical way, this guide aims to reduce the burden on families, improve coordination of care, and ensure that no child or family in South Dakota has to navigate a cancer diagnosis alone. Whether you are newly navigating a diagnosis or seeking ongoing support, this guide is intended to be a trusted companion, helping you find information, connect with support, and move forward with confidence.



# Financial Assistance & Scholarships

## South Dakota

### **Along Comes Hope**

Along Comes Hope provides travel financial assistance for treatment and creative emotional support programs and advocacy to promote policy changes, awareness and education.

<https://jennymulks.com/along-comes-hope>

### **American Childhood Cancer Organization**

Webpage by the American Childhood Cancer Organization with a variety of financial assistance resources for childhood cancer.

<https://www.acco.org/financial/>

### **Andrew McDonough Be Positive (B+) Foundation**

Provides financial and emotional support to families of children with cancer nationwide and funds critical, cutting-edge childhood cancer research.

<https://www.bepositive.org/>

### **Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation**

Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation (CCRF) is an IRS recognized 501(c) (3) charitable organization, serving children under age 18.

<https://childrenscancerrecovery.org/>

### **Clayton Dabney Foundation**

Provides gifts, last wishes and financial assistance which will facilitate quality of family life and create everlasting memories. Case must have progressed to last stage, terminal cancer. Must be diagnosed at age 18 or younger, or still in treatment by 21 years of age. Families must qualify as low income or financial need prior to diagnosis. Patient can only be referred by a hospital or hospice care; families cannot submit applications. \$2,000 assistance maximum per family.

[www.claytondabney.org](http://www.claytondabney.org)

## **Compass to Care**

A 501(c)(3) charitable organization scheduling and paying for travel arrangements to the hospital where a child is being treated for cancer. Must have child under 18, in treatment, traveling at least 60 miles one way to get to treatment and demonstrate financial need. You can't receive an application until you have been referred by child's Social Worker or Doctor.

<https://www.compasstocare.org/apply/>

## **Cure Kids Cancer**

A partnership that funds programs and services specifically for Sanford pediatric cancer patients, including gift cards for meals and other immediate needs. This program is a fundraising initiative that ensures 100% of local donations stay within the region to support pediatric cancer patients.

<https://www.facebook.com/SHFSiouxFalls/>

## **Voices Against Cancer**

This Sioux Falls-based charity provides direct financial aid to local families for daily expenses such as gas and meals. Voices Against Cancer is a Sioux Falls-based 501(c)3 nonprofit focused on raising awareness and providing immediate financial and emotional relief to families navigating a childhood cancer diagnosis.

<https://605popcon.com/>

## **Ty Eschenbaum Foundation**

The foundation is the only organization in South Dakota known to provide scholarships directly to childhood cancer survivors.

<https://www.tyefoundation.org/>

## **Pinky Swear Foundation**

Pinky Swear Foundation strives to reduce financial worry and support each and every family along the way as they navigate through the relentless battle of cancer. Pinky Swear Foundation can help provide stable housing support through rent and mortgage payments, reliable transportation by providing auto payments, auto insurance and gas cards, and grocery cards to ensure healthy food on the table for kids and families.

<https://pinkyswear.org/childhood-cancer-resources>

## **Team Buche Cares**

Provides financial help specifically for families in rural South Dakota to defray costs associated with traveling for care and missing work. Team Buche Cares is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves as the charitable arm of GF Buche Co. It focuses on providing immediate financial and nutritional support to rural South Dakota communities.

<https://teambuchecares.org/>

## **American Childhood Cancer Organization Scholarships**

Webpage listing 9 education scholarship options for children with cancer.  
<https://www.acco.org/education-scholarships/>

## **Cancer for College**

Provides college scholarships to cancer patients and survivors. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.  
<https://cancerforcollege.org/available-scholarships/>

## **Family Reach Foundation**

The Financial Resource Center helps people facing cancer nationwide afford everyday needs like food, housing, transportation, and utilities.  
<https://familyreach.org/>

## **Find Help**

Find Help has resources for food pantries and meal programs near you. You can also find housing, financial assistance, health care, and more.  
<https://findhelp.org/>

## **Go4TheGoal**

Provides wish granting, assistance with household bills, travel for treatment, tuition assistance for education and enrichment activities and more. Requires referral from social worker or child life specialist.  
<https://go4thegoal.org/family-support>

## **Healthwell Foundation**

The Healthwell Foundation reduces financial barriers to care for underinsured patients with chronic or life-threatening illnesses for families who have insurance.  
<https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/resources/>

## **Help Hope Live**

Help Hope Live supports community-based fundraising for people with unmet medical expenses and related costs due to cell and organ transplants or catastrophic injuries and illnesses.  
<https://helphopelive.org/>

## **Help Me Bounce**

Help Me Bounce provides a Lifeline to Families Facing a Medical Crisis and Allows Donors to Make a Direct Impact.

<https://www.helpmebounce.org/how-it-works>

## **Iron Matt Foundation**

Iron Matt Foundation provides financial assistance for pediatric brain tumor patients & their families. Funds for rent, car loans, travel and lodging associated with treatment. Must be under the age of 21. Must have Social Worker involvement and have a social worker submit an application. Needs a photo and bills emailed to [info@ironmatt.org](mailto:info@ironmatt.org).

<https://ironmatt.org/family-assistance/>

## **Mission 4 Maureen**

The mission of the Mission4Maureen Foundation, a brain tumor foundation, is to provide financial assistance to families who are burdened with the staggering cost of brain cancer treatment. There is an application online for children 18 and under.

[www.mission4maureen.org](http://www.mission4maureen.org)

## **National Collegiate Cancer Foundation**

Applications are available starting in March. Scholarships are one-time awards of \$1,000 for young adults (18-35) whose lives have been impacted by cancer. Exceptions for 17-year-olds.

[www.collegiatecancer.org](http://www.collegiatecancer.org)

## **Payton Wright Foundation**

PAF is a national organization that serves as an active liaison between the patient and their insurer, employer and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis through case managers, doctors, and attorneys. PAF seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment & preservation of their financial stability. PAF also offers Scholarships for Survivors Program for those under 25 diagnosed and treated for cancer in the past 5 years.

[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

## **Scholarship America**

The Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Sibling Scholarship program supports siblings of those affected by childhood cancer, who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Up to 25 renewable \$5,000 scholarships are available. <https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/nmsibling/>

## **The National Children's Cancer Society**

NCCS, a non-profit, strives to improve the quality of life for children and their families worldwide. NCCS serves as a financial, emotional and educational resource for those in need at every stage of illness and recovery. NCCS provides scholarships for cancer survivors under the age of 25 and diagnosed before the age of 18 with cancer or a high grade or anaplastic brain tumor. Available from early January until March 31. Transportation Assistance Fund for travel, meals & lodging, mileage.

[www.theNCCS.org](http://www.theNCCS.org)

<https://www.thenccs.org/scholarship>

## **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

The United Healthcare Children's Foundation is a nonprofit 501C3 charity funded by contributions from UnitedHealth Group, UnitedHealthcare and its employees as well as the generosity of individuals & corporations. The Foundation embraces and supports the concept of facilitating access to health-related services that have the potential to significantly enhance the clinical condition or the quality of life of the children and that are not fully covered by the available commercial health benefit plan. The Foundation provides financial assistance toward the family's share of the cost of medical services.

