Resources for Families*

Below is a list of other organizations that may be able to assist families with a child who qualifies for a Wish or Memorial through the Wishes & More program. Please contact these organizations directly if you have questions about their services.*

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A Kid Again – A Kid Again provides year-round, fun-filled adventures that allow children with life-threatening conditions to feel like A Kid Again. Beyond Adventures, families are provided with support to navigate the challenges of a life-threatening condition. Families share strength, stories, and encouragement, offering a safe space for everyone.
https://akidagain.org/

AeroAngel – AeroAngel provides critically ill children with safe, private jet flights to reach distant medical care. Every flight is free, and every journey is coordinated with care and compassion, helping families focus on what matters most – healing.
https://aeroangel.org/

Alex Schmidt Memorial Foundation – The Alex Schmidt Memorial Foundation exists to support individuals, including youth and high school sports organizations, as well as patients and families undergoing cancer treatments. Scholarships are also awarded to those wishing to further their education.
https://alexschmidtmemorialfoundation.com

Angel Flight Central – Angel Flight Central serves people in need by arranging charitable flights for health care or other humanitarian purposes.
https://angelflightcentral.org

B+ Foundation – B+ Foundation gives qualified families money for expenses that are attributable to their child's cancer diagnosis. The goal of the program is to lessen the financial burden so families can focus on helping their children get well. Also, B+ provides free psychosocial support, including virtual support groups, bilingual school re-entry resources, and educational webinars.
https://www.bepositive.org/

Brighter Days Grief Center – Brighter Days Family Grief Center is a "family-focused" nonprofit dedicated to grieving Minnesota families. They provide no-cost care to children, young adults, and adults who are grieving the death or terminal diagnosis of a family member through logistical, psychosocial, and financial support. Brighter Days also offers Soft Landings, a free program designed to walk beside a newly bereaved family through the early days and months of deep grief, with continual touchpoints of support from a dedicated team of compassionate professionals. Additionally, Brighter Days provides grief consultations, training, and after-care crisis response to schools and organizations.
https://brighterdaysgriefcenter.org/

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Brighter Tomorrows – Brighter Tomorrows offers unique programming and essential support for families dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Founded and established by families who have faced childhood cancer themselves, there is a great understanding as to what you are going through during this difficult time. Some programs include monthly gatherings, family, and educational activities.
https://brightertomorrowshope.org/

Caps For Kids – Caps For Kids is a national nonprofit organization that puts smiles on the faces of children with cancer by providing them with a ball cap autographed by their favorite athlete, actor, singer, or other notable person of their choice.
https://www.capsforkids.org/

Child Loss Foundation – The Child Loss Foundation supports parents grieving the death of a child with resources, connection, and guidance as they navigate their individual grief journey.
https://www.childlossfoundation.org/

Childhood Cancer Community – Childhood Cancer Community provides meaningful connections for families affected by childhood cancer to promote positivity and purpose throughout their journeys.
https://childhoodcancercommunity.org/

Cleaning For A Reason – Cleaning for a Reason provides free home cleaning to patients battling cancer. When cancer makes life at home difficult, our trusted network of residential cleaners, cleaning industry volunteers, and community volunteers come together to support cancer patients and their families.
https://www.cleaningforareason.org/

Cleaning Up For Cancer –This organization provides free, eco-friendly and non-toxic home cleanings in the seven-county metro area for cancer patients of all ages who are undergoing treatment.
https://www.cleaningupforcancer.org/

Compass to Care – The mission of Compass to Care is to provide a free Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) solution to access life-saving cancer treatment and clinical trials for children fighting cancer and facing poverty or cancer-related financial toxicity (CRFT).
https://www.compasstocare.org/

Crescent Cove – Crescent Cove offers care and support to children and young adults with a shortened life-expectancy, and to their families who love them. The Crescent Cove Respite & Hospice Home for Kids is a vibrant and joyful home-away-from-home for kids with life-threatening conditions, where each moment is embraced and celebrated.
https://crescentcove.org/

Crops of Luv – Crops of Luv provide wish children with beautifully crafted, one-of-a-kind scrapbooks to remember their wish trips.
https://cropsofluv.org/

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Enduring Hearts – Enduring Hearts stands as a beacon of hope for families navigating the challenging journey of pediatric heart transplantation.
https://enduringhearts.org/

Fiona's Hope – Fiona's Hope addresses the comfort needs of families of hospitalized children during prolonged or unexpected hospital stays. Fiona's Hope does this by spreading Hope through the little comforts of home with Fiona's Hope Totes, remembering Heaven's newest angels through Fiona's Hope Memorials, and providing support by connecting with families through personal experience.
http://www.fionashope.org/

Grace, Inc. – Grace coordinates education for volunteers and caregivers and provides wellness programs to encourage and support those who care for children with special needs. Grace attends to both a parent and child's non-medical needs for respite and support.
https://www.branchinggrace.com/

GRIT Adaptive – GRIT Adaptive breaks down barriers to inclusivity by providing adapted and supported programs for youth and adults with disabilities. At the heart of their community is GRIT – Growth, Resilience, Inclusion, and Transformation.
https://gritadaptive.org

Help Me Bounce – Making it easier to help families to Bounce and Not Break, Together. Help Me Bounce provides assistance to families in crisis with critically ill or seriously injured family members. Financial assistance is paid directly to service providers to help cover monthly bills, allowing families to focus their time and support on caring for a critically ill family member.
https://www.helpmebounce.org/

His House Foundation (HHF) – HHF provides food, clothing, household goods, and personal products to families in need. In addition, HHF has a Housing Stabilization program that addresses economic needs and helps connect people in need with state or federal programs for which they may be eligible. In addition, they partner with other non-profits in the area and may be able to refer people in need of the services they provide, such as car maintenance.
https://www.hhfabundance.com/

