



FAMILY RESOURCES

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Accommodation Support

Easter Seals House

	Contact Information
Phone	1 (800) 818-3666
Website	https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/
Email	eshousevcr@eastersealsbcy.ca
Address	3981 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 4H5
	Service Information
Area	Greater Vancouver
Populations served	Families travelling to Vancouver for medical treatment and appointments
Fees	Start at \$68/night

Description

Easter Seals House is a place to stay when traveling to Vancouver for medical treatment and appointments. Suites are also available for respite to parents and families needing a place to relax and recharge.

Services

49 self-contained suites with twin beds.

Jeneece Place

	Contact Information
Phone	(250) 479-9908
Website	https://islandkidsfirst.com/jeneece-place/
Address	201 Hospital Way, Victoria, BC V8Z 6R5
	Service Information
Area	Victoria
Populations served	Families whose children need medical care in Victoria
Fees	\$26.25/night
Referral	Required
Funding options	Please see website for details

Description

Jeneece Place offers accommodation for families whose children (under the age of 19) need medical care in Victoria. The room rate is \$26.25 per night and additional funding options are available. Child supervision is not provided.

Services

Bedrooms and other amenities.

Ronald McDonald House

	Contact Information
Phone	(855) 451-6703
Website	https://rmhbc.ca/
Email	info@rmhbc.ca
Address	4567 Heather Street, Vancouver, BC V5Z 0C9
	Service Information
Area	Greater Vancouver
Populations served	Families, including parents/guardians, siblings, extended family members, from 50km outside of Greater Vancouver with a sick child receiving treatment at BCCH, Sunny Hill Health Centre, or other local medical facilities
Fees	Vary
Referral	Required from a social worker.
Funding options	Some families may qualify for funding through the BC Family Residence Program

Description

RMH BC & Yukon provides accommodations for families from out of town whose children are getting medical treatment at BC Children's Hospital, Sunny Hill Health Centre, or another medical facility. RMH is a 73-bedroom house with family programs and activities, as well as a Save-on-Foods pantry program. Families must come from 50km outside of Greater Vancouver. RMH does not provide financial support.

Services

73-bedroom house near BCCH
a Family Room in Surrey Memorial Hospital

COVID-19 Updates

Accommodations and services for guest families continue, but visitors are restricted and volunteer programs are temporarily suspended. Vaccination required unless medically exempt.

BC Family Residence Program

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 496-6946
Website	https://www.variety.bc.ca/bc-family-residence-program/
	Service Information
Area	Greater Vancouver
Populations served	Families living outside Metro Vancouver (not including Anmore, Belcarra, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, White Rock, West Vancouver and Electoral Area A) with a child (aged 18 or younger) who requires medical care at BCCH or Sunny Hill Health Centre. Must have a Care Card/PHN number issued by Medical Services Plan of BC. See website for more qualification details.
Fees	Partial funding available through Variety - the Children's Charity (info@variety.bc.ca)

Description

BC Family Residence Program, administered by Variety the Children's Charity, provides accommodation assistance for B.C. families while a child requires medical assistance at BC Children's Hospital or Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children.

Services

Accommodation arrangements and financial assistance

Lu'ma Native Housing Society - Aboriginal Patients' Lodge

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 707-9191
Website	http://lnhs.ca/aboriginal-health-wellness/
Address	1254 East 8th Avenue, Vancouver
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Aboriginal families needing to stay in Vancouver to receive medical care
Fees	Daily rates vary, please see website for details
Referral	No referral needed if paying out of pocket. Please see "Rates and Booking" page for details on referral requirements if receiving assistance to cover fees.
Funding options	Please see "Rates and Booking" page for details on funding options

Description

Aboriginal Patients' Lodge provides culturally safe accommodations for Aboriginal families needing to stay in Vancouver to receive medical treatment.

Services

Accommodation

YANA - Vancouver Apartments

	Contact Information
Phone	250-871-0343
Website	https://www.yanacomoxvalley.com/get-support/vancouver/
Email	info@yanacomoxvalley.com
	Service Information
Area	Comox Valley
Populations served	Comox Valley families who need to travel to access medical services for a child or an expecting mother.
Fees	Contact through phone or email for information
Referral	Contact by phone or email to start intake process
Funding options	Contact through phone or email for information

Description

YANA works in partnership with the BC Family Residence Program to rent and maintain four fully furnished apartments within walking distance to BC Children's Hospital that are available to families from the Comox Valley needing to stay in Vancouver to access medical care for their child.

Services

Accommodation

Advocacy/legal

Disability Alliance BC

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 663-1278
Website	https://disabilityalliancebc.org/about-dabc/
Email	advocacy@disabilityalliancebc.org
Address	#1450-605 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5J3
Hours	8:30am - 4:30pm M-F
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Fees	None

Description

Disability Alliance BC provides free legal advice to people with disabilities regarding human rights and discrimination. Also assists people with disabilities to apply for and appeal the denial of provincial and federal disability benefits.

Services

Legal advice and other helpful information on applying for Person With Disabilities (PWD) benefits with the provincial government.

COVID-19 Updates

Temporary office closure, but one-to-one services are offered remotely

Bereavement Support

Lumara/Camp Kerry

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 553 4663
Website	https://lumarasociety.org/camp-kerry/
Address	145 East Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 3W2
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick
Populations served	Babies, toddlers, youths, adults of all ages who have lost a loved one
Fees	Suggested contribution per family is \$600, funding may be available so please contact their Head Office at (604) 553 4663

Description

Created in honour of Kerry Kirstiuk, a young mom and wife who died from cancer in 2006 . The program, a bereavement camp for families that lost their parents or siblings, was created to bring people together in mutual compassion and understanding. It is one weekend in BC, one in Ontario, one weekend in New Brunswick. They offer counseling services and they run out of Vancouver.

Services

Families are welcomed by a team of qualified counsellors and specially trained volunteers to a 4-day retreat that provides a variety of therapeutic and recreational experiences.

The Compassionate Friends of Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 823-0141
Website	www.tcfcanada.net
Email	nationaloffice@tcfcanada.net
Address	1346 Ravens View Drive, Victoria, BC V9B 6P7
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Parents and surviving siblings grieving the death of a child
Fees	None

Description

The Compassionate Friends of Canada is an international, peer-support program which offers support and education for families who are grieving the death of a child. A list of chapters and contacts in British Columbia is available.

Services

Monthly sharing meetings, telephone friends, newsletters and various events

COVID-19 Updates

Suspension of in-person activities; Sharing Circles to be continued online via Zoom.

KidsGrief.ca

	Contact Information
Website	https://kidsgrief.ca/
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

KidsGrief.ca is a free online resource developed by experts on children's grief alongside people who have experienced loss and supported children through grief. This website can help you understand how children (ages 0 to 18) grieve and how to support them as they face the life-limiting illness and death of someone important to them. This website was developed and is maintained by Canadian Virtual Hospice.

Services

Information and resources on supporting a child or teen through grief.

Emotional support

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada - BrainWAVE Program

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 265-5106
Website	https://www.braintumour.ca/care-support/pediatric-family-support/
Address	205 Horton St E, Suite 203, London, ON N6B 1K7
Hours	8:30am - 4:30pm M-F
	Service Information
Area	Lower mainland BC
Populations served	Families with a child with a brain tumour
Fees	None

Description

Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada is a nationwide foundation that provides educational resources, support, and activities for kids with brain tumors and their families and caregivers. BrainWAVE is a support program offered in Lower Mainland BC, for children/teens with brain tumors and their families. BrainWAVE families have the chance to meet and relax through fun activities such as trips to sporting events, historical sites, and other family attractions.