[www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org)

## **USA Scholarships.com**

The mission of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is to increase public awareness about the severity and prevalence of the deadliest childhood cancer and provide educational and emotional support for patients and families. The winners of the College Scholarship will get a one-year award of \$500. Application eligibility and instructions are located on the website.

<https://usascholarships.com/pediatric-brain-tumor-foundation-scholarship/>

## **We're in this Together: WiTT**

WiTT is a free platform that connects you to the support you need throughout your healthcare journey by enabling healthcare providers to address your non-clinical needs through an intuitive online support platform.

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

# **International**

## **Chai Lifeline**

Chai Lifeline is a leading international children's health support network, providing social, emotional, and financial assistance to children with life-threatening and lifelong illnesses and their families through a variety of year-round programs and services.

<https://www.chailifeline.org/region/midwest>

## South Dakota

### **Avera Home Infusion Therapy**

If your treatment plan includes infusion (IV) therapy, you may be able to receive the treatment you need in the comfort and convenience of your home through Avera Home Infusion Pharmacy in Sioux Falls, SD.

<https://www.avera.org/services/pharmacy/home-infusion-therapy/>

### **Avera Medication Disposal Program**

Patients who have unused or expired medications can dispose of them at most Avera Pharmacy locations.

<https://www.avera.org/services/pharmacy/medication-disposal-program/>

### **Avera Rx App**

For a simple and convenient way to manage medications – for your entire family – sign up for AveraRx. Located in the App Store.

### **Avera Specialty Pharmacy**

Avera Specialty Pharmacy specializes in pharmacy care for patients with chronic, rare or complex conditions that require certain high-cost, biotech medications.

<https://www.avera.org/services/pharmacy/specialty-pharmacy-services/>

### **The Avera Medication Donation Program**

Patients who have unopened, unused specialty medications can donate them to the Avera Medication Donation Program, a service of Avera Specialty Pharmacy. There, pharmacists inspect the medication and then redistribute it to patients in need at no cost.

<https://www.avera.org/services/pharmacy/medication-donation-program/>

### **Sanford Mobile Apps**

The Sanford Health Mobile App is a convenient way to manage your health information in just one place.

<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/resources/sanford-mobile-apps>

## South Dakota

### **American Cancer Society**

Guide for local resources in South Dakota by the American Cancer Society

<https://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/south-dakota.html>

### **Avera**

The Look Good ... Feel Better program is a community-service program, developed by the American Cancer Society and offered at many facilities. The program helps boost self-esteem by providing hands-on workshops that teach cancer patients skin care and makeup application. The workshops include information on dealing with cancer-related appearance concerns including hair loss, nail care and selection of wigs and scarves and is taught by a trained Cosmetologist.

<https://www.avera.org/classes-events/search-results-detail/?eventId=e2398def-3557-e111-8972-001ec9e06176>

### **Avera Navigation Center**

The Navigation Center is a free service that can help every step of the way. Navigators work with you, your loved ones and all members of your care team.

<https://www.avera.org/services/cancer-care/navigation-center/>

### **Avera Send A Greeting**

Online resource that allows friends and family to send words of encouragement to loved ones at Avera.

<https://www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/>

### **Avera Visits & Stays**

Online resource with information on how to prepare and what will happen during visits and stays at their facility.

<https://www.avera.org/patients-visitors/visits-stays/>

## **Be The Match**

Offers support and resources that are specific to young transplant patients and their families to help you through the transplant journey.

<https://www.nmdp.org/patients>

## **Blood Cancer United**

The world's largest nonprofit health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education, support, and financial assistance to patient's and their families.

<https://bloodcancerunited.org>

## **Cancer Organizations Directory**

Directory of cancer organizations in South Dakota

<https://www.causeiq.com/directory/cancer-organizations-list/south-dakota-state>

## **Children's Monument Health**

Webpage with information on services offered for children by Monument Health.

<https://monument.health/service/childrens/>

## **Child Life Specialists**

Child life specialists are professionals who use therapeutic play and activities to help children understand and cope with their diagnosis they are experts in child development and the psychological needs of children in medical settings.

<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/locations/sanford-childrens-hospital-sioux-falls>

## **Children's Oncology Group**

Children's Oncology Group provides the information and support needed to answer important clinical questions in the fight against cancer.

[www.childrensoncologygroup.org](http://www.childrensoncologygroup.org)

## **Genetic Outreach Clinics**

This Clinic provides comprehensive services in the areas of diagnosis, prevention, and management of genetic disorders and birth defects. Care is provided for newborns, children, and adolescents. The clinic is staffed by a board-certified geneticist, a genetic counselor, a registered dietitian, a social worker, and a registered nurse. The team provides genetic services including diagnosis, evaluation, counseling, and management of genetic and congenital conditions.

Aberdeen: Contact a genetic counselor at 1-800-850-0064 to arrange an appointment

Pierre: Contact a genetic counselor at 1-800-850-0064 to arrange an appointment

Rapid City: Contact a genetic counselor at 1-800-850-0064 to arrange an appointment

## **Imaginary Friend Society**

Teaches kids about cancer treatment in a way that's easy to understand.  
[www.imaginaryfriendsociety.com](http://www.imaginaryfriendsociety.com)

## **Kids Health**

Online resource of articles, videos, animations, print publications, and health instructions for dependable information on children's health, behavior, and development from before birth through the teen years.  
[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

## **Monument Health**

Monument Health's Cancer Care Institute offers various educational classes to build practical skills.  
<https://monument.health/service/cancer-support-resources/>

## **Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation**

A leading source of neuroblastoma information and resources.  
[www.neuroblastoma-info.com](http://www.neuroblastoma-info.com)

## **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation**

A national health nonprofit that works to eliminate the challenges of childhood brain tumors.  
[www.curethekids.org](http://www.curethekids.org)

## **Sarcoma Foundation of America**

An organization that privately funds grants for sarcoma researchers and conducts education and advocacy opportunities.  
[www.curesarcoma.org](http://www.curesarcoma.org)

## **Sanford Cancer Survivorship Webpage**

Webpage provided by Sanford with information on cancer survivorship.  
<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/medical-services/cancer/cancer-survivorship>

## **Sanford-CaringBridge**

With CaringBridge, loved ones can quickly and easily stay connected and informed. CaringBridge allows you to create a personal website to update your care community. You can write journal entries, read supportive messages from guests and post photographs. You can update your site as often as you like.  
<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/patient-information/caringbridge>

## **Sanford Find Help**

Directory provided by Sanford with a variety of local programs.  
[https://sanford.findhelp.com/search\\_results/57006](https://sanford.findhelp.com/search_results/57006)

## **Sanford Health - Daniel Mark, MD**

Dr. Daniel Mark specializes in palliative care for children. He helps patients and families with medical decision-making, difficult-to-manage symptoms, and setting goals of care.  
<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/doctors/daniel-mark>

## **Sanford Health Foundation Stories**

Websites with stories from local kids and families whose lives have been changed, for good, by Sanford and the generosity of supporters.  
[Sanford Health Foundation | Patient Stories](#)  
[Sanford Health Foundation | Give for Children](#)

## **SDAHO LifeCircle**

This website contains a wide range of resources regarding Perinatal & Pediatric Palliative Care, including links to some financial programs, and other SD resources.  
<https://lifecircle.sdaho.org/palliative-care/patients/pediatric-perinatal/>

## **South Dakota Cancer Plan (2026–2030)**

A state-led framework aimed at reducing the cancer burden by improving access to survivorship and treatment services.  
<https://www.cancersd.com/about-us/sd-cancer-plan/>

## **St. Baldrick's Foundation**

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.  
[www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org)

## **St. Jude's Children's**

Online resource for anyone affected by childhood and adolescent cancer.  
[www.together.stjude.org/en-us/](http://www.together.stjude.org/en-us/)

## **Alex's Lemonade Stand**

Directory of additional resources available to South Dakotans

[https://www.alexlemonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/resource-directory?field\\_service\\_area\\_value%5B%5D=SD&keys=&undefined=Apply](https://www.alexlemonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/resource-directory?field_service_area_value%5B%5D=SD&keys=&undefined=Apply)

## **American Cancer Society**

Leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone, the American Cancer Society offers a variety of resources for those affected by cancer.