HopeKids – HopeKids provides ongoing events, activities and a powerful, unique support community for families who have a child with cancer or some other life-threatening medical condition. They surround the families they serve with the message that hope can be a powerful medicine. HopeKids are invited to free events to give them something to look forward to and give them hope for the future.
https://www.hopekids.org/

Icing Smiles – Icing Smiles is a nationwide nonprofit organization that delivers dream cakes at no charge to kids impacted by critical illness. (And to their siblings, too!)
https://www.icingsmiles.org/

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Iron Matt Foundation – Building a network committed to reducing family hardship, funding pediatric brain tumor research, and giving children the opportunity to live long, healthy lives. They offer family assistance programs, relieving the financial burden for families faced with a child undergoing brain or central nervous system cancer treatment. Research grant programs are also available in hopes of finding a cure.
https://www.Ironmatt.org/

Jack's Basket – Jack's Basket provides complimentary welcome baskets for families of babies diagnosed with Down syndrome.
https://jacksbasket.org/

Joni & Friends – A faith-based organization offering those with disabilities hope, dignity and their place in the body of Christ. Ministry programs include retreats and getaways, Wheels for the World, offering the delivery of wheelchairs and bibles to those with disabilities in developing countries and Joni's House International, offering physical, economic, spiritual, and social support, all in the name of Jesus.
https://joniandfriends.org/minnesota/

Lighthouse Family Retreat – Lighthouse Family Retreat is a faith-based non-profit that exists to strengthen every family impacted by childhood cancer. They host restorative retreats and develop helpful resources so that families and their support systems can find hope in God and help in their fight.
https://www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org/

Little Star Foundation – Little Star Foundation provides long term care and a better quality of life for children with cancer and children in need, their families, and communities, through financial assistance, education, medical support, therapeutic play, and outreach care programs.
https://www.littlestar.org/

Northern Lights Foundation – Northern Lights provides financial assistance to families with a child experiencing a life-threatening condition. Grants may be used at the recipient's discretion, be it medical bills, transportation, or other bills accrued during the child's treatment.
http://northernlightsfoundation.org/

Oracle Health Foundation – Oracle Health Foundation provides funding for children whose families cannot afford medical care, equipment, vehicle modifications, or experience displacement related to care.
https://www.oraclehealthfoundation.org/

PACER Center – PACER Center improves educational opportunities and enhances the quality of life for children and young adults with disabilities and their families. PACER'S three main areas of focus are: parent training and advocacy, assistive technology solutions, and social inclusion programs.
https://www.pacer.org/

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Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation – Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation provides comfort and distraction from painful procedures to children and teens who have been diagnosed with cancer, by providing gifts from a Treasure Chest.
https://www.treasurechest.org/

Pohl Children's Foundation – In loving memory of Kegan, Bracken, and Mearan Pohl, the Pohl Children's Foundation provides support and services to children and families who have experienced the loss of a child or parent/caregiver, and to provide a quality-of-life experience to children with life-threatening illnesses while supporting the entire family.
https://www.pohlchildrensfoundation.org/

Pregnancy & Postpartum Support Minnesota – PPSM is a trusted ally for families and practitioners, providing support, advocacy, awareness, and training. Their mission is to pave the way for perinatal mental health.
https://ppsupportmn.org/

Rebuilding Together MN – Rebuilding Together MN's mission is repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. They serve low-income homeowners who are seniors, individuals living with disabilities, and families with children.
https://rtmn.org/

Ronald McDonald House Upper Midwest – When the best treatment for a sick child is far from home, families don't have to worry about where to stay. At a Ronald McDonald House, families can stay together, and rest and recharge to remain strong for their child.
https://rmhc-uppermidwest.org/

Sadie Keller Foundation – Sadie Keller Foundation's mission is to put a smile on the faces of children fighting cancer all over the country and remind them to keep fighting by giving them special gifts, to raise awareness for childhood cancer, and to make a HUGE impact.
https://sadiekellerfoundation.org/

Sing Me A Story – Sing Me A Story's mission is to serve families in need through the imaginative stories of their children and the power of music. With the help of songwriters, music is created based on the stories of children.
https://singmeastory.org/

Songs of Love – The Songs of Love Foundation creates free, personalized, original songs to uplift children and teens currently facing tough medical, physical, or emotional challenges.
https://songsoflove.org/

Strong Brave Hopeful Foundation – SBH Foundation empowers kids living with epilepsy and rare neurological conditions.
https://sbhfoundation.org/

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Team IMPACT – Team IMPACT matches children facing serious illnesses and disabilities with college sports teams, creating a long-term, life-changing experience for everyone involved.
https://www.teamimpact.org/

The Brave Foundation – Supports families navigating a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) journey. The foundation aims to uplift, empower and comfort through trauma-informed outreach, practical support, and heartfelt connection.
https://www.the brave foundation.info/

The Compassionate Friends – The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.
https://www.compassionatefriends.org/

The Grief Club of Minnesota – The Grief Club of Minnesota is a safe haven of support, compassion, education, and hope. They provide services by licensed mental health counselors at no cost so that families can navigate grief in healthy ways.
https://griefclubmn.org/

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

United Healthcare Children's Foundation — UHCCF offers timely financial support to families so they can focus on what is most important – enhancing the quality of life of their child. UHCCF grants help with medical expenses not covered, or not fully covered, by a family's commercial health insurance.
https://www.uhccf.org/

USSA - United Special Sportsman Alliance — USSA specializes in sending critically ill and disabled youth on the FREE outdoor adventure of their dreams.
https://childswish.org/

Wigs for Kids — Wigs for Kids provides free custom real hairpieces to children up to 18 years of age who are experiencing medical-related hair loss.
https://wigsforkids.org/

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