Services

Free activities such as trips to sports events, historical sites and other family attractions

COVID-19 Updates

All BrainWAVE activities have moved online and are being offered in a virtual format.

Callanish Society

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 732-0633
Website	https://www.callanish.org/
Email	info@callanish.org
Address	2277 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6K 2J1
	Service Information
Area	Vancouver
Populations served	Young adults and adults diagnosed with cancer (19-40)
Fees	\$950/person for retreats

Description

Callanish Society organizes retreats, counselling and support groups for young adults (19-40) and adults diagnosed with cancer. Retreats provide an experience of immersion in personal reflection and community engagement.

Services

Weekly and monthly support circles, retreats scheduled throughout the year, special events for younger adults available

COVID-19 Updates

Retreats are on hold.

Experiences

Forward Foundation

	Contact Information
Website	https://forwardfoundation.ca/
Email	info@forwardfoundation.ca
Address	#2900 550 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC V6C 0A3
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Adults (age 18-39) with a terminal illness diagnosis who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents
Fees	None
Referral	Required

Description

Forward Foundation aims to provide young adults who are living with a critical illness meaningful experiences of connection. Referrals are done through an online application and can come from doctors, nurses, social workers or families, friends, self-referral. If selected, Forward works with the recipient to create an experience that is meaningful to them.

Services

Supports experiences that deepen meaningful connections to people, animals, the environment and others.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 277 9474
Website	https://makeawish.ca/
Email	nationaloffice@makeawish.ca
Address	112-2025 W Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6J 1Z6
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Children with a critical illness at the life-threatening stage who haven't yet received a wish from any wish-granting foundation.
Fees	None
Referral	Accepted from medical professionals (doctors, nurses, social workers, child-life specialists), parents/guardians, child themselves.

Description

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada is a wish granting charity dedicated to granting wishes to children ages 3 to 17 who have been diagnosed with a critical illness or serious neurological or genetic condition.

Services

Wish granting

COVID-19 Updates

Due to the pandemic and communicable disease impacts, wishes involving travel or gatherings may have restrictions. Applicants should check with Make-A-Wish when planning their wish.

She Defines Strength Foundation - Glamour Night

	Contact Information
Website	http://shedefinesstrength.com/
Email	shedefinesstrength@gmail.com
	Service Information
Populations served	Young female cancer fighters, survivors and their champions (ages 13-35).
Fees	None

Description

This foundation offers a way for girls to meet other girls going through cancer. They host a night at a fancy hotel once a year, ages 13-35. It is free for the girls including gas, parking, plane tickets and hotel stays. The night includes dressing up, doing makeup and hair/wigs, followed by a photoshoot.

Services

Glamour Night experience

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 880-1004
Website	https://www.starlightcanada.org/
Email	info@starlightcanada.org
Address	200 Consumers Rd., Suite 809, Toronto, ON M2J 4R4
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Child with a serious, chronic or life-threatening illness.
Fees	None
Referral	Approval from medical doctor for out-of-hospital activities required.

Description

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada brings joy to children by granting wishes (Starlight Great Escapes Wishes, Starlight Once in a Lifetime Wishes) as well as offering in hospital and out of hospital programs to entertain children. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they are also offering a COVID-19 Family Pack which includes necessities such as gas cards, grocery cards, school supplies, and activities for kids.

Services

Wish granting (Day Brightener, Great Escapes, Once in a Lifetime)
Various in-hospital and out-of-hospital programs

COVID-19 Updates

Play from Home program available and COVID-19 Family Pack is offered to families in need.

Sunshine Foundation of Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 46-7935
Website	http://sunshine.ca/
Email	info@sunshine.ca
Address	300 Wellington St., Suite 100, London, ON N6B 2L5
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Child with a life-threatening illness or severe physical disabilities who lives in Canada and has not received a wish fulfilment from any organization yet.
Fees	None
Referral	Accepted from medical professionals, parents/guardians, child themselves, other charities and foundations.

Description

With Sunshine Foundation of Canada, children between the age of 7 and 17 with severe illnesses can request a dream fulfillment, or participate in a one-day whirlwind adventure called DreamLift (visits to Disneyland etc).

Services

Individual, customized experiences

COVID-19 Updates

In person and virtual events held during the COVID-19 pandemic are listed on their website.

Fertility

Fertile Future

	Contact Information
Phone	(613) 440-3302
Website	https://fertilefuture.ca/
Email	info@fertilefuture.ca
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	<p>Canadians under the age of 40 who have been diagnosed with cancer. Informative resources on their website are publically available, and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Full eligibility criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fertility Centre administering fertility preservation treatment must be a member of the Power of Hope program (full list centres on website). -Household income of \$50,000 or less. -Confirmation from applicant's oncologist indicating that cancer treatment presents a risk to fertility and that they support fertility preservation as safe and appropriate for applicant. -Applicant must be 40 years of age or younger. -Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or have Permanent Resident status. -Applicant must have a valid provincial health card. -Applicant has not previously benefited from the Power of Hope program. -No more than one year has elapsed since fertility preservation was performed.
Fees	None
Referral	If receiving treatment at BC Children's Hospital, please connect with your social worker to learn about local options.

Description

Fertile Future provides fertility preservation information and support services to cancer patients and oncology professionals.

Services

Information and support accessing fertility treatment.

Food Support

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation - Nourish at Home

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 394-2029
Website	https://www.wckfoundation.ca/food-support#food-support-home
Email	karin.alleyne@wckfoundation.ca
Address	4300 Still Creek Dr, Burnaby, BC V5C 6C6 Canada
Hours	9:00am - 5:30pm M-F
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	B.C. families navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders.
Fees	None
Referral	None needed

Description

The Nourish at Home program provides monthly deliveries over a 2 month period of wholesome frozen family-sized meals. Meals can be delivered to any postal code in BC. Fill out the form on their website linked above and a team member will follow up with a phone call with more information.

Services

Ready-made frozen meals and snacks delivered to families' homes.

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation - Food at the Hospital

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 394-2029
Website	https://www.wckfoundation.ca/food-support#food-support-home
Email	karin.alleyne@wckfoundation.ca
Address	4300 Still Creek Dr, Burnaby, BC V5C 6C6 Canada
Hours	9:00am - 5:30pm M-F
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	B.C. families navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders.
Fees	None
Referral	None needed

Description

We provide a variety of frozen, easy-to-heat meals and helpful snacks that can accommodate varying dietary preferences for families at BC Children's hospital. Food can be accessed by asking a nurse or unit clerk about WCK meals and they will get one for you to heat and eat at any time. Snacks are also available in the oncology clinic.

Services

Ready-made frozen meals and snacks available at BC Children's hospital.

Financial support

BC Hydro Customer Crisis Fund

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 224-9376
Website	https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crises-fund.html
Address	PO Box 8910, Vancouver, BC V6B 4X3
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Residential account holder applying for primary residential account, with overdue payments and facing disconnection, who has experienced a significant life event within the last 12 months that caused a temporary financial crisis, has an outstanding balance of \$1000 or less and has demonstrated some attempt to make payments.
Fees	None
Funding options	Grants up to max \$600 for utilities

Description

BC Hydro provides grants to residential customers experiencing a temporary financial crisis, such as a loss of employment or benefit, unanticipated medical expenses, or a death in the family and are unable to pay their utilities bill so they can avoid disconnection of their services.