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Guide for supporting siblings of children with cancer.

<https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/CRC/PDF/Public/9272.00.pdf>

Printable cancer care toolkit to keep track of all the information you get about your cancer diagnosis and treatment.

<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/preparing-for-treatment/cancer-care-toolkit.html>

Resource with tips on navigating life after treatment.

<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/childhood-cancer/survivorship.html>

## **American Childhood Cancer Organization**

This resource page is packed with a variety of childhood cancer resources including books, plushies, medical play kits, comfort kits, coloring pages, animated short stories, and emoji kits.

<https://www.acco.org/we-can-help/>

## **Blood Cancer United**

Webpage packed with information and resources regarding blood cancer for children and teens.

<https://bloodcancerunited.org/blood-cancer-care/children-teens>

## **CAC2 Coalition Against Childhood Cancer**

The CAC2 Survivorship Toolkit draws together expertise from professionals and experienced advocates to create a dependable library of resources for survivors and their families to have current information readily available.

<https://www.cac2.org/survivorship-resources/>

## **Children's Health**

Guide for educators about students with leukemia.

<https://assets.childrens.com/m/bdc6d6d6dfdabbf/original/Leukemia.pdf>

## **Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation**

Funds research and provides education, awareness & advocacy for Neuroblastoma.

Variety of resources available on the website including a parent handbook.

[www.cncfhope.org](http://www.cncfhope.org)

## **Cure Childhood Cancer**

Blog with tips on how to prepare for a child's return to school after and during cancer treatment.

<https://curechildhoodcancer.org/blog/a-return-to-school/>

## **Livestrong Foundation**

The LIVESTRONG Resource Center helps to provide find easy-to-understand resources you can trust. It also features "Ellis" who is a 24/7 AI companion for cancer support by Livestrong.

<https://livestrong.org/resources/>

## **Lymphoma Research Foundation**

Provides booklets, fact sheets, clinical trial information, patient education, webcasts & podcasts with information about lymphoma.

[www.lymphoma.org](http://www.lymphoma.org)

## **My Cancer Circle**

Platform that helps families easily organize help for someone in need.

<https://mycancercircle.net/>

## **National Brain Tumor Society**

Provides information & resources on brain tumors.

[www.braintumor.org](http://www.braintumor.org)

## **National Cancer Institute**

Resource provides credible current comprehensive cancer information.

[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

Resource with tips on navigating life after treatment.

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/coping/survivorship/child-care>

## **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

Advocates for changes in research, regulations, finances, delivery of cancer care & public policy issues. Also provides cancer survivors with publications & programs which provide tools for self-advocacy.

[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

## **National Library of Health/Medicine Plus**

Provides information about diseases, conditions and wellness issues in language that is easy to understand. Learn about latest treatments, look up information on a drug or supplement, find out the meaning of words, or view medical videos or illustrations. Also provides links for the most up-to-date medical information/research/clinical trial.

[www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

## **Oncolink**

Comprehensive information on coping with cancer, cancer treatments, and cancer research advances.

[www.oncolink.org](http://www.oncolink.org)

## **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation**

Funds research & promotes awareness of childhood brain tumors also provides educational materials and family support programs.

<https://curethekids.org/resource/support-for-families/>

## **Sarcoma Alliance**

Provides guidance, education, newsletters & support for people affected by sarcoma. The Suzanne Renee Leider Memorial Assistance Fund- may grant up to \$1,000 for a single second opinion consultation with a sarcoma specialist including mileage, meals & hotel. Specific deadlines on application page.

[www.sarcomaalliance.org](http://www.sarcomaalliance.org)

## **Stupid Cancer**

Founded by and for young adults affected by cancer. For ages 15-39. Empowering young adults affected by cancer by ending isolation and building community. Cancercon, meetups & webinars

[www.stupidcancer.org](http://www.stupidcancer.org)

## **The Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society**

Offers a variety of resources including handbooks, support groups, PowerPoints, and guides about Neuroblastoma.

<https://neuroblastomachildrencancersociety.org/patient-resources/>

## National

### **Alex's Lemonade Stand**

ALSF's Childhood Cancer Guides are reviewed by renowned experts in pediatric oncology and feature stories from more than 500 parents, children with cancer, and survivors of childhood cancer.

<https://www.alexlemonade.org/childhood-cancer/guides>

### **ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation**

Browse this video library for answers to your most common questions (and questions you didn't know you had!) as you navigate your childhood cancer journey – from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment, and into survivorship.

<https://www.askccf.org/video-library>

### **Cancer Party! Explain Cancer Chemo and Radiation to Kids in a Totally Non-Scary Way!**

by Alyson Beecher. This book is aimed at children who are dealing with cancer, either personally or through a family member. The book provides a straightforward, accessible explanation of cancer, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy, using a fun and engaging approach to reduce fear and confusion. It helps young readers understand medical treatments in a way that's reassuring and easy to grasp.

<https://www.saraolsher.com/products/cancer-party?variant=41881965789229>

### **Chemo, Craziiness, and Comfort**

by Nancy Keene and Trevor Romain. Free through the American Childhood Cancer Organization. A 200-page resource that provides practical advice for children diagnosed with cancer between 6 and 12 years of age. Warm and funny illustrations and easy-to-read text help the child (and parents) make sense of cancer and its treatment.

<https://www.amazon.com/Chemo-craziiness-comfort-childhood-cancer/dp/0972404309>

### **Childhood Cancer Explained**

This video is perfect for parents, teachers, and caregivers looking to explain childhood cancer to kids in a comforting and age-appropriate way.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FHTwwBGE-Q>

## **H is for Hair Fairy**

by Kim Martin. An alphabet book with a mission, this 32-page picture book will inspire, comfort, educate and encourage children being treated for cancer.

<https://hairfairy.org/>

## **How Do You Care for a Very Sick Bear?**

by Kirsten A. M. Templin is a children's book that offers a gentle and comforting approach to the topic of illness and caregiving. The story follows a bear who is feeling very sick and requires special care and attention. It aims to help young readers understand and navigate the experience of caring for someone who is unwell, emphasizing empathy, compassion, and the importance of supportive relationships. The book is designed to be a helpful resource for children who may be facing similar situations in their own lives.

<https://www.amazon.com/How-Care-Very-Sick-Bear/dp/1250298431>

## **How to Talk to Your Kids About Cancer**

by Sara Olsher. This eBook discusses tips on how to talk to your kids about cancer.

