



# Gilda's Club Twin Cities

## Resources for People Living with Cancer

*Please Note: We try to update this listing regularly, but it is important to check with each organization to determine what resources are currently available. Please notify us of any errors or omissions you find.*

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### **Education and Referral**

#### **American Cancer Society**

(651)-255-8100

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

Provides information on many programs and services including medical information, treatment decision tools, news updates and support resources.

#### **Angel Foundation Facing Cancer Together**

(612) 627-9000

[jhaines@mnangel.org](mailto:jhaines@mnangel.org) or [mlundquist@mnangel.org](mailto:mlundquist@mnangel.org)

An education and support program offered free of charge for children and families who have a parent with cancer.

#### **Pathways Health Crisis Resource Center**

(612) 822-9061

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

Provides resources and services for people with life-threatening illness to explore and experience healing approaches.

#### **Well Within**

(651) 451-3113 or [info@wellwithin.org](mailto:info@wellwithin.org)

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

Offers innovative program, support and services to those who seek well-being and healing of body, mind and spirit.

#### **Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance**

(612) 822-0500

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

Provides resources for support and education.

#### **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

(763) 852-3012

[www.LLS.org/mn](http://www.LLS.org/mn)

Provides educational materials and programs, support groups, and financial assistance and referrals.

### **General Financial Assistance**

#### **Minnesota Angel Foundation**

(612) 627-9000 or [grants@mnangel.org](mailto:grants@mnangel.org)

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

Assists adult cancer patients receiving treatment in the seven county metro area with financial assistance for basic non-medical needs, such as housing payments, utilities, food and other essential living expenses.

#### **Spare Key Foundation**

(952) 406-8872 or [info@sparekey.org](mailto:info@sparekey.org)

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

Assists by making a mortgage payment directly to a family's lender after all paid leave has been exhausted or when a child's medical care has resulted in a demonstrated significant reduction of income or increase in expenses. Only for families where the **child** has a cancer diagnosis.

#### **CancerCare Financial Assistance**

(800) 813-4673

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

Limited financial assistance for homecare, childcare, transportation and pain medication.

**National Children's Cancer Society**

(800) 532-6459

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

Direct financial assistance to children in need who have any type of pediatric cancer.

**Miracles of Mitch Foundation**

(952) 361-9600 or [info@miraclesofmitch.org](mailto:info@miraclesofmitch.org)

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

Providing quality of life assistance to children living with cancer and their families, including mortgage assistance, emergency housing payments, food, clothing, auto payments and household utility assistance.

**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, MN Chapter**

[www.LLS.org/mn](http://www.LLS.org/mn)

(763) 852-3012

Provides a yearly \$100 grant to blood cancer patients. No income criteria.

**Lymphoma Research Foundation**

(800) 500-9976 or [helpline@lymphoma.org](mailto:helpline@lymphoma.org)

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

Offers a limited financial assistance program for uninsured and underinsured lymphoma patients.

**National Marrow Donor Program**

(888) 999-6743 or [patientinfo@nmdp.org](mailto:patientinfo@nmdp.org)

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

Be the Match Foundation Patient Assistance Program helps patients pay for donor searches and/or some post-transplant costs.

**Children's Leukemia Research**

(516) 222-0457 or [info@childrensleukemia.org](mailto:info@childrensleukemia.org)

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

Provides financial assistance to both child and adult leukemia patient. Funds help offset the costs of outpatient chemotherapy, radiation and other medications.

**First Hand Foundation**

(816) 201-1569

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

Assists families of children with health problems address financial aspects of their child's healthcare.

Covered expenses include treatment, equipment, lodging, gas and parking costs.

**Prescription Drug and CoPay Expenses****Partnership for Prescription Assistance**

(888) 477-2669

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

Single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs.

**Together Rx Access**

(800) 444-4106

[www.togetherRxaccess.com](http://www.togetherRxaccess.com)

Provides access to discounted medication to patients who do not have prescription drug coverage and are not eligible for Medicare.

**Patient Access Network Foundation**

(866) 316-7263 or

[contact@patientaccessnetwork.org](mailto:contact@patientaccessnetwork.org)

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

Provides copayment assistance to help underinsured patients with specific diagnoses.