Services

The Customer Crisis fund provides maximum grants of up to \$600 for customers who heat their homes with electricity, and \$500 for customers with non-electrically heated homes.

BC Palliative Care Benefits Program

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 683-7151, (800) 663-7100
Website	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare/palliative-patientinfo.pdf
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	BC residents who have reached the end stage of a life-threatening disease and wish to receive palliative care at home
Fees	None
Referral	Required from physician or nurse practitioner.

Description

BC residents who wish to receive palliative care at home can ask their physician or nurse practitioner to assess their eligibility and apply on their behalf for coverage for medications for palliative care and certain medical supplies and equipment.

Services

Pharmacare BC Palliative Care Drug Plan - medications for palliative care, local health authority - assessment of, and coverage for, certain medical supplies and equipment.

Bear Essentials

	Contact Information
Phone	(833) 751-0874
Website	https://islandkidsfirst.com/bear-essentials/
Email	info@islandkidsfirst.com
Address	345 Wale Road, Victoria, BC V9B 6X2
	Service Information
Area	Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands
Populations served	Children on Vancouver Island (or the surrounding islands) with a medical condition, health challenge, or disability confirmed by a healthcare professional that requires financial support and has not exceeded the Bear Essentials maximum of \$10,000.
Fees	Funding up to lifetime maximum of \$10,000
Referral	Required from a healthcare professional familiar with a child's needs and the family's circumstances.

Description

Bear Essentials is a family support program on Vancouver Island that assists with the costs of health-related travel and equipment for Island kids. The program is designed for families that struggle to afford the associated costs or that have barriers limiting their ability to access health care or equipment for their child.

Services

Financial support for health-related travel and equipment

Believe in the Gold

	Contact Information
Phone	(403) 968-0822
Website	https://www.believeinthegold.ca/supporting-families-1
Address	Suite 3900, 350 7th SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3N9
	Service Information
Area	The Kootenays
Populations served	Families of a child with cancer who reside in the Kootenay region of British Columbia.
Fees	None
Referral	A note from your oncologist, doctor, primary nurse, or social worker.

Description

Believe in the Gold provides financial support to families in the Kootenays with medical expenses that are not covered by Provincial Health Care or extended benefit plans.

Services

Families may claim costs through the Supporting Families Program, medical costs included are those outlined in the Canadian Revenue Agency (link on website), travel fund also available.

Brokers Who Care

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.brokerswhocare.ca/
Email	hello@brokerswhocare.ca
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	People/causes in Canada with a financial need
Fees	None
Referral	A nomination from a Brokers Who Care member.

Description

Brokers who care are a group of Canadian mortgage professionals that provide financial support to people and causes voted on by their members. Nominations are made by members and are received and reviewed by their board each quarter. Three causes in both eastern and western Canada are put forward, membership votes, and then cheques are sent out to one cause in each region.

Services

Financial aid through an application/nomination process. All details on their website.

Childhood Cancer Canada - COVID19 Emergency Fund

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.childhoodcancer.ca/SpecialPages/Forms/Emergency-Fund
	Service Information
Referral	The application can be filled out by anyone, but it does require the name and contact information of the patient's Social Worker, Interlink Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, or Oncologist.

Description

The COVID-19 Emergency Fund is a financial program available to patients and families in Canada who are a young adult or have a child with cancer and who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For approved applicants, \$250 is provided per family/patient as a one-time payment in the form of a cheque or a grocery card, depending on the applicant's location. Patients 18-39 years old must be in: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, and Nova Scotia.

Services

Application to receive financial aid (\$250 cheque or grocery card) for approved applicants.

Childhood Cancer Family Support

	Contact Information
Phone	(778) 373-0199
Website	http://ccfsupport.com/
Email	info@ccfsupport.com
Address	201-1521 Blackwood Street, White Rock, BC V4B 3V6
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Families of a child with cancer at major BC hospitals.
Fees	None
Referral	Referrals are determined by social workers at BCCH, Surrey Memorial, and Victoria General's Pediatric Oncology department.

Description

Childhood Cancer Family Support helps families who have children with cancer and who are struggling financially by providing them with aid through the Family Financial Aid Program. CCF Support works with BC Children's Hospital, Surrey Memorial, and Victoria General's Pediatric Oncology Departments.

Services

Family financial aid program aims to provide families with financial support in times of need.

Cops for Kids

	Contact Information
Phone	(877) 500-4543
Website	https://copsforkids.org/
Email	info@copsforkids.org
Address	PO Box 20161, RPO Town Centre Kelowna, BC, V1Y 9H2
	Service Information
Area	BC RCMP Southeast District
Populations served	Children with a serious illness that reside within the BC RCMP Southeast District whose family is significantly impacted financially and is in need of funding for expenses related to medical treatments, funds to purchase specialized equipment, symptom management or others.
Fees	None
Referral	Grant applications must include a sponsor, who resides in the Southeast District of BC and is willing to verify the validity of the situation, and written support from a designated healthcare provider or other specialists.

Description

A charitable foundation that is committed to assisting children that have suffered a medical, physical or traumatic crisis in their young lives by raising funds through events such as the Cops for Kids Ride. They provide funding to families living in the BC RCMP Southeast District Jurisdiction for expenses related to medical treatments.

Services

Provides grants, grant applications can be done on their website

CRA Medical and disability related tax info

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Canadians with disabilities, supplements available for persons under 18
Fees	Tax credit
Referral	A medical practitioner has to fill out and certify that you have a severe and prolonged impairment and must describe its effects.

Description

A guide from the Government of Canada for persons with disabilities which provides information on criteria for the disability tax and how to apply and other related tax credits you could claim on the income tax and benefit return. The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. Includes a supplement for persons under the age of 18.

Services

Individuals may visit the website to self-assess if they are eligible and apply through Form T2201

Fair PharmaCare

	Contact Information
Website	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/who-we-cover/fair-pharmacare-plan
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	B.C. families

Description

Fair PharmaCare provides financial support to B.C. families to help pay for eligible prescription drugs, dispensing fees, and some medical supplies. Level of financial coverage is based on income.

Services

Financial support to cover prescription drug costs, dispensing fees, and the costs of some medical supplies.

Friends of Children

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 564-2217
Website	https://www.friendsofchildren.ca/
Email	info@friendsofchildren.ca
Address	490 Quebec Street, Room 107 & 108, Prince George, BC V2N 2S6
	Service Information
Area	Northern BC and East Kootenay
Populations served	Families of children with medical needs living in Northern BC and East Kootenay
Fees	None

Description

Friends of Children raises funds to assist Northern British Columbia and East Kootenay families with travel expenses (fuel, meals, accommodation) related to a child's medical appointments, and sometimes with therapies and specialized equipment as well.

Services

Financial support for travel, meals and accommodation involving children's medical needs, resource information and emotional support, coordinating support through links with other organizations.

Gaby Davis Foundation

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 464-4229
Website	http://www.gabydavisfoundation.com/
Email	contactus@gabydavisfoundation.com
Address	PO Box 78039 Northside RPO, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 7H5
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	British Columbian children with cancer and their families
Fees	None
Referral	Referrals are determined by the social workers at BCCH, Surrey Memorial, and Canuck Place Children's Hospice.

Description

The Gaby Davis Foundation aims to support children with cancer and their families across British Columbia by providing financial support, gifts, fuel, parking, food gift cards and more.

Services

Provides financial support, gifts, fuel, parking, food gift cards and more.

