

Resource Guide for Families Dealing with Childhood Cancer

Activities/Support:

- **Camp Sunshine** – Summer camp for kids with cancer and year round programs for kids and families.
www.mycampsunshine.com
- **Captain Chemo** – An interactive comic strip/game which also teaches children about cancer and treatment.
www.royalmarsden.org/captchemo
- **Chemo Angels** – Free. For any patient going through chemo. Child will get an angel and they will send him/her gifts, mail every week to encourage them and lift their spirits. You must have email so they can check in every month. Enroll online.
www.chemoangels.com
- **Fun Brain** –
www.funbrain.com/math/index.html
- **Kids Cancer Network** – Games, contest, newsletters and more.
www.kidscancernetwork.org/fun4u.html
- **Kids Health** – Awesome! Articles, fun and interactive activities for kids, teens, and parents.
www.kidshealth.org/kid/
- **Lance Armstrong Foundation** –
www.livestrong.org
- **Lighthouse Family Retreat** – Provides free seaside retreats for families living through childhood cancer.

- www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org
- **The Never Ending Squirrel Tale** – Contains practical tips and encouragement for the parents of kids with cancer.
www.squirreltales.com
 - **Planet Cancer** – A community of young adults with cancer. This Site would be appropriate for older teens and young adults.
www.planetcancer.org
 - **Sunshine Kids** – The Sunshine Kids provides a variety of programs and events, free of charge, for kids who are receiving cancer treatments in hospitals across North America.
www.sunshinekids.org
 - **SuperSibs** – Dedicated to supporting the siblings of children with cancer.
www.supersibs.org
 - **Teens Living with Cancer** - A site for teens with cancer who have lots of living to do.
www.teenslivingwithcancer.com
 - **The Wellness Center** - Provides online support for teens with cancer and their parents.
www.grouploop.org

Childhood Cancer Organizations:

- **Brain Tumor Foundation for Children** – Provides support services such as The Butterfly Fund, Patient Support Group Activities and Wings of Compassion.
404-252-4107
www.braintumorkids.org

- **Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation** – Provides information on web resources, variety of books and financial assistance. 800-366-2223
www.candlelighters.org
- **Childhood Leukemia Foundation** – Provides a wide variety of information and resources for families of children dealing with leukemia. 888-253-7109
www.clf4kids.org
- **CURE Childhood Cancer** – Dedicated to conquering pediatric cancer through funding important basic and clinical research while providing support programs and services for children and their families.
800-443-2873
www.curechildhoodcancer.org
- **CureSearch** – Provides current information, a resource directory and message boards. 800-458-6223
www.curesearch.org
- **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** – Provides a wide variety of resources for those with blood cancers.
800-955-4572

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Homepage – Here you can find a wealth of information; disease specific, your local chapter, research, etc.

www.lls.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Financial Support Applications are available here to download.

www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?item_id=4599

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Georgia Chapter
Patient Services Manager: Rosalinda Ramirez
1-800-399-7312 ext 7807.

Newly Diagnosed? This site will help you answer questions about the disease, the prognosis and the treatments available.
www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?item_id=4221

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, **Savannah Support Group**. If you or someone you love is diagnosed, we are your source for support. Second Thursday of the month, Summit Cancer Care Lobby, 4700 Waters Avenue; Second Floor, 5:00-6:00pm

- **The National Children's Cancer Society** – Provides financial and in-kind assistance, advocacy, support services and education. 314-241-1600
www.children-cancer.org
- **National Marrow Donor Program** – Bone marrow and cord blood registry. 800-627-7692
www.marrows.org
- **The Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society** – Provides current information and message boards for families dealing with neuroblastoma. 800-532-5162
www.neuroblastomacancer.org
- **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the US** – Offers educational and emotional support for children and families affected by brain tumors. 800-253-6530
www.pbtfus.org

Communication:

- **Care Pages** – Offers free, personal, private Web pages that help family and friends communicate when someone is facing illness.
www.carepages.com