<https://www.saraolsher.com/products/ebook-how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-cancer-1>

## **Imagine What's Possible**

by Jarrod Skole and Gary Skole. This award-winning book can help your child get started with a technique called "visualization." Here they'll find seventeen easy and fun visualization exercises: some to help your child relieve stress, some to help your child fight pain, some to help your child imagine a winning fight against cancer

<https://www.amazon.com/Imagine-Whats-Possible-Control-During/dp/1604430370>

## **Kathy's Hats: A Story of Hope**

by Trudy Krisher. Kathy has always enjoyed wearing hats. But when she turns nine, she learns that she has cancer. Kathy is scared, and she is especially angry when her chemotherapy treatments make her hair fall out. Suddenly hats aren't so much fun anymore.

<https://www.amazon.com/Kathys-Hats-Story-Trudy-Krisher/dp/0807541168>

## **My Brave Friend: Emma and Noah Face Cancer Together**

by Brett Fox and Suzanne Stone. When a classmate is diagnosed with cancer, children and their teachers need tools to help.

<https://www.amazon.com/My-Brave-Friend-Cancer-Together/dp/B0F4RTTRT8>

## **My Brother Needs an Operation, by Anna Marie Jaworski**

by Anna Marie Jaworski. Joey's life changes when his little brother, Alex, goes to the hospital. This book deals with the feelings and changes in daily routine that siblings face during a sibling's hospitalization. Includes information for parents, questions for the reader, a hospital diary, and activities.

<https://www.amazon.com/Brother-Needs-Operation-Marie-Jaworski/dp/0965250822>

## **My Cancer Days**

by Courtney Filigenzi. Helping children with cancer cope with their illness, this illustrated book approaches their emotions from diagnosis through treatment in a way that they can easily understand and can help describe what they are feeling.

<https://www.amazon.com/My-Cancer-Days-Courtney-Filigenzi/dp/1604430915>

## **Paul and the Dragon**

by Albert Hooft and Paco Vink. (Available in English or Spanish). This short, dialogue-free animated film uses fantasy to help children aged 5–13 understand and cope with a cancer diagnosis.

<https://www.acco.org/paulandthedragon/>

## **Qué pasa cuando alguien a quien amo tiene cáncer**

by Sara Olsher. Explaining Cancer for Spanish-Speakers

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1736611496>

## **Qué Pasa Cuando mi Hermano(a) Tiene Cáncer**

by Sara Olsher. A Sibling's Cancer Diagnosis for Spanish-Speakers

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0BBY1PSTN>

## **Qué Pasa Cuando un Niño Tiene Cáncer**

by Sara Olsher. Pediatric Cancer for Spanish-Speakers

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0BBY3SN6L>

## **The Famous Hat**

by Kate Gaynor. A story book to help children with childhood cancer to prepare for treatment, namely chemotherapy, and losing their hair (special stories series 1, volume 1)

<https://www.amazon.com/famous-hat-Special-Stories/dp/0955578752>

## **The Great Katie Kate Tackles Questions About Cancer**

by M. Maitand Deland. This superhero saga provides an entertaining and indispensable tool for parents and medical professionals who are seeking a positive way to set young cancer patients on the road to recovery by helping them deal with their fears.

<https://www.amazon.com/Great-Katie-Tackles-Questions-Cancer/dp/1608320278>

## **The Hare Who Lost Her Hair**

by Amy V. Leonard. A message of hope for young children and families who are undergoing chemotherapy or any difficult struggle. This book is about believing wishes can come true even in the most extreme circumstances. Ideal for cancers that are not terminal because of the message of survival. Perfect for pairing honest discussions about your personal situation.

<https://www.amazon.com/Hare-Who-Lost-Her-Hair/dp/1489590056>

## **The Jester Has Lost His Jingle**

by David Saltzman. In this charming tale, The Jester awakes one morning to find laughter missing in his kingdom and he and his helpmate, Pharley, set off on a quest to find it. They ultimately discover that not only can laughter redeem a weary world, it also can provide the best tonic for anyone facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

<https://www.amazon.com/Jester-Has-Lost-His-Jingle/dp/0964456303>

## **The Long and the Short of It: A Tale About Hair**

by Barbara Meyers and Lydia Criss Mays. Two young girls learn more than they expected about hair loss. This charming, award-winning book follows the stories of Isabel and Emma, two young girls with “hair problems.”

<https://www.amazon.com/Long-Short-Tale-About-Hair/dp/1604430176>

## **The Survivorship Net**

by Jim Owens. A parable for the family, friends, and caregivers of people with cancer.

<https://www.amazon.com/-/he/Jim-Owens/dp/1604430184>

## **What about Me? When Brothers and Sisters Get Sick**

by Allan Peterkin, MD. A young girl learns to cope with her brother being ill and the emotions that go along with it.

<https://www.amazon.com/What-about-Me-Brothers-Sisters/dp/0945354495>

## **What Happens When My Sibling Has Cancer**

by Sara Olsher. A Book for the Brothers and Sisters of Pediatric Cancer Patients

<https://www.amazon.com/What-Happens-When-Sibling-Cancer-ebook/dp/B09KMJX3DC>

## **What Happens When a Kid Has Cancer**

by Sara Olsher. Aimed at ages 4-10, What Happens When a Kid Has Cancer covers the main points of pediatric cancer — what it is and what the experience of treatment is like — and show it can change a kid's day-to-day life.

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1734864168>

## **What Happens When Someone I Love Has Cancer?**

by Sara Olsher. Explain the Science of Cancer and How a Loved One's Diagnosis and Treatment Affects a Kid's Day-To-day Life (What About Me? Books).

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0578571382>

## **What's Up with Jo? Medikids Explain Brain Tumors**

by Dr. Kim Chilman-Blair and John Taddeo. (Available in English and Spanish). Osteosarcoma explained by teenage superheroes! This graphic-novel makes osteosarcoma information accessible to kids 10-16. Using their vast knowledge, the Medikidz take kids on a journey through Mediland, explaining osteosarcoma in a language and visual style teens can relate to and understand.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Whats-Up-Jo-Medikidz-Explain/dp/1604430230>

## **What's Up with Richard? Medikidz Explain Leukemia**

by Dr. Kim Chilman-Blair and John Taddeo. (Available in English and Spanish). Leukemia explained by teenage superheroes! This award-winning graphic-novel makes leukemia information accessible to kids 10-16. The Medikidz are a group of larger-than-life, space-dwelling characters who live on Mediland, a planet shaped just like the human body. Using their vast knowledge, the Medikidz take kids on a journey through Mediland, explaining leukemia in a language and visual style teens can relate to and understand.

<https://www.amazon.com/Whats-Up-Richard-Medikidz-Leukemia/dp/1604430192>

## **When Molly was in the Hospital: A Book for Siblings**

by Debbie Duncan. Hospitalization of a child can cause chaos in even the closest of families; this story addresses feelings of worry, guilt, loneliness and jealousy experienced by siblings.

<https://www.amazon.com/When-Molly-Was-Hospital-Hospitalized/dp/1877810444>

## **When Someone You Love Has Cancer**

by Alaric Lewis. While adults have the ability to better understand the complexities of cancer, children experience a great amount of confusion, fear, and misunderstanding about the disease and its treatment. This book will help kids cope with the presence of cancer.

