



American Brain Tumor Association

## TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

The following resources provide low or no-cost transportation assistance to patients and families or offer financial assistance related to travel. 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](http://www.aircareall.org)

Provides referrals to charitable, long-distance, or air medical transport options.

### AMERICAN AIRLINES MILES FOR KIDS IN NEED

817-963-8118

[www.aa.com/milesforkids](http://www.aa.com/milesforkids)

Provides transportation for seriously ill children up to the age of 18 in need of conventional medical treatment. Patient must be recommended by a social worker.

### AMTRAK

800-USA-RAIL

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

Travelers with impaired mobility are allowed a 15 percent discount on round trip travel with appropriate documentation. Travelers must book via telephone or ticket counter to receive the discount.

### BARRON CANCER FUND

877-247-0852

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

Provides financial assistance for transportation for those diagnosed with cancer. Applications must be completed online. Patients must be unable to work and not currently insured in order to qualify for assistance.

## BRAIN TUMOR SOCIETY

800-770-8287

*www.tbts.org*

The BTS CARES Financial Assistance Program was created to provide supplementary financial assistance to individuals experiencing financial need. This program covers specific non-medical costs related to a primary brain tumor diagnosis including local transportation for appointments related to the brain tumor diagnosis. Grants up \$2,000 per year.

## 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.childrensmiraclenetwork.org*

Financial assistance for transportation associated with medical treatment may be available at a local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. When you call the national office telephone number, you will be referred to the local program director at a local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. The local program director will help locate financial assistance for transportation to medical treatment, if funds are available.

## 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.

## 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.cerner.com/firsthand/](http://www.cerner.com/firsthand/)

Will provide financial assistance for transportation for families with children up to the age of 18 seeking medical treatment.

## HOPE AIR

877-346-4673

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

Provides free air transportation to Canadians in financial need that must travel from their own communities to recognized facilities for medical care.

## JESICA'S HOPE CHEST

[www.4jhc.org](http://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](http://www.miracleflights.org)

Provides air transportation for medical treatment for medically stable children and adults.

## MISSION4MAUREEN

216-691-1281

[www.mission4maureen.com](http://www.mission4maureen.com)

Mission4Maureen is dedicated to providing financial assistance to families who are burdened with the staggering cost of brain cancer treatment. Financial aid is available transportation and other areas of assistance. An application with supporting documentation is required.

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

800-5-FAMILY

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

Financial assistance available for reasonable transportation costs in conjunction with medical treatment.

## NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR FOUNDATION

800-934-2873

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

Provides grants of up to \$1000 to financially needy patients over the age of 18 to help with transportation costs to treatment.

## NATIONAL PATIENT TRAVEL CENTER

800-296-1217

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

Provides information about all forms of charitable, long distance medical air transportation.

## NO WOODEN NICKELS

888-842-2654

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

Provides assistance to cancer patients for transportation assistance to and from treatment and parking costs.

## NORTHWEST AIRLINES

800-328-1111

Offers reduced airfares for patients being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN and Phoenix, AZ; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN.

## OPERATION LIFT OFF

314-298-9770

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

Provides air transportation to medical care and treatment centers for children with a life-threatening illness.

## RISE ABOVE IT

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

RAI is focused on providing financial assistance to young adult patients battling cancer. Patients need to have been diagnosed between the ages of 18 and 39 and must be undergoing or actively pursuing clinical trial treatment options.

## SURVIVING AND MOVING FORWARD: THE SAMFUND FOR YOUNG ADULT SURVIVORS OF CANCER

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

Provide various grants to young adult survivors, ages 18-35, to help supplement the money that they and their families have lost during treatment, and pay for specific transitional issues, such as car insurance, public transportation costs, as well as transportation costs associated with job interviews and school interviews.

## 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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