Help Fill A Dream - Family Assistance Program

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.helpfilladream.com/family-assistance/
	Service Information
Area	Vancouver Island
Populations served	Vancouver Island Families with a child with a critical condition
Referral	Must be referred by a qualified health professional, including but not limited to: Social Workers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, RNs, and Physicians.

Description

Help Fill a Dream's Family Assistance Program provides financial support to families on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands whose child has a critical illness. The intent of the program is to help reduce the financial stress that families experience from the costs and challenges associated with their child's condition.

Services

Financial support

Labatt Better Together Fund

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.labattbettertogether.ca/
Email	bettertogether@labatt.com
Address	207 Queens Quay West, Suite 299, Toronto, ON M5J 1A7
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	An individual or family who are permanent residents of Canada and are in need of financial assistance with annual household income at or below the "low income cut-off before tax" to qualify for the Basic Essentials grant
Fees	None

Description

Provides funding to low-income households for basic essentials such as clothing, footwear, food, household needs and medical care, medical support as well as medical devices not covered by other programs.

Services

Basic Essentials grants include clothing and footwear, food and household needs, medical devices, therapies, support services and assistive devices.

Non-Insured Health Benefits for First Nations and Inuit

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1572537161086/1572537234517
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Eligible First Nations or Inuit people
Fees	None
Referral	Client identification required

Description

The Non-Insured Health Benefits program (NIHB) provides eligible First Nations and Inuit People with a range of health benefits that are not covered through social programs, private insurance, or provincial/territorial health insurance. Benefits include medical supplies and equipment, medication, and travel for those who need to travel outside of their community to receive medical treatment.

Services

Provides coverage for vision care, dental care, mental health counselling, medical supplies and equipment, prescription and over-the-counter medications, medical transportation

Resource Guide for Chinese Cancer Patients - Financial Assistance

	Contact Information
Website	http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/coping-and-support-site/Documents/Support%20Programs/2017%20Aug%201%20Resource%20Guide%20for%20Chinese%20Cancer%20Patients.pdf
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

Resource guide by BC Cancer outlining financial support available in Chinese and English.

Services

Information on ways to receive financial assistance

Ruby Slipper Fund

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.rubyslipperfund.com/
Address	PO Box 385 Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0
	Service Information
Area	Sunshine Coast (Langdale to Earls Cove, BC)
Populations served	Residents of BC's Sunshine Coast who have received a cancer diagnosis
Fees	None

Description

Ruby Slipper Fund Provides financial assistance for people living on BC's Sunshine Coast who have a cancer diagnosis. Must be a resident of the Sunshine Coast (Langdale to Earls Cove, BC). Individuals must complete the online application and provide a letter about their situation.

Services

Funding for respite care for caregivers, equipment rentals for hospice or patients, counselling for patients and family/caregivers, equipment purchase for the Sunshine Coast Palliative Program, cost of medications and other patient needs not covered by insurance, emergency funding after initial diagnosis.

Shine Through the Rain Foundation

	Contact Information
Phone	(905) 477-7743
Website	https://shinethroughtherain.ca/rainydayfund/
Email	info@shinethroughtherain.ca
Address	1211 Gorham Street, Unit 12, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8Y3
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Canadian citizens who are currently in treatment with an annual income of less than \$60,000 annually.
Fees	Funding up to maximum of \$1,500 per year
Referral	Applications must be submitted by a social worker

Description

The Rainy Day Fund provides financial assistance of up to \$1500 per family per year to those who are affected by life threatening illnesses. Patients must be in active treatment. A brief medical history is required by the patient's social worker, and copies of bills (e.g., transportation) must be submitted with the application. Application deadline is the 15th of every month.

Services

Funds are distributed monthly with a maximum limit of \$1,500 per year per family, families may apply for transportation, rent, utility, phone costs, grocery cards.

Thrive Alive Foundation

	Contact Information
Website	http://thrivealive.ca/thrive-support-program/
Email	http://thrivealive.ca/contact/
Address	327 Renfrew Street, Vancouver, BC V5K 5G5
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Canadian citizens or permanent residents currently living in Canada, with a cancer diagnosis and qualify as low-income according to Statistics Canada.
Fees	None

Description

Thrive Alive Foundation is a fund to support people with cancer for alternative treatments and services not normally covered by healthcare plans. Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident currently residing in Canada and qualify as low income.

Services

Treatments supported include: acupuncture/Chinese medicine, chemotherapy medicines, counselling/emotional support, diagnostic testing, exercise sessions/programs, hyperthermia, IV therapy, massage, natural health products, naturopathic medicine, retreats, support classes/programs, supportive cancer medicines.

Variety the Children's Charity

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 381-2040
Website	https://www.variety.bc.ca/grants/individual-grants/
Email	info@variety.bc.ca
Address	4300 Still Creek Drive, Burnaby, BC V5C 6C6
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Children who are residents of B.C. for at least 3 months with a valid Health Care Card with qualified special need (medical/developmental) as recognized by a designated professional and from a family with an annual household income of up to \$65,000
Fees	None

Description

Variety has an individual grants program that provides direct help to children from birth to 19 years old, and mothers experiencing an at risk pregnancy living in B.C. with funding for medical care and services, mobility equipment, specialized therapies, education and experiences. They administer the B.C. Family Residence Program.

Services

Provides direct funding for adaptive equipment, mobility equipment and specialized therapies, tuition and tutoring, continuous glucose monitors, autism assessments.

Burnaby Hospice Society Guidebook

	Contact Information
Website	http://burnabyhospice.org/category/guidebook/
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

A guidebook covering a range of topics for individuals and families living with a life limiting illness & on the end of life journey.

Canadian Virtual Hospice

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.virtualhospice.ca/en_US/Main+Site+Navigation/Home.aspx
Email	info@virtualhospice.ca
Address	Room PE469, One Morley Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3L 2P4
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	People dealing with illness, caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, researchers. Professional Q&A is only available for residents of Canada.
Fees	None

Description

The Canadian Virtual Hospice provides support in the form of direct online access to health-care professionals, who provide personalized information about palliative and end-of-life care. Discussion forums are available to connect with people going through similar experiences.

Services

Online access to a clinical team of palliative care specialists, online information and resources to learn about managing symptoms and other caregiving topics, etc

Canuck Place Children's Hospice

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.canuckplace.org/
Email	hello@canuckplace.org
Address	1690 Matthews Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2T2
	Service Information
Area	Vancouver, Abbotsford
Populations served	Children with a progressive, life-threatening disease
Fees	None
Referral	Can be made by family physicians, medical specialists, community nurses and social workers, neighbours, friends, or the family themselves.

Description

Canuck Place Children's Hospice provides innovative and holistic pediatric palliative care services for children between 0-19 years of age with a progressive, life-threatening disease.

Services

Services include respite, family support, pain and symptoms management, end-of-life care, and bereavement services to newborns, children, youth and their families.

COVID-19 Updates

Everyone must undergo a health-sceening before visiting, extended family and friends are not allowed to visit.

Household cleaning

Cleaning for a Reason

	Contact Information
Website	https://cleaningforareason.org/patients/
Email	info@cleaningforareason.org
Address	PO Box 146, Lewisville, TX 75067
	Service Information
Area	Canada, US
Populations served	Anyone in active cancer treatment/their families in Canada and the U.S.
Fees	None

Description

Provides house cleaning to anyone in active cancer treatment and their families. They provide 2 cleaning sessions total over a 2 month period. Application form is on their website linked below.

Services

Provides free cleanings once a month for two months.