<https://www.amazon.com/When-Someone-You-Love-Cancer-Encouragement/dp/0736924280>

## **When Your Brother or Sister Has Cancer - Teen Guide**

by National Cancer Institute. If your brother or sister has cancer, this book is for you. In this book you will hear from other teens who, like you, have a brother or sister with cancer, find out what has helped them, get ideas about people to talk with when you're upset or feel all alone, and learn a little about cancer and the things you might face. This book provides information about cancer treatments, ways teens can talk to family and friends, how to connect with other teens, and where to find other resources for information and support.

<https://www.amazon.com/When-Your-Brother-Sister-Cancer/dp/1477681582>

## **Why, Charlie Brown, Why?**

by Charles M. Schulz. A story about what happens when a friend is very ill.

<https://www.amazon.com/Why-Charlie-Brown-Happens-Friend/dp/0345455312>

## South Dakota

### **Aberdeen – Avera Race Against Cancer 2026**

The event will start and end at Avera Cancer Institute on the Avera St. Luke's campus. There are options to register for a 1.5-mile walk, a 3-mile walk, and a virtual race. May 9th, 2026.

<https://www.averafoundation.org/support/events/avera-race/avera-race-against-cancer-aberdeen/>

### **Avera Race Against Cancer 2026**

You're invited to participate in the Avera Race Against Cancer in Mitchell, a family-friendly event proudly co-hosted by BURN Infrared Fitness. May 9th, 2026.

<https://www.averafoundation.org/support/events/avera-race/avera-race-against-cancer-mitchell/>

### **Camp Bring It On**

Camp Bring It On is led by trained medical professionals from the Sanford Children's Hospital. Their team includes pediatric oncologists, pediatric oncology nurses, child life specialists, and a host of specially trained volunteers. They work tirelessly to make sure each camper has a full camp experience while still meeting their medical needs.

<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/resources/sanford-camps/camp-bring-it-on>

### **Camp Sunshine**

Founded in 1984, Camp Sunshine provides retreats combining respite, recreation and support, while enabling hope and promoting joy, for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families through the various stages of a child's illness. Camp Sunshine's program is offered year-round and has the distinction of having been designed to serve the entire family in a retreat model. The program is free of charge to families and includes on-site medical support. A bereavement session is also offered for families who have experienced the death of a child from a supported illness.

<https://www.campsunshine.org/>

## **It Only Takes a Spark Cancer Walk**

June 12th, 2026 in Milbank SD, the 29th Annual It Only Takes A Spark Cancer Walk.  
<https://takesaspark.org/>

## **Mitchell Heart and Sole Cancer Walk**

May 2, 2026, at 8:00 AM at the DWU/Avera Sports & Wellness Complex on Norway Street in Mitchell, SD.  
<https://www.mitchellheartandsole.com/>

## **Pierre – Avera Race Against Cancer 2026**

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. You're invited to participate in the Avera Race Against Cancer in Pierre, a family friendly event proudly co-hosted by BURN Infrared Fitness.  
<https://www.averafoundation.org/support/events/avera-race/avera-race-against-cancer-pierre/>

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities**

RMHC is hosting a raffle for a chance to win a trip to the Kentucky Derby. The 14th Annual Kentucky Derby Raffle Drawing and Cocktail Reception will be held Thursday, April 9, 2026 in both Sioux Falls and Rapid City.  
<https://rmhcsodak.org/events/kentucky-derby-event/>

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities**

Enjoy bubble-themed activities, high-energy games, inflatables, and more. Whether you're chasing bubbles or soaking up the smiles, there's something for everyone. Sioux Falls event held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 825 S Lake Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Rapid City event held on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 512 Main St #240, Rapid City, SD 57701.  
<https://rmhcsodak.org/events/bubble-bonanza/>

## **Sioux Falls - Avera Race Against Cancer 2026**

Join us in Sioux Falls on Saturday, May 9, 2026, for the Avera Race Against Cancer. Events begin at 7 AM. Your participation generously supports patients receiving services and care at the Avera Cancer Institute in Sioux Falls. You can bring your family, join a team, or fundraise — and we also have a virtual race option.  
<https://www.averafoundation.org/support/events/avera-race/avera-race-against-cancer-sioux-falls/>

## **Sioux Falls Light the Night**

Light The Night is a community gathering to celebrate, honor, and remember those touched by blood cancers. Companies, community partners, families, and sponsors join to bring light to the darkness of cancer. The funds raised by this community fund life-saving blood cancer research around the world, provide free information and support services, and are the voice for those seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care for patients and families.  
<https://www.lightthenight.org/events/sioux-falls>

## **St. Baldricks Annual Head Shaving Event**

Come be a part of the 25th year of St. Baldrick's volunteers working to Conquer Kids' Cancer! This is our 19th event here in the Sioux Empire and we are bringing the fun back to our friends at Pizza Ranch.

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/siouxfalls2026>

## **Voices Against Cancer 605**

The goal of the annual 605 Pop Culture Con event is to raise funds and awareness for the fight against cancer, with an emphasis towards childhood cancer and childhood cancer research. All money from door entry, autographs, photo ops, and musical performances, goes toward our charity supporting assistance for families dealing with pediatric cancer and support for pediatric cancer research.

<https://605popcon.com/>

## **Sunrise VX**

Sunrise VX is a virtual camp experience for children with cancer and their siblings, ages 3 1/2 to 16 years of age — 100% free of charge. This interactive virtual camp brings the joy of summer to children wherever they are. Sunrise VX is a proud member of the Sunrise Association which has enriched the lives of over 20,000 kids since 2006. We offer year-round programming and a full summer day camp!

<https://sunrisedaycamp.org/vx/>

## **National**

### **Lighthouse Family Retreat**

Offers 14 retreats from April to October. For families who have a child with cancer 18 years old or younger, on treatment or has completed treatment within the year. Once the family arrives at the retreat, all expenses are paid. This is a faith-based retreat.

<https://www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org/>

## South Dakota

### **4th Angel Patient Mentor Program**

An innovative, interactive approach to cancer support in which patients and caregivers are matched with trained volunteer mentors with similar age and cancer experiences.

[www.4thangel.ccf.org](http://www.4thangel.ccf.org)

### **Alex's Lemonade Stand**

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is happy to provide a free treatment journal to families of childhood cancer. This journal, which comes in both English and Spanish translations, will help caregivers stay organized by keeping track of important information.

[www.alexslimonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/treatment-journal](http://www.alexslimonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/treatment-journal)

### **American Childhood Cancer Organization**

The ACCO "comfort kit" is a free resource designed to ease the transition for newly-diagnosed children and teens with cancer by helping to acclimate to their new surroundings and adapt to significant lifestyle change. The comfort kit includes: a large collapsible duffle bag, a soft blanket, a pillowcase, and a pack of playing cards.

[www.acco.org/comfort-kit/](http://www.acco.org/comfort-kit/)

### **Brave, Bald, and Beautiful**

When a child signs up for the Hair Fairy Fighters Club, they will receive a hair loss support kit.

[www.bravebaldandbeautiful.com/fighters.html](http://www.bravebaldandbeautiful.com/fighters.html)

### **Cancer comfort collection drive**

Located in Sioux Falls SD CCC brings new comfort items to patients admitted into the hospital for cancer to help fight the mental battle as they fight the physical battle.

<https://www.facebook.com/cancercomfortcollection/>

### **Castle of Care school program**

School program makes sure all school-age children stay on top of their education during their hospital stays.