- **Caring Bridge** – Offers free websites for families who need a way of keeping family/friends updated on their child’s condition. Friends and family can check in on your family and leave notes of encouragement.
www.caringbridge.org
- **PlanToHelp.com** – Helps organize individuals and families, but could also help organize the volunteer recruitment at schools, businesses, churches and organizations. It is a centralized place allowing everyone to know what help has already been offered and what help is still needed.
www.PlanToHelp.com

Ronald McDonald House

The Savannah Ronald McDonald House provides a “home away from home” for families of hospitalized children. The Savannah Ronald McDonald House opened in July, 1987 and serves pediatric patients at both local area hospitals. The House is located on the property of Memorial Medical Center across from the main entrance. The first Savannah Ronald McDonald Family Room opened in 2005 at St. Joseph’s Candler Health System with another Family Room slated to open at Memorial in late 2009.

912 356-5520

www.rmhccoastalempire.org

Savannah Community Blood Bank –

Supplies all needed blood and blood products for patients at Memorial Medical Center. If your child is in need of blood products, please contact the Blood Bank to set up an account. This account provides financial reimbursement to you based on donations to your child’s account in relation to blood products received by your child. Located inside Memorial University Medical Center.

4700 Waters Avenue

Savannah, GA 31404
(912) 350-5643
www.igiveblood.com

Self Image / Wigs:

- **American Cancer Society**
Savannah Office:
6600 Abercorn Street, Suite 206
Savannah, GA 31404
Phone: (912) 355-5196
Fax: (912) 355-0955
Free hair pieces (mostly for adults)
- **Children with Hair Loss**
www.childrenwithhairloss.us
- **Fashion Tree (hairpieces for under \$50)**
1607 E Victory Dr
Savannah, GA 31404
Phone: (912) 355-6597
- **Hair Club For Kids**
In 1992, Hair Club founded a non-profit organization to provide free hair restoration for children battling hair loss as a result of illness.
[hairclub.com/hc for kids.php](http://hairclub.com/hc_for_kids.php)
- **iWig**
Wigs for children and adults.
www.iwig.com
- **Kids Miracle Designs:**

Reimbursement for pediatric oncology hairpieces within a certain price range. Call Donna Hammontree at 912-350-5616.

- **Locks of Love**

There is a nomination form that the family completes. They do have special hair pieces for children. Sometimes there is a cost, but the family can show financial need and get a sliding fee scale or even free hair piece.

www.locksoflove.org

- **Positive Image Prosthetics**

(912) 354-7500

5202 Waters Ave, Savannah

Insurance covers the cost sometimes.

- **Wigs for Kids**

Phone: 440-333-4433

www.wigsforkids.org/index.php

- 2bme – A site for teens with cancer. Get the scoop on the non-medical stuff you're wondering about – from skin and hair to fitness and friends.

www.2bme.org

Wishes:

- **Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation** – Grants small wishes for the pediatric cancer patients.

www.bearnecessities.org

- **Give Kids the World** - Give Kids The World is a non-profit organization that exists only to fulfill the wishes of all children with life-threatening illnesses and their families from around the world to experience a memorable, joyful, cost-free visit to the Central Florida attractions, and to enjoy the magic of Give Kids The World Village for as long as there is a need.

www.gktw.org

- **Kids Wish Network** – Grants wishes to kids between the ages of 3 and 18 who are battling life-threatening conditions. The child must be able to communicate his or her wish and cannot have had a wish with another organization. The kids can request just about anything for their wish, including trips to theme parks, meeting celebrities, travel, shopping sprees, computers or commodities.

www.kidswishnetwork.org

- **Make a Wish** – Wishes granted for children.

www.wish.org

- **A Special Wish Foundation** – An organization that grants wishes for children under the age of 21 who are dealing with a life threatening illness.

www.spwish.org

- **Sunshine Foundation** – Grants wishes to children suffering from terminal or chronic illnesses.

www.sunshinefoundation.org