Information

A Boy Named Finn

	Contact Information
Website	https://kidshealth.org/PrimaryChildrens/en/parents/finn-video.html
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

A gentle overview of cancer and common treatment experiences created for younger children.

Services

An age appropriate informative resource for children.

Anna Loses Her Hair

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nX55uDVYb7k
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

A storybook animation about Anna who loses her hair during cancer treatment.

Services

An age appropriate informative resource for children.

BC Children's Patient and Family Guide

	Contact Information
Website	http://www.bcchildrens.ca/About-Site/Documents/Patient-and-Family-Guide.pdf
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

Guide providing information on the hospital's resources, amenities, and other information needed to plan a hospital stay/visit.

Services

Information

BC Children's Hospital - Children's Oncology Group (COG) KidsCare App

	Contact Information
Website	https://childrensoncologygroup.org/downloads/COG_KidsCare_App_Flyer_for_Parents_English.pdf
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Fees	None

Description

Provides access to a breadth of helpful information on navigating various steps of the childhood cancer journey, plus journaling, one-touch dialing, appointment tracking, and more. Available on the App Store or Google Play (Search: "COG KidsCare") or at the QR code at the link below. Must select "BC Children's Hospital" when prompted to view region specific information.

Services

Information, scheduling, journaling, and more.

Information

Cactus Cancer Society

	Contact Information
Website	https://cactuscancer.org/programs/
Email	info@lacunaloft.org
	Service Information
Populations served	Young adult cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.
Fees	None

Description

Online wellness, survivorship resources, and social opportunities for young adult cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.

Courageous Parents Network - Video Library

	Contact Information
Website	https://courageousparentsnetwork.org/video-library
Email	Connect@courageousparentsnetwork.org
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

A video library for parents of children with complex medical needs by other parents and medical care providers. Topics include: self-care, building a support network, working with the medical team, and many more.

Services

Informative videos and guides for parents/caregivers.

Facts 4 Teens

	Contact Information
Website	http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-info/coping-with-cancer/facts-4-teens/
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Fees	None

Description

BC Cancer web page including information about cancer, cancer treatments, and self-care for teens.

Services

Information about cancer, cancer treatments, and self-care for teens.

Imaginary Friend Videos

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.imaginaryfriendsociety.com/home
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

Short film series of kid-friendly videos covering a wide range of cancer-related topics, such as: defining cancer itself, chemotherapy, MRIs, and more.

Services

An age appropriate informative resource for children.

Jake Animations for Children

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/living-with-a-brain-tumour/get-support/children-and-families-service/support-families/animations-explaining-brain-tumours//
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

Series of animations narrated by three characters, Jake, Charley, and Lily, that explain a variety of subjects related to brain tumours.

Services

An age appropriate informative resource for children.

Someone in My Family Has Cancer

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1erqxA_0uk
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

An animation for children that explains what cancer is and what you could expect if someone in your family goes through cancer treatment.

Services

An age appropriate informative resource for children.

Talking to Kids About Cancer - "The Discovery"

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXMKRuUnviw
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

An animation for children that explains what cancer is and how it is found.

Services

An age appropriate informative resource for children.

Mental Health

Anxiety Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 620-0744
Website	https://www.anxietycanada.com/
Email	info@anxietycanada.com
Address	811 - 402 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 1T6
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Adults, youth and children who are struggling with or wish to learn more about anxiety.
Fees	None

Description

Information on anxiety in children, youth, and adults and free access to an app called Mindshift CBT which "uses scientifically proven strategies based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to help you learn to relax and be mindful, develop more effective ways of thinking, and use active steps to take charge of your anxiety."

Services

Various online resources for managing anxiety in adults, youth, and children, as well as free access to the Mindshift CBT app which employs evidence-based CBT methods to help manage anxiety.

BC Center for Ability

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 630-3030
Website	https://bc-cfa.org/programs/family-counselling-support/
Email	Lena.Gilbert@bc-cfa.org
Address	2805 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5H9
Hours	9:00am - 5:00pm MTWT
	Service Information
Area	Burnaby, New Westminster
Populations served	Available only for children, youth, and families in Burnaby and New Westminster with a CYSN worker.
Fees	None
Referral	Must have a CYSN social worker

Description

For families with a CYSN Social Worker, BC Center of Ability offers a family counselling service which aims to help families develop positive coping skills and strengthen a family's ability to support a child with complex medical and social-emotional needs.

Services

6 months of counselling for couples, family units, siblings and children with extra challenges, workshops and information resources, parent networking, Family-Together Nights (whole family activities).

Be There Certificate

	Contact Information
Website	https://betherecertificate.org/
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

A free, self-paced course "designed to increase mental health literacy and provide you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to safely support anyone who may be struggling with their mental health. It provides a deep understanding of Be There's 5 Golden Rules — a simple but actionable framework on how to recognize when someone might be struggling with their mental health, your role in supporting that person, and how to connect them to the help they deserve."

Services

Free access to an online course on "Being There" for someone struggling with their mental health.

Breathr App

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 875-2084
Website	https://keltymentalhealth.ca/breathr
Email	kellycentre@cw.bc.ca
Address	Entrance #85, Room P3-302, 3rd floor, 4500 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3N1
Hours	9:30am - 5:30pm M-F
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

An app that aims to make mindfulness fun and accessible to youth and young adults.

Services

Free access to the Breathr mindfulness app.

Foundry BC

	Contact Information
Phone	(833) 308-6379
Website	https://foundrybc.ca/
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	BC youth aged 12-24 and their caregivers.
Fees	None

Description

Provides a number of resources for mental health support, such as: virtual and in-person counselling, peer-support, workshops, educational tools, and mindfulness app recommendations.

Services

Offers health and wellness resources, services and supports both online through a free app and through integrated service centres in communities across BC

Guide to Counselling and Support - Canadian Association for Psychosocial Support

	Contact Information
Website	https://capo.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/3.1.%20Emotional%20Facts%20of%20Life%20with%20Cancer%20-%20English.pdf
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

A guide for how and why counselling and psychosocial support can be helpful to people experiencing cancer-related stress.

Services

This guide will introduce you to the support provided by professionals who specialize in dealing with cancer by giving an overview of how counselling works, its benefits, and the unique needs of cancer patients and their families

Kelty's Key Online Therapy

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 875-4111 ext. 23614
Website	https://www.keltyskey.com/
Address	803 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1N1
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Fees	None

Description

Self-guided or done alongside 1-on-1 therapy with a counsellor, Kelty's Key offers online courses on managing a number of mental health concerns.

Services

People with mental health needs can work with an online therapist or utilize self-help resources on their own.

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation - Side By Side

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 394-2029
Website	https://www.wckfoundation.ca/
Email	jacqueline.fraser@wckfoundation.ca
Address	4300 Still Creek Dr, Burnaby, BC V5C 6C6
Hours	9:00am - 5:30pm M-F
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Parents and caregivers of children diagnosed with cancer or a blood disorder in B.C.
Fees	None
Referral	None needed

Description

A peer support and connection program for parents and caregivers. Parents/caregivers are connected with their peers who have personal experience with childhood cancer. Side By Side aims to create a supportive community providing emotional support and help accessing additional resources.

Services

Side By Side Peer Supporters offer emotional support, help create a sense of community, and help with resource navigation.

Multilingual Support

Chinese Gold Ribbon Society of Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	175805678
Website	https://www.goldribbonsociety.com/
Email	chinesegoldribbon@gmail.com
	Service Information
Populations served	Chinese families in Canada
Fees	None

Description

Chinese Gold Ribbon Society of Canada provides support to Chinese families navigating a critical health condition. They provide translation services, financial support, emotional support.