<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/locations/sanford-childrens-hospital-sioux-falls>

## **Children's Miracle Network Sioux Falls**

Children's Miracle Network (CMN) in Sioux Falls is partnered with Sanford Children's Hospital, their goal is to provide funding for specialized pediatric care. This resource provides more information on CMN Sioux Falls.

<https://cmn.org/hospital/sanford-childrens-hospital-sioux-falls/>

## **HorsePower**

HorsePower is a nonprofit in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, that uses the influence of horses as a healing therapy to help individuals with different physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges.

<https://horsepowersf.com/>

## **Kits to Heart**

These kits are designed to suit various cancer types, treatments, and ages. Each cancer care kit is thoughtfully curated with items to support patients undergoing treatment, with items that can be shared with loved ones.

[www.kitstoheart.org/products/kits-to-heart-cancer-care-gift](http://www.kitstoheart.org/products/kits-to-heart-cancer-care-gift)

## **Luke's Fastbreaks**

Luke's FastBreaks supports children, adolescents, and young adults diagnosed with cancer. They strive to promote normalcy and restore dignity during treatment by replacing the hospital gown with our unique medical shirts.

[www.lukesfastbreaks.org](http://www.lukesfastbreaks.org)

## **Make-A-Wish**

Provides hope, strength, and joy to children and their families during difficult treatments by granting wishes to children (ages 2½ to 18) diagnosed with critical illnesses.

<https://wish.org/sdmt>

## **Project Outrun**

The goal of Project Outrun is to empower kids through signature swag and custom shoes with the kids' favorite colors and their messages. Whatever they need to lace up every day and outrun fear or sickness or doubt and to get them back on their feet.

[www.projectoutrun.org](http://www.projectoutrun.org)

## **Super Sibs**

Helps ensure that onsite sibling support is incorporated into pediatric oncology care.

[www.alexlemonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/supersibs](http://www.alexlemonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/supersibs)

## SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy

Since 2001, Suncatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy has been helping horses help people through therapeutic horsemanship in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Currently located near the Rapid City Regional Airport, they strive to contribute to the quality of life in their community by building connection, belonging and possibilities using the healing power of horses.

<https://www.suncatchertra.org/>

## National

### Amanda Hope

As a 12-year-old undergoing chemotherapy, Amanda Hope envisioned and designed a shirt that would give all children a sense of dignity and control. We call that shirt, Comfycozy's for Chemo. Applications are available online; names of doctors and life specialists are needed on application.

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

### American Childhood Cancer Organization - free playhouse

ACCO is collaborating with 18Loop, distributing virtual reality headsets to children with cancer who are on active treatment: a pilot program designed to help them tolerate treatment, recover, and thrive.

<https://www.acco.org/18-loop-acco/>

### American Childhood Cancer Organization - hero beads

The ACCO Hero Beads® Program is a resilience-based program that combines art and medicine to help children and teens map out and cope with their childhood cancer treatment.

<https://www.acco.org/hero-beads/>

### American Childhood Cancer Organization

If your child is on active treatment for cancer and between the ages of 2-6, you might be eligible! ACCO is working with Make It Cute to distribute free playhouses to children with cancer. Playhouses give children a safe, calm space where they can play and recover.

<https://www.acco.org/make-it-cute/>

### Binkeez for Comfort

Provides blankets for those fighting illnesses away from the comforts of home. Application available on website.

[www.binkeezforcomfort.org](http://www.binkeezforcomfort.org)

## **Cody's Wheels of Hope**

Non-profit organization that accepts donations in order to buy bicycles, riding toys and safety helmets for children with life-threatening diseases.

[www.cwoh.org](http://www.cwoh.org)

## **Feel Better Friends**

Program that makes handmade dolls stuffed with love and well wishes, crafted by volunteers and donated to children battling cancer and other illnesses.

<https://fbfdolls.org/>

## **Free Wigs for Kids**

Free Wigs for Kids provides wigs for children and young adults under the age of 21 who have medical hair loss.

<https://www.freewigsforkids.org/>

## **Headcovers Unlimited**

Headcovers Unlimited sells wigs, hats with hair, scarves with hair, and headband with hair for both adults and children. Male hats and wigs available.

<https://www.headcovers.com/headwear/kids-hats-caps/>

## **Hope Cam**

Overcome the social isolation of children in treatment for cancer through technology, connecting homebound children to their classmates and family at no cost to the participant or school via web cameras, internet and laptops.

<https://www.hopecam.org/>

## **Joy Jars**

Each one of Jessie's Joy Jars are age and gender specific and filled with new toys and activities to help a child fighting cancer smile and feel loved.

[www.negu.org](http://www.negu.org)

## **Joy Rx**

CCA's Kids' Cancer Pages is a national resource directory for families facing childhood cancer.

<https://joyrx.org/resources/>

## **Lemons of Love**

Lemons of Love shares love with those impacted by cancer through personalized care packages, free programs and ongoing support.

<https://lemonsoflove.org/>

## **Locks of Love**

Locks of Love provides hairpieces to children suffering from medical hair loss. For short-term hair loss Locks of Love provides synthetic hairpieces.

<https://locksoflove.org/>

## **Monkey in My Chair**

Children who are battling cancer are eligible to receive a free Monkey in My Chair kit that includes a monkey to take their place when they are not able to attend school.

[www.monkeyinmychair.org](http://www.monkeyinmychair.org)

## **Oliver's Patch Project**

Oliver Patch Project is open to any child in the United States in active treatment for cancer. Cancer warriors will be provided a secret "patch code" that takes them to their own portal. Within the Warrior Login Portal, they will create their account and then the fun begins! The child then picks out their jacket or tote and twenty (20) patches. We sew these patches on each garment and mail to them at home. All caregivers will be sent a box of thirteen milestone patches so that they can support and empower their warriors along their cancer journey.

<https://www.oliverpatchproject.org/howitworks>

## **Phil's Friends**

Provides cancer patients with care packages.

[www.philsfriends.org](http://www.philsfriends.org)

## **Savvy Giving by Design**

Savvy Giving by Design is a non-profit, national network of professional interior designers whose mission is to provide comfort, support, and healing to families with a child facing a medical crisis by transforming the interior spaces of their homes at no cost.

[www.savvygivingbydesign.org](http://www.savvygivingbydesign.org)

## **Songs of Love**

Offers free personalized songs for children and teens that are facing medical or emotional hardships.

[www.songsoflove.org](http://www.songsoflove.org)

## **Wigs for Kids**

Wigs for Kids provides hair replacement systems at no cost to children who have lost their hair due to medical issues.

