TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

The following resources provide low or no-cost transportation assistance to patients and families. These services can be used when the medical facility is located a distance away from the patient's home. Depending on availability, patients may use these services to seek out second opinions or to participate in clinical trials. Unfortunately, these services cannot be used to transport relatives to visit an ill family member. Please be aware that most of these flights listed use smaller, unpressurized airplanes, so a physician’s release is necessary and alternate travel plans should be made in case of inclement weather.

AIR CARE ALLIANCE
888-260-9707
www.aircareall.org
Provides referrals to charitable, long-distance, or air medical transport options.

AMERICAN AIRLINES MILES FOR KIDS IN NEED
817-963-8118
Provides transportation for children up to the age of 23 in need of medical treatment. Patient must be recommended by a social worker.

AMTRAK
800-USA-RAIL
www.amtrak.com
Travelers with impaired mobility are allowed a 15 percent discount on round trip travel.

CANCERCARE
800-813-HOPE
www.cancercare.org
Offers financial assistance for transportation costs associated with treatment for patients with malignant tumors.

CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK
801-278-8900
www.cmn.org
Financial assistance for transportation associated with medical treatment.
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES
800-468-7022
Provides transportation for patients being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK
866-328-1313
www.corpangelnetwork.org
Corporate jets transporting cancer patients for treatment. Patients must be ambulatory.

DELTA SKYWISH PROGRAM
877-327-8211
www.unitedwayatlanta.org
Collaboration between United Way-Atlanta and Delta Airlines, which provides transportation for patients traveling for medical treatments. Patient must have a life threatening condition verified by a physician.

FAITH IN ACTION
877-324-8411
www.fiavolunteers.org
Faith In Action provides volunteers to help care for those who are disabled or face long-term health conditions. The volunteers may assist by providing a ride to the doctor, running errands or just providing company.

FIRST HAND FOUNDATION
816-201-1569
www.firsthandfoundation.org
Will provide financial assistance for transportation for families with children seeking medical treatment.

HOPE AIR
416-222-6335
www.hopeair.org
Provides free air transport to Canadians in financial need who must travel from their own communities to recognized facilities for medical care.

JESICA’S HOPE CHEST
www.4jhc.org
Jesica’s Hope Chest is dedicated to helping critically ill children and families with costs which are beyond what is normally covered by private insurance and/or government assistance programs. Through their monthly grant program they provide funds for transportation during treatment.
MIRACLE FLIGHTS FOR KIDS
800-FLY-1711
www.miracleflights.org
Air transportation for medically stable children and adults.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY
800-5-FAMILY
www-nationalchildrenscancersociety.org
Financial assistance available for reasonable transportation costs in conjunction with medical treatment.

NATIONAL PATIENT AIR TRANSPORT
800-296-1217
www.npath.org
Provides information about all forms of charitable, long distance medical air transportation.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES
800-328-1111
Offers reduced airfares for patients being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

OPERATION LIFT OFF
888-354-5757
www.operationliftoff.com
Transportation assistance for children with a life-threatening illness.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
214-792-4103
Available for families staying at Ronald McDonald Houses.

IN ADDITION...

Many airlines offer bereavement fares to those traveling for funerals. Passengers must purchase tickets at regular fare, and then will receive a partial reimbursement upon verification of death, i.e., obituary or death certificate.

- For local transportation assistance, try your local American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities, Area Agency on Aging or United Way office. Many divisions have volunteers that provide transportation assistance or reimbursement.
Hospitals may provide cab or bus vouchers for patients. Or offer van services for outpatients. Contact the social worker at your treatment facility to ask if these programs exist there.

Check with local park districts, city offices or transit authority to see if they have vans or medi-cars available at low or no cost.

Many nationwide car rental companies offer cars with hand controls, some may also have vans with wheelchair lifts. Locations require advance reservations for vehicles with these options.

The American Brain Tumor Association does not endorse any of the organizations listed, or guarantee that individuals will qualify for the services they provide. Please contact each organization for their specific guidelines.

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