Services

Transaltion of medical information, emotional support, financial support.

DiverseCity Community Resources Society

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 597-0205
Website	https://www.dcrs.ca/
Email	info@dcrs.ca
Address	13455 76 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 2W3
	Service Information
Area	Surrey, Lower Mainland
Populations served	Those who have recently immigrated to Canada
Fees	Most services are offered at no cost with the exception of translation services.

Description

A non-profit organization based in Surrey, BC that provides settlement services to newcomers to BC. They offer caregiver support programs, family counselling programs, and interpretation/translations services.

Services

Settlement programs, caregiver support programs, family counselling programs, and interpretation/translation services.

COVID-19 Updates

Services are offered virtually, online, by phone, and in-person (appointment only).

MOSAIC

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 254-9626
Website	https://www.mosaicbc.org/
Address	5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5R 2P9
	Service Information
Populations served	Those who have recently immigrated to Canada
Fees	None

Description

MOSAIC provides resources and settlement services in multiple languages to immigrant, refugee, migrant and mainstream communities in Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley as well as throughout the province of BC and overseas via online programs.

Services

Settlement programs for newcomers to Canada. Many services available in multiple languages.

COVID-19 Updates

Services are offered virtually, online, by phone, and in-person (appointment only).

Online community

Ability Online

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 650-6207
Website	https://abilityonline.org/
Email	information@abilityonline.org
Address	12 Purple Road, Mono, ON L9W 4G3
	Service Information
Populations served	Youth living with disabilities or long term illness
Fees	None

Description

Ability Online provides a free and secure monitored online support community linking children, youth, and young adults with disabilities or long-term illness to other kids and adults who care, such as medical professionals and teachers. In a password-protected environment, they offer monitored topical discussion threads, chat facilities, and games and activities. Links to health information, peer support and opportunities for skill development are also available.

Services

A safe, secure, positive online support community that promotes respect, acceptance, and inclusion.

Canadian Cancer Survivor Network

	Contact Information
Phone	(613) 898-1871
Website	https://survivornet.ca/
Email	info@survivornet.ca
Address	1750 Courtwood Crescent, Suite 210, Ottawa, ON K2C 2B5
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Cancer patients, cancer survivors, caregivers.
Fees	None

Description

Canadian Cancer Survivor Network conducts educational activities and provides access to counselling, information, and support groups for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.

Services

Conducts educational activities on the physical and financial impacts of cancer, and provides access to counselling, information, and support other programs.

Cancer in my Family

	Contact Information
Website	http://www.cancerinmyfamily.ca/
	Service Information
Populations served	Children and families

Description

This is an online environment for children and parents to explore their feelings and stay connected when a family member is diagnosed with cancer.

Services

Age appropriate informative resource for children.

CancerConnection.ca

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 786-3934
Website	https://cancerconnection.ca/home
Email	cancerconnection@cancer.ca
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

CancerConnection.ca is an online community where persons touched by cancer can discuss, get support and share information in order to better cope with cancer.

Services

Online community

Lotsa Helping Hands

	Contact Information
Website	https://lotsahelpinghands.com/
	Service Information
Fees	None

Description

Lotsa Helping Hands is a website that helps you create a free of charge, private, web-based community to organize family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues during times of need. The website allows you to coordinate activities and manage volunteers using announcements, messages boards, and photos.

Services

Task management and organization tool.

Online Community

Momcology

	Contact Information
Website	https://momcology.org/
Email	info@momcology.org
	Service Information
Populations served	Oncology moms
Fees	None

Description

U.S. based online peer community of oncology moms that requires an application to join.

Recreation

Camp Goodtimes Family Program

	Contact Information
Phone	(778) 897-2377
Website	http://campgoodtimes.org/by/
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia, Yukon
Populations served	Children and young adults who have or have had cancer and their families.
Fees	None

Description

A 4 day program offered at UBC Loon Lake Camp in Maple Ridge for immediate family of a child diagnosed with cancer or a bereaved family, including up to 2 adult caregivers.

Services

A 4 day camp for families.

COVID-19 Updates

In-person year-round programs are suspended.

Camp Goodtimes Kids Camps

	Contact Information
Phone	(778) 897-2377
Website	http://campgoodtimes.org/by/
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia, Yukon
Populations served	Children and young adults who have or have had cancer and their families, bereaved families
Fees	None

Description

Week-long outdoor recreation for children aged 7-15 who have/had a diagnosis of cancer, as well as siblings or bereaved siblings of those with cancer. Camp Goodtimes runs 3 camps in July (UBC Loon Lake Camp in Maple Ridge) and August (Camp Pringle on Vancouver Island) each year.

Services

Week-long outdoor recreation at over night camps.

COVID-19 Updates

In-person overnight camps returning for 2022.

Camp Mak-A-Dream

	Contact Information
Phone	(406) 549-5987
Website	https://www.campdream.org/
Address	PO Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806
Hours	8:00am - 5:00pm MST M-F
	Service Information
Area	Missoula, MT (USA)
Populations served	Children and teens with cancer and their families.
Fees	None

Description

A camp in Missoula, Montana that provides free camps for children and teens with cancer and survivors of cancer, their siblings, and their families. A variety of activities are available including horseback riding.

Services

Outdoor recreation

Balding for Dollars & Power To Be - Teen Adventures

	Contact Information
Website	https://baldingfordollars.com/teen-adventures/
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Teens

Description

Teen Adventures is an outdoor program for teen's ages 13-18 years old, who have been diagnosed with cancer or a blood disorder and their siblings. In collaboration with Power-to-be, teens embark on 1-4 day long adventures that can include activities like surfing, kayaking, whale watching, white water rafting, zip-lining, rock climbing, horseback riding, and more. A team of medical and support staff accompany teen adventures to ensure safety and care needs are being met.

Services

Outdoor recreation

COVID-19 Updates

Teen adventures on hold pending Covid-19

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation - Hangouts

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 394-2029 ext. 2.
Website	https://www.wckfoundation.ca/connection#connection-virtual-hangouts
Email	kelsey.merritt@wckfoundation.ca
Address	4300 Still Creek Dr, Burnaby, BC V5C 6C6 Canada
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	BC kids with cancer and blood disorders and their siblings.
Fees	None

Description

Hangouts provides a virtual connection space (1-on-1 and group spaces) for kids of all ages living in B.C. who are living with or beyond cancer/blood disorders, are siblings of those living with/beyond cancer/blood disorders, and bereaved siblings.

Services

Connection and recreation for kids and youth.

Zajac Ranch For Children

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 739-0444
Website	https://zajacranch.com/
Email	info@zajac.com
Address	15600 Florence Lake Rd, Mission, BC V4S 1C4
	Service Information
Populations served	Children and young adults with medical conditions and disabilities.
Fees	Families pay a maximum of \$780 out of pocket but funding options are available
Funding options	Please see website for most up-to-date funding options.

Description

Zajac Ranch is an accessible summer camp in Mission B.C. for children and young adults with medical conditions and disabilities.

Services

Summer camp

COVID-19 Updates

Please check website for most recent updates.

Scholarships/Bursaries

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada - Youth Education Awards

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.braintumour.ca/youth-education-awards/
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Young adult survivors of pediatric brain tumours who will be enrolled full-time in a publicly funded Canadian university or college. Students are eligible if they are in their graduating year of High School or CEGEP students, or are currently enrolled full-time in a recognized publicly funded Canadian university or college and planning to continue their full-time undergraduate studies.