<https://www.wigsforkids.org/recipient-program/>

## National

### **"American Cancer Society Complete Guide to Nutrition for Cancer Survivors: Eating Well, Staying Well During and After Cancer" by Barbara Grant MS, RD, CSO, LD, and Abby S. Bloch, PhD, RD**

This handbook focuses on proper nutrition and lifestyle practices to guide cancer patients through navigating the side effects of treatments and enhancing survivorship. <https://www.amazon.com/American-Society-Complete-Nutrition-Survivors-ebook/dp/B0043VEGIE>

### **American Institute for Cancer Research**

List of free recipes that can be beneficial during treatment. <https://www.aicr.org/cancer-prevention/recipes/category/survivor-during-treatment/>

### **Blood Cancer United**

Patients of all cancer types and their caregivers may receive a free one-on-one phone consultation with one of our registered dietitians who have expertise in oncology nutrition. <https://bloodcancerunitednutrition.org/schedule-a-dietitian-consultation/>

### **Cancer Diet For Kids: A Guide to a Healthy Diet for Kids with Cancer, Eating Right to Fight Cancer with 28-Day Meal Plan**

"Cancer Diet for Kids" is an essential guide for parents and caregivers of children with cancer. Written by a leading pediatric nutritionist, this book provides practical and easy-to-follow advice on nourishing and supporting a child's body during treatment and recovery. <https://www.amazon.com/Cancer-Diet-Kids-Healthy-Eating/dp/B0BSWSD2G7>

### **CANCER DIET RECIPES FOR KIDS: NUTRITIOUS AND KID-FRIENDLY RECIPES FOR FIGHTING CANCER**

This book is the perfect guide for parents who want to help their kids win the battle over cancer. With over 50 recipes designed specifically for children with cancer, it offers an array of delicious, nutritious, and kid-friendly meals that will help them fight this disease. <https://www.amazon.com/CANCER-DIET-RECIPES-KIDS-KID-FRIENDLY/dp/B0BSJ63WFN>

## **Cancer Nutrition Consortium**

The Cancer Nutrition Consortium brings together experts in medicine, culinary and healthcare to improve the food experience of people during cancer treatment and recovery.

<https://www.cancernutrition.org/>

### **CANCER NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN: Essential nutrition tips for children during and after cancer treatment. By Dr. Claire J. Michael**

"Cancer nutrition guidelines for children" provides essential insights into navigating the difficult world of cancer nutrition with consideration for young people.

<https://www.amazon.com/CANCER-NUTRITION-GUIDELINES-CHILDREN-treatment/dp/B0C7SZGPPW>

### **"Dysphagia Cookbook: 2500 Days of Easy, Tasty, and Healthy Recipes for Swallowing Difficulties" by Rachel Mallin**

This cookbook includes a comprehensive guide to dysphagia for patients who have trouble swallowing. It includes safety measures, cooking tips, essential kitchen tools, dining aids, and suggestions for modifying ingredients.

<https://www.amazon.com/Dysphagia-Cookbook-Healthy-Swallowing-Difficulties/dp/B0D4F3WJLQ>

### **Eating Well During Cancer video series**

This video series and resource toolkit explores how diet can help support your health and well-being during and after cancer treatment.

<https://www.dana-farber.org/health-library/videos/eating-well-during-cancer>

### **"Eating Well Through Cancer" by Holly Clegg and Gerald Miletello, MD**

This cancer cookbook includes chapters on the best tolerated, nourishing foods that can ease common side effects such as nausea, sore mouth or throat, taste changes, neutropenia, and weight loss.

<https://www.amazon.com/Eating-Well-Through-Cancer-Recommendations/dp/0961088885>

### **Fred Hutch Cook For Your Life**

If you have a child affected by cancer or know of one, this collection of free easy, kid-friendly recipes should be a help. Not only are they yummy, but they are also kid-tested, and should tempt even the most finicky eaters!

<https://www.cookforyourlife.org/recipe-collections/chemo-safe-kid-friendly-recipes/#>

## **Happily Hungry: A Smart Recipe for Kids with Cancer**

by Danielle Cook Navidi and M.D. Aziza T. Shad Danielle Cook Navidi shares her culinary wisdom and first-hand knowledge by creating delicious recipes dedicated to children undergoing cancer treatment and recovery. These nutrient-dense recipes combine great taste with powerful immune-building ingredients designed to satisfy young palates, while helping set the stage to more effectively battle cancer.

<https://www.amazon.com/Happily-Hungry-Smart-Recipes-Cancer/dp/0985183403>

## **JUICING FOR CANCER RECIPE BOOK: The Comprehensive Guide to Expertly Crafted Nutrient-Rich Juices for Supporting Health, Wellness and Recovery**

This comprehensive guide is the key to unlocking a natural and effective way to support your health, wellness, and recovery. With Susan Victoria's meticulous research and expertise, you'll discover the power of nature's bounty to nourish your body and aid in your recovery. This book offers a step-by-step approach to juicing, guiding you through the selection of ingredients, preparation techniques, and optimal combinations to maximize the health benefits.

<https://www.amazon.com/JUICING-CANCER-RECIPE-BOOK-Comprehensive/dp/BOC7T5HXW7>

## **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

It's important to make sure you get proper nutrition during and after cancer treatment. This resource contains recipes from nutrition experts to help people make changes in their diet.

<https://www.mskcc.org/nutrition-cancer/recipes>

## **Nationwide Children's**

Article discussing nutrition for children with cancer.

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/conditions/health-library/nutritional-requirements-for-a-child-with-cancer>

## **Nemours KidsHealth**

Medically reviewed article with information about the nutritional needs of children with cancer.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/cancer-nutrition.html>

## **NUTRITION and CANCER: Foods, Supplements, and Diet Strategies by Sophie Domingues-Montanari**

Introducing "NUTRITION and CANCER" – your indispensable companion for unraveling the intricate relationship between nutrition and cancer, guiding you through a journey of empowerment and well-being.

<https://www.amazon.com/NUTRITION-CANCER-Supplements-Strategies-Nutrition/dp/BOCZ1ZSQV4>

## **"One Bite at a Time" by Rebecca Katz, Marsha Tomassi, and Mat Edelson**

This cookbook for cancer patients features more than 85 recipes, as well as full nutritional analysis and input from cancer survivors.

<https://www.amazon.com/One-Bite-Time-Nourishing-Survivors/dp/1587612194>

## **Pediatric Diet Cookbook: The cancer diet recipe for healing and therapy in kids**

The Pediatric Diet Cookbook provides wholesome meal options that are easily prepared within 30 minutes or less.

<https://pegasusbookstore.com/book/9798373202008>

## **"The Cancer Diet Cookbook: Comforting Recipes for Treatment and Recovery" by Dionne Detraz RD**

This cookbook offers tons of healthy and tasty meal options made in 30 minutes or less, with five simple ingredients, or all in one pot. It features 100 wholesome recipes, time-saving tips, information on "cancer-fighting foods," foods to avoid, and more.

<https://www.amazon.com/Cancer-Diet-Cookbook-Comforting-Treatment/dp/1647392543>

## **"The Cancer-Fighting Kitchen: Nourishing, Big-Flavor Recipes for Cancer Treatment and Recovery" by Assistant Rebecca Katz, PhD, and Mat Edelson**

This cookbook supports cancer patients through treatment. It aims to help diminish side effects and promote appetites while providing 150 nutrient-rich recipes.

<https://www.amazon.com/Cancer-Fighting-Kitchen-Second-Nourishing-Big-Flavor/dp/0399578714>

## **"The Cancer Wellness Cookbook: Smart Nutrition and Delicious Recipes for People Living with Cancer" by Kimberly Mathai MS, RD, CDE, Olivia Brent, and Julie Hopper**

This book features nutritional plans and 100 recipes focusing on the foods that may prevent or forestall the spread of cancer.

<https://www.amazon.com/Cancer-Wellness-Cookbook-Nutrition-Delicious/dp/1570619182>

## **"What to Eat During Cancer Treatment" by American Cancer Society, Jeanne Besser, and Barbara Grant MS, RD, CSO, LD**

This book provides practical suggestions to help patients and their caregivers handle the challenges of eating well during cancer treatment. It also offers evidence-based research about what to eat to manage common side effects including nausea, diarrhea, constipation, trouble swallowing, sore mouth, unintentional weight loss, and changes in taste.