**Healthwell Foundation**

(800) 675-8416 or [info@healthwellfoundation.org](mailto:info@healthwellfoundation.org)

[www.healthwellfoundation.net](http://www.healthwellfoundation.net)

Addresses the needs of individuals with specific diagnoses who cannot afford their insurance copays, premiums, coinsurance or other out-of-pocket costs.

**Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program**

(866) 512-3681

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

Provides direct copay assistance for pharmaceutical products to insured patients (including Part D beneficiaries) who financially and medically qualify.

**Patient Services Incorporated**

(800) 366-7741 or [uneeedpsi@uneeedpsi.org](mailto:uneeedpsi@uneeedpsi.org)

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

Assists patients with chronic medical illnesses in accessing health insurance (COBRA) and pharmacy copay assistance. Assistance is available to patient with specific diagnoses.

**Chronic Disease Fund**

(877) 968-7233 or [info@cdfund.org](mailto:info@cdfund.org)

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

Funds prescription drug payments for select diseases and medications.

**National Organization for Rare Disorders**

(203) 744-0100

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

Assists uninsured or underinsured individuals with specific diagnoses in securing life-saving or life-sustaining medication.

**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Co-Pay Assistance Program**

(877) 557-2672

[www.LLS.org/copay](http://www.LLS.org/copay)

Provides between \$5000 to \$10,000/year for copay and insurance premium payments for those who meet certain financial criteria and are diagnosed with certain diseases.

**National Association of Counties**

(877) 321-2652

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

Participating counties can provide residents with a discount card to buy medications at a reduced rate at participating pharmacies.

**Pillbot Drug Index**

(800) 505-7279

[www.pillbot.com](http://www.pillbot.com)

Database updated daily provides pricing comparisons for prescriptions. It is not controlled by pharmacies or drug companies and does not require any personal information.

**RxAssist**

(877) 844-8442

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

Maintains a database of resources for low-income patients to receive free or low-cost medications.

**Travel Expenses****American Cancer Society MN Road to Recovery**

(800) 582-5152 or (800) 227-2345

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

Provides free ground transportation for cancer patients to their treatment center and home again.

**The National Patient Travel Center Helpline**

(800) 296-1217

Facilitates patient access to appropriate charitable medical air transportation resources in the U.S.

**Mercy Medical**

(888) 675-1405

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

Referral service connects patients to free flights.

**Angel Flight**

(918) 749-8992 or [angel@angelflight.com](mailto:angel@angelflight.com)

[www.angelflight.com](http://www.angelflight.com)

Nonprofit organization of volunteer pilots dedicated to arranging free private air transportation for medical patients who cannot afford to utilize commercial transportation.

**Corporate Angel Network**

(866) 328-1313 or [info@corporateangelnetwork.org](mailto:info@corporateangelnetwork.org)

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

Arranges free air transportation for cancer patients traveling to treatment using the empty seats on corporate jets.

**Miracle Flights for Kids**

(800) 539-1711

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

Flies children who are struggling with serious cancer and other debilitating diseases to specialized medical treatment centers across the U.S.

**Air Charity Network**

(877) 621-7177

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

Provides access for people in need seeking free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community or national crisis.

**Raquel's Wings for Life**

(940) 627-1050

[www.raquelswingsforlife.com](http://www.raquelswingsforlife.com)

Provides air transport to cancer patients free of cost to the medical center they need. Can also offer complimentary ground transportation to the airport if needed.

### **Lodging**

#### **National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses**

(800) 542-9730

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

Referral service for 150 nonprofit organizations that provide lodging for families who are supporting their loved ones during treatment.

#### **Joe's House**

(877) 563-7468 or [info@joeshouse.org](mailto:info@joeshouse.org)

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

Provides a nationwide online guide that helps cancer patients find lodging near treatment centers.

#### **The Fisher House Minneapolis**

(612) 970-5864

[www.fisherhouse.org/houses/mn\\_minneapolis](http://www.fisherhouse.org/houses/mn_minneapolis)

Provides families with a place to stay at every major military and VA medical center.

#### **Ronald McDonald House Minnesota (Rochester)**

(507) 282-3955

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

Provides families with a home-away-from-home while their children receive medical treatment.