Description

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's Youth Education Award provides funding for survivors of a pediatric brain tumour pursuing post-secondary education.

Balding for Dollars Education Bursary

	Contact Information
Website	https://baldingfordollars.com/bursary-education-programs/
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Young adults who went through BCCH Hematology/Oncology programs
Fees	None

Description

Balding for Dollars Survivor Education Bursary Program offers bursaries for youth who are or were BC Children's Hospital Oncology/Hematology/BMT patients. There is no minimal grade point average required to apply. Bursary information including details on application deadlines can be found on their website linked below.

Childhood Cancer Canada - Survivor Scholarship

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.childhoodcancer.ca/Our-Support/Programs
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Young adult cancer survivors
Fees	None

Description

The Childhood Cancer Canada Scholarship Program is open to young adult cancer survivors pursuing a post-secondary education. Applications open annually on March 1st and close on April 30th for both the \$1500 general scholarship and the \$5000 TEVA Scholarship for those pursuing education in the medical, health and pharmaceutical fields.

Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.emmyduffscholarship.org/application-information.html
Email	info@emmyduffscholarship.org
Address	4 Glengrove Avenue West, Toronto, ON M4R 1N4
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Students currently attending or will be attending a Canadian university or college, in any year of studies, resident of Canada, have attended ongoing volunteer commitment to causes that are important to you, have undergone treatment or are currently being treated for cancer.
Fees	None

Description

The Emmy Duff Scholarship is open to Canadian students who have had treatment (or are currently being treated) for cancer currently residing in Canada. Successful candidates will have demonstrated an ongoing volunteer commitment to causes that are important to them. The scholarship supports post-secondary academic endeavors and recognizes the personal triumphs of exemplary students who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Sibling Support

Alex's Lemonade Stand - SuperSibs

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.alexlemonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/supersibs
	Service Information
Populations served	Siblings of a child with cancer.

Description

An online hub with downloadable, age appropriate supportive resources for kids/teen siblings of a child with cancer.

Services

Provides worksheets, activities, and age appropriate cancer information.

Sibling Support Project

	Contact Information
Website	http://www.braintumour.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Sibling-Support-Project.pdf
	Service Information
Populations served	Parents/caregivers
Fees	None

Description

A guide for parents on some of the challenges siblings face and how to help them cope.

Services

Information on supporting siblings.

Survivorship

LEAF Clinic

	Contact Information
Phone	(844) 677-6070
Website	http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/our-services/services/late-effects-assessment-follow-up
Email	ACCS@bccancer.bc.ca
Address	Suite 1216, 750 West Broadway, Fairmont Medical Building, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1J2
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Patients who are BC residents with MSP coverage, diagnosed with cancer at age 17 or younger, finished treatment more than 5 years ago, are now over the age of 17, and not being monitored by BC Children's Hospital.

Description

LEAF (late effects, assessment, and follow up) Clinic offers medical follow up and counseling for adult survivors of childhood cancer. Adult survivors of childhood cancer may consult with a nurse practitioner or physician in person or virtually, receive information regarding health and care, and receive counselling on education, income, and work.

Services

Information, support, and ongoing assessment of late effects of childhood cancer.

COVID-19 Updates

Safety measures such as a mask policy and limited number of visitors implemented.

Transportation/Travel

Air Canada Foundation

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.aircanada.com/en/about/community/foundation/our-programs.html
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Fees	None
Referral	Contact your social worker

Description

Air Canada helps alleviate travel costs by providing Aeroplan miles to 15 pediatric hospitals across Canada, giving children and their parents access to advanced medical treatments in centers unavailable in their community. The Wings of Courage program is an event where pilots spend the day with children at pediatric hospitals to encourage them on their journey.

Services

- Hospital Transportation Program provides donated Aeroplan points to fund transportation for children and families
- Volunteer programs and other support programs provide various supports to hospitals and patients

Alex's Lemonade Stand - Travel Assistance

	Contact Information
Phone	(866) 333-1213
Website	https://www.alexslimonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/travel-for-care
Email	FamilyServices@AlexsLemonade.org
Address	333 E. Lancaster Ave, #414, Wynnewood, PA 19096 USA
Hours	9:00am - 5:00pm EST
	Service Information
Area	Canada, USA
Populations served	Child must be diagnosed with cancer or cancer predisposition and must be in active treatment, travel assistance is intended for child and one caregiver, family's estimated annual household income must be under \$100,000
Fees	None
Referral	Applications must be submitted by a social worker or member of the oncology care team

Description

ALSF provides funding assistance for travel/accommodations within Canada or to the USA. Up to \$4,000 annually may be provided (or \$8,000 annually for patients enrolled in ALSF funded trials). Family must meet criteria that are listed on the website (e.g., under age 18 at diagnosis, annual household income of less than \$100,000, etc.). ALSF pays the travel vendors directly or works directly with the Social Worker/Care Team at your child's hospital. Referral must be submitted by a member of the patient's oncology team.

Services

Provides funding assistance for travel/accommodations within Canada or to the USA providing up to \$4,000 annually (or \$8,000 annually for patients enrolled in ALSF funded trials)

Angel Flights

	Contact Information
Phone	(778) 677-8920
Website	http://www.angelflight.ca/
Email	angel@angelflight.ca
Address	PO Box 2623, Sidney, BC V8L 4C1
	Service Information
Area	Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Lower Mainland BC
Fees	None

Description

Angel Flights provides free flights for cancer patients requiring travel to treatment at cancer clinics and hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria. 72 hours advance booking required.

Services

Flights for cancer patients and their families

COVID-19 Updates

COVID screening questionnaire, mask and hand sanitization are mandatory

Give a Mile

	Contact Information
Phone	(877) 545-3050
Website	https://giveamile.org/
Email	info@giveamile.org
	Service Information
Area	Canada, US
Populations served	Canadian residents and US residents flying to all destinations
Fees	None

Description

Provides crowdfunded travel miles for flights for people who wish to visit a loved one dealing with end of life situations. The person needing to travel can create a profile describing their story and where they need to go and donors may then donate miles.

Services

Covering the costs of flights for loved ones to be together during times of palliative or critical illness

Health Connections

	Contact Information
Phone	(855) 993-3100
Website	https://www.bctransit.com/boundary/schedules-and-maps/health-connections
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	People with medical appointments are given priority, anyone else may use if space is available
Fees	None

Description

A regional travel assistance program that offers subsidized transportation options to help defray costs for rural residents who must travel to obtain non-emergency, physician referred medical care outside their home communities.

Services

Accessible transportation options to access non-emergency medical appointments.

Highway to Healing

	Contact Information
Website	https://highwaytohealing.org/
Address	PO Box 905, Oliver, BC V0H 1T0
	Service Information
Area	Town of Oliver, Osoyoos, OK Falls
Populations served	Families who are residents of the Town of Oliver, Osoyoos, OK Falls with a child requiring out-of-town medical care
Fees	None

Description

Highway to Healing provides funding for children under 19, residing in the Town of Oliver, Osoyoos, or OK Falls who need medical treatment that is not available locally. Eligible expenses for funding include, but are not limited to, accommodation, gas, meals, and parking.

Services

Funding for expenses relating to out-of-town medical care.