<https://www.amazon.com/What-Eat-During-Cancer-Treatment/dp/160443256X>

## South Dakota

### **Ava's House**

A facility in Sioux Falls offering pediatric palliative and hospice care in a home-like environment where families can stay overnight at no cost. Named after a 4-year-old cancer patient, Ava's House is an acute-level inpatient facility in Sioux Falls offering specialized care in a home-like environment.

<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/locations/avas-house-by-sanford-health>

### **Avera – Kirby Place at the Walsh Family Village**

Find your home away from home at the Kirby Place at the Walsh Family Village, supported by the Avera Foundation. Designed to provide peace of mind, this resource is for out-of-town patients and their families being treated at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center.

<https://locations.avera.org/kirby-place-at-the-walsh-family-village-sioux-falls>

### **Prairie Lakes Healthcare System**

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, receiving treatment, or undergoing rehabilitation, we have an affordable, comfortable place for you to stay and unwind. Night or day, the Caring Club House is open and conveniently located on the Prairie Lakes Healthcare System campus.

<https://www.prairielakes.com/community-resources/caring-club-house/>

### **Ronald McDonald House**

This organization offers families a safe, welcoming place to stay, complete with the comforts of home, at no cost while their child receives care at a nearby medical facility. Ronald McDonald House plans to build a new facility in Rapid City. There are two Ronald McDonald houses in Sioux Falls; the first is near the Sanford Children's Castle at 825 S. Lake Ave. The second is near Avera McKennan Hospital at 808 E. 24th Street.

<https://rmhcsodak.org/>

## **Angel Flight Central**

Program matches patients of medical need with free flights and other travel resources.  
<https://www.angelflightcentral.org/passengers>

## **Children's Cancer Research Fund**

Resource with tips on how to plan a cancer-friendly vacation.  
<https://childrenscancer.org/making-vacation-work-for-a-child-with-cancer/>

## **Corporate Angel Network**

Helps families arrange free flights to treatment centers by using empty seats on corporate aircrafts flying on routine business. Simple flight request available on website.  
<http://www.corpangelnetwork.org/>

## **Mercy Medical Angels**

Mercy Medical Angels removes 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 the commercial airlines.  
<https://mercymedical.org/>

## **Miracle Flights**

Helps children who are struggling with serious cancers and other debilitating diseases to specialized medical treatment centers across the U.S.  
<https://miracleflights.org/>

## **Sassy Carmen**

Resource with tips on traveling for your child's cancer treatment.  
<https://www.sassycarmen.org/traveling-for-your-childs-cancer-treatment/>

## **TSA.gov**

Video by TSA cares describing what to expect when traveling with cancer.  
<https://www.tsa.gov/videos/tsa-cares-tips-individuals-traveling-cancer-0>



# Support Groups

## South Dakota

### Monument Health

Monument Health offers a specific "Coping with Cancer" support group designed to provide a confidential environment for cancer patients and those affected by cancer to connect and share similar experiences.

<https://monument.health/service/cancer-support-resources/>

## National

### 13Thirty

Provides information on cancer, treatments, medicines, clinical trials, and many issues (school, friends, exercise, nutrition, etc.). Provides a peer community virtual support group to connect children and young adults undergoing cancer treatment.

<https://13thirty.org/>

## **Band of Parents by Hope**

A member-based organization with the goal of funding new therapies for neuroblastoma. Provides medical research grants; online communication with other parents across the USA.

<https://www.bandofparents.org/support-network/>

## **Blood Cancer United: Peer-to-Peer Support**

Funds research for blood cancers; offers families information on blood cancers; online support groups & chats. May provide financial assistance when funds are available.

<https://bloodcancerunited.org/resources/patients/peer-to-peer-support>

## **Cancer Care**

Professional oncology social workers provide free emotional and practical support for people with cancer, caregivers, loved ones and the bereaved. Services include counseling, resource navigation, support groups, connect education workshops, publications, financial assistance, specialized programs, community programs, and coping circle workshops.

[www.cancercaresocialworkers.org](http://www.cancercaresocialworkers.org)

## **Imerman Angels**

Through a unique matching process, this organization partners anyone seeking cancer support with someone just like them, a "Mentor Angel". A Mentor Angel is a cancer survivor or survivor caregiver who is the same age, gender and most importantly who has beaten the same types of cancer. Free service to anyone touched by cancer. Patients 17 years and younger will need parental consent and typically also involves connecting a parent or guardian. Caregiver mentors available too.

[www.imermanangels.org](http://www.imermanangels.org)

## **MyLifeline.org**

Provides free websites for cancer patients and their caregivers to build an online support community to empower connection, inspiration and healing.

[www.mylifeline.org](http://www.mylifeline.org)

## South Dakota

### Healing Hope Ministries

Located in Alcester, SD Healing Hope Ministries offers specialized child loss grief retreats designed to support bereaved mothers and/or whole families mourning the loss of a child.

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

### Prairie Lakes Healthcare System

Prairie Lakes Healthcare System offers a six-week grief support opportunity where those who have experienced the death of a loved one can find comfort, support, and hope. They provide a safe environment to learn about the process of grief, meet others who are dealing with losses, and share stories of your loved one.

<https://www.prairielakes.com/calendar/events/grief-support-group-2026-series/>

## National

### **“A Butterfly for Brittany: A Children’s Book About the Death of Another Child, from a Child’s Point of View,” by Cristine Thomas (Ages 3-7)**

A beautifully written and illustrated childrens book of how children cope with the loss of another child to cancer. Ages 3-7 Join Megan as she helps her cousin Brittany on the day Brittany goes to heaven. Megan paints a pretty butterfly with beautiful wings, which Brittany will wear when the angels take her to heaven. An ideal book that opens the door for discussion about the death of a child.

<https://www.amazon.com/-/he/Butterfly-Brittany-Childrens-Another-Childs/dp/0977879607>

## **Grief Share**

A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

[www.griefshare.org/](http://www.griefshare.org/)

## **Help Me Say Goodbye: Activities for Helping Kids Cope When a Special Person Dies**

An art therapy and activity book for children coping with death. Sensitive exercises address all the questions children may have during this emotional and troubling crisis. Children are encouraged to express in pictures what they are often incapable of expressing in words.

<https://www.amazon.com/Help-Me-Say-Goodbye-Activities/dp/1577490851>

## **Memories Live**

Helps people with life-limiting illnesses preserve their images, stories, and wisdom by creating personalized movies to pass on to their loved ones.

<https://www.memorieslive.org/>

## **The Grief Bubble: Helping Kids Explore and Understand Grief**

The Grief Bubble is a special workbook for children ages 6 and older who have experienced the death of someone special. The interactive format invites them to find expression for their thoughts and feelings, encouraging the exploration of their grief. The Grief Bubble is also a useful tool for parents, counselors, educators and other caring adults supporting children in grief.

<https://www.amazon.com/Grief-Bubble-Helping-Explore-Understand/dp/0978868145>

## **The Next Place**

The Next Place brings gentle verse revealing a safe and welcome destination free from earthly hurts and filled with wonder and peace. A comforting message of hope and a gift of compassion for the bereaved.

<https://www.amazon.com/Next-Place-Warren-Hanson/dp/0931674328>



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