#### **American Cancer Society Hope Lodge**

*Richard M. Schulze Hope Lodge Minneapolis*

*Sandra J. Schulze Hope Lodge Rochester*

(800) 227-2345

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

Offers cancer patients and their families a free, temporary place to stay during treatment.

#### **Ronald McDonald House Upper Midwest**

(Minneapolis)

(612) 331-5752

Provides families with a home-away-from-home while their children receive medical treatment.

#### **Gift of Life Transplant House, Rochester**

(507) 288-7470

[www.gift-of-life.org](http://www.gift-of-life.org)

Provides transplant patients and their caregivers with high-quality, affordable accommodations in a supportive, home-like environment.

### **Dental Assistance**

#### **Minnesota Donated Dental Services**

(651) 454-6290 or [cbenson@nfdh.org](mailto:cbenson@nfdh.org)

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

Dentists in Minnesota provide comprehensive dental care at no charge to people of all ages who, because of a serious disability, advanced age or medical problems, lack adequate income to pay for needed dental care. There are no rigid financial eligibility requirements. Applicants must need more than routine care in order to qualify.

### **Insurance Assistance**

#### **Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute**

[www.healthinsuranceinfo.net](http://www.healthinsuranceinfo.net)

Publishes consumer guides for getting and keeping health insurance for every state.

#### **Foundation for Health Coverage Education**

(650) 762-1928

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

Simplifies health insurance eligibility information and provides links to application for health coverage programs.

#### **Families USA Program Locator**

[www.familiesusa.org/resources/program-locator](http://www.familiesusa.org/resources/program-locator)

Includes listing of health insurance assistance programs by state. These programs handle questions about Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance and referrals to low-cost or free health care.

#### **Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association**

(866) 894-8053

[www.mchamn.com](http://www.mchamn.com)

Offers policies of individual health insurance to Minnesota residents who have been turned down

for health insurance by the private market due to pre-existing conditions.

### **Minnesota Department of Commerce Insurance Commissioner**

(651) 296-2488 or (800) 657-3602 or [market.assurance@state.mn.gov](mailto:market.assurance@state.mn.gov)

[www.insurance.mn.gov](http://www.insurance.mn.gov)

Handles complaints and inquiries about insurance companies. Also answers general questions about insurance policies.

### **Office of the Ombudsman for State Managed Health Care Programs**

(651) 431-2660 or (800) 657-3729

A neutral investigator who helps people in Minnesota Health Care Programs who are enrolled in a health plan, including Medical Assistance, General Assistance Medical Care and MinnesotaCare. Helps health plan members with access, service and billing problems. Provides information about the managed health care grievance and appeal process that is available through the health plan and the state.

### **Legal Assistance**

#### **Cancer Legal Line**

(651) 472-5599

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

Provides cancer related legal education and information, resources and referrals.

### **Screening**

#### **Sage Screening Program**

(888) 6HEALTH

[www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/ccd/screening/sage/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/ccd/screening/sage/index.html)

Breast and cervical cancer screening program. Provides free screening mammogram and Pap smear for eligible women, as well as associated office visits. If a screening shows a problem, Sage covers diagnostic services and can often cover treatment, if needed.

### **Sage Scopes**

(888) 643-2584

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/ccs/screening/scopes/>

Free colorectal cancer screening program that provides colonoscopies for eligible Minnesota men and women.

### **Miscellaneous Assistance**

#### **Minnesota Housing Finance Agency**

(651) 296-8215 or (800) 710-8871

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

Assists Minnesotans facing foreclosure due to a temporary financial crisis by providing case management services and, if applicable, mortgage payments or other financial assistance on a one-time basis.

#### **LIHEAP Assistance of Minnesota**

(800) 657-3710

[www.liheap.com](http://www.liheap.com)

Assists eligible households in meeting the heating or cooling portion of their residential energy needs.

#### **United Way**

211

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

Information and referral line for human service needs.

Minnesota Department of Human Services

(651) 431-2000

[www.dhs.state.mn.us](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us)

Administers the general assistance program (monthly cash grants to eligible individuals) and the food stamps programs.

#### **GovBenefits**

(800) 333-4636

[www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits\\_en.portal](http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits_en.portal)

The uses answers a series of question and a list is generated of government benefit programs that the person may be eligible to receive. Also includes information on how to apply.