Hope Air

	Contact Information
Phone	(877) 346-4673
Website	https://hopeair.ca/
Address	102-211 Columbia St, Vancouver, BC V6A 2R5
Hours	9:00am - 7:30pm ET M-F
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Canadians who have a financial need and a confirmed healthcare appointment that is covered by your provincial healthcare plan
Fees	None

Description

Hope Air arranges free flights when transportation is required to attend medical appointments. You must have a confirmed appointment that is covered by your provincial healthcare plan, be medically cleared to fly, and have a financial need. Flights are within Canada, and if certain criteria are met, they will assist with travel outside of Canada too.

Services

Free flights and accommodations for eligible medical travel.

Phoebe Rose Rocks Foundation

	Contact Information
Website	https://phoeberoserocks.com/
Email	phoeberoserocksfoundation@gmail.com
	Service Information
Area	Canada, USA
Populations served	Families who have to travel more than 200km from home to access oncology treatment for a child
Fees	None

Description

Families with a child who has to travel more than 200km for oncology treatment can write to the email address given on the website to receive a supportive and practical care package.

Services

Care packages are provided to families who must travel far for their child's cancer treatment.

Travel Assistance Program

	Contact Information
Website	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/tap-bc/travel-assistance-program-tap-bc
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	BC resident with MSP coverage with travel expenses not covered by third party insurance
Fees	None
Referral	Required from a physician or nurse practitioner

Description

The Travel Assistance Program (TAP) helps alleviate the transportation costs for eligible BC residents who must travel within the province for non-emergency medical specialist services not available in their own communities. A TAP form will be provided by the physician, nurse practitioner, or specialist clinic. After completing the form you can apply through a toll-free number (available on the website), after which a confirmation number will be provided. Present the TAP form and confirmation number to ground, air, and ferry transportation service providers to be eligible for a discount.

Services

Transportation to and from medical specialist services and non-emergency procedures

Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 515-5400
Website	https://www.volunteercancerdrivers.ca/
Address	PO Box 45618 Sunnyside Mall, Surrey, BC V4A 9N3
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Residents for Lower Mainland BC who require transport to cancer treatment centres
Fees	None

Description

The Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society is a not-for-profit organization providing free, safe, timely and efficient transportation to and from cancer-related medical appointments throughout the Lower Mainland. People can book a ride through their website or call dispatch (number available on the website).

Services

Anyone requiring a ride can call or book through their website online booking form

COVID-19 Updates

Drives continue with new safety measures in place. See the most up-to-date information here:
<https://www.volunteercancerdrivers.ca/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Blind Beginnings

	Contact Information
Phone	(604) 434-7243
Website	https://www.blindbeginnings.ca/
Email	shawn@blindbeginnings.ca
Address	227 Sixth Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 3A5
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	B.C.'s blind and partially sighted children and youth

Description

Blind Beginnings offers a variety of supportive programs for B.C.'s blind and partially sighted children, youth, and their families.

Services

Programs offered include: community discovery outings, summer camps and family retreats, youth leadership and pre-employment training, creating confidence workshops, early beginnings program, and counseling and support groups.

Childhood Cancer Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(800) 363-1062
Website	https://www.childhoodcancer.ca/
Email	info@childhoodcancer.ca
Address	20 Queen Street W., Unit 702, Toronto, ON M5H 3R3
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Families of children newly diagnosed with cancer living in Canada
Fees	None

Description

Delivers national programs to children with cancer and their families. Provides education through emPower kits to assist families faced with a recent diagnosis, emotional support through planned outdoor activities for children with cancer (Amazing Adventures), and financial support (Survivor scholarships, Benevolent fund).

Services

- Emergency Fund financial assistance program
- EmPower Packs program sends care packages to families in Canada whose child is newly diagnosed with cancer
- Survivor Scholarship program for young adult cancer survivors
- Benevolent Fund provides financial assistance for funeral costs

Inspire Health

	Contact Information
Phone	(888) 734-7125
Website	https://www.inspirehealth.ca/
Email	info@inspirehealth.ca
Address	#200 1330 West 8th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6H 4A6
Hours	9:00am - 5:00pm M-F
	Service Information
Area	British Columbia
Populations served	Cancer patients and caregivers aged 16 and above
Fees	None

Description

Inspire Health provides supportive cancer care for both patients and support people. Programs are designed for those aged 16 and above with a focus on all around wellness, are free of charge, and no referral is required. They provide guidance on healthful diet changes, stress reduction, emotional counselling, decision-making, exercise, and personal coaching. The centers are in Vancouver, Victoria, and Kelowna.

Services

Clinical Consultations with a team of health providers as well as programs focusing on exercise, meditation, nutrition, stress reduction, healthy sleep practices, group sharing and healthy communication.

COVID-19 Updates

All classes, programs, and one-on-one consultations are held over the phone or via secure video-conferencing.

Island Kids Cancer Association

	Contact Information
Website	https://www.ikca.ca/
Email	islandkidscancer@gmail.com
Address	PO Box 20, #106-4480 West Saanich Rd, Victoria, BC V8Z 3E9
	Service Information
Area	Vancouver Island
Populations served	Families of children with a cancer diagnosis on Vancouver Island.
Fees	None

Description

Providing practical support for children with cancer, and their families on Vancouver Island, through all stages of their cancer journey.

Services

Various supports including connecting families to counselling, connecting families to other community resources, financial support, and more.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(833) 222-4884
Website	https://www.bloodcancers.ca/
Email	AdminCanada@lls.org
Address	804-2 Lansing Square, Toronto, ON M2J 4P8
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Families of children diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, myeloma, or other blood cancers.
Fees	None

Description

LLS provide free resources and support for children and young adults with blood cancer. One-on-one information specialists provide free consultation for patients and caregivers.

Services

Blood cancer information, tools for psychological and emotional support, practical support, and advocacy.

Ostomy Canada Society

	Contact Information
Phone	(888) 969-9698
Website	https://www.ostomycanada.ca/support/
Email	info1@ostomycanada.ca
Address	5800 Ambler Dr., Suite 210, Mississauga, ON L4W 4J4
Hours	8:30am - 4:30pm EST
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	People living with ostomy and their families/caregivers
Fees	None

Description

A non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to providing support, education, collaboration, and advocacy to people living with ostomy and their families.

Services

Information and resources, peer support groups, youth camps

Young Adult Cancer Canada

	Contact Information
Phone	(709) 579-7325
Website	https://www.youngadultcancer.ca/
Email	connect@youngadultcancer.ca
Address	136 Crosbie Road, suite 306 St. John's, NL A1B 3K3
	Service Information
Area	Canada
Populations served	Young adults who were diagnosed with cancer between the ages of 15 and 39.
Fees	None

Description

YACC provides a range of services for young adults who were diagnosed with cancer between the ages of 15-39 and are currently between 18-39. Services are focused on providing community support and facilitating connections between patients and survivors.

Services

YACC has six main programs: the online community, Retreat Yourself, Retreat Yourself Adventure, Localife, the Big Cancer Hook-up, and the annual Survivor Conference.

Wigs for Kids

	Contact Information
Phone	(440) 333-4433
Website	http://wigsforkidsbc.com/
Address	24231 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH 44145
	Service Information
Area	Canada, US
Populations served	Children experiencing hair loss due to a medical treatment or condition
Fees	None
Referral	Required by a medical professional

Description

Wigs for Kids provides hair replacement systems for kids 18 years or younger in British Columbia experiencing hair loss due to medical treatments, health conditions, or burn accidents. A referral by a medical professional is required.

Services

Provides hair replacement systems to children experiencing hair loss.

COVID-19 Updates

Continues to accept hair donations and financial donations, working with reduced staff and volunteers.