**Financial Resources**

Here are additional resources that may be able to help you out financially above and beyond what Northwest Community Hospital’s own program can provide.

# Angel Flight Central

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

866.569.9464

Provides flights to patients and families in private planes, free of charge, to hospitals for medical treatment. Patients must be in financial need, medically stable and ambulatory.

**The Assistance Fund**

<https://enroll.tafcares.org/>

The Assistance Fund is an independent charitable patient assistance organization that helps patients and families facing high medical out-of-pocket costs by providing financial assistance for their copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other health-related expenses.

**Aunt Bertha; The Social Care Network**

<https://www.auntbertha.com/>

A search site for free or reduced services such as medical care, food, housing, financial assistance, job training, and more.

**Benefits Check Up**

<https://www.benefitscheckup.org/>

Benefits Check Up is a free service of the national Council on Aging. They have a comprehensive, free online tool that connect older adults with benefits they may qualify for.

**The Breast Cancer Charities of America**

[**https://cancerbutterfly.com/breast-cancer-charities-of-america-help-now-fund/**](https://cancerbutterfly.com/breast-cancer-charities-of-america-help-now-fund/)

936.231.8460

The Help Now Fund is a quarterly distribution program for patients to apply for financial assistance for rent and utility bills only. Please check the website for the deadlines for applications.

**Cancer Care**

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

800.813.HOPE (4673)

CancerCare has provided financial assistance to help with some types of costs. Their social workers and case managers are well trained in financial issues and will work closely with the patient to get you the help you need.

**Cancer Recovery Foundation International**

<https://cancerrecovery.org/programs-for-cancer-recovery/womens-cancer-fund/>

Email: info@cancerrecovery.org

This fund covers non-medical expenses associated with cancer for women diagnosed with cancer including: breast, cervical, endometrial, ovarian, uterine, stomach, pancreatic and lung cancer.

**CHAMP- ComEd Program**

<https://www.comed.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Pages/CHAMP.aspx>

This fund assists activated and deployed members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, Reserves and honorably discharged veterans with paying their electric bills if they are behind.

**Colorectal Careline**

<https://colorectal.pafcareline.org/>

866.657.8634

Patient Advocate Foundation's Colorectal CareLine is a patient/provider hotline designed to provide assistance to patients who have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer and are seeking education and access to care. The Colorectal CareLine also offers financial aid through the Financial Aid Fund for those diagnosed with colorectal cancer that needs financial assistance.

**ComEd Residential Hardship Program**

<https://www.comed.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Pages/ResidentialHardship.aspx>

If you are behind on your electric bill and have financial hardship due to job loss, illness, disability or senior citizen, you may be eligible. Grants of up to $500 are available based on need and availability of program funds.

**Co-pay Relief Fund**

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

866.512.3861

Program provides pharmaceutical co-payment assistance to insured patients who financially and medically qualify.

# Corporate Angel Network

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

914.328.1313

Arranges free travel for cancer patients to treatment centers using empty seats on corporate jets.

**Good Days**

<https://www.mygooddays.org/for-patients/diseases-and-medications-covered/>

877.968.7233

Mission is to ensure no one has to choose between getting the medication they need and affording the necessities of everyday living. The program helps qualified patients pay their insurance co-pays so they can get immediate access to prescription medications that will give them relief from pain and suffering.

**Good Rx**

<https://www.goodrx.com>

Website that you can list your medications and your zip code and it will tell you the cheapest prices without insurance in your area. They have a free card you can use for the discounts at select locations.

**Healthwell Foundation**

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

800.675.8416

Organization addresses the needs of individuals with insurance who cannot afford their copayments, coinsurance, and premiums for important medical treatments.

**Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program**

<http://www.cancerscreening.illinois.gov/>

888.522.1282

Women who meet the program’s eligibility requirements may qualify for this benefit under Medicaid.

# Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan

[www.chip.state.il.us/](http://www.chip.state.il.us/)

866.851.2751

The Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (ICHIP) is a state health benefits program that provides health benefits coverage to individuals who qualify.

**Impact One Breast Cancer Foundation**

<https://impactone.pink/patient-application-2/>

888.665.PINK

Breast cancer patients can apply for assistance with a prosthesis, wig, bras and post-surgical garments.

**Komen Treatment Assistance Program**

<https://ww5.komen.org/treatment-assistance-program/>

877.465.6636

Eligible applicants may receive a $300 award once per 12-month period to help with treatment related costs

**Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**

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

800.955.4572

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's [Co-Pay Assistance Program](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?item_id=452658) offers financial support towards the cost of insurance co-payments and/or insurance premium costs for prescription drugs.  Patients must qualify both medically and financially for this program.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

<https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/UtilityBillAssistance/Pages/default.aspx>

You may be eligible to receive assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) if your household's combined income for the 30 days prior to application is at or below the levels shown on the chart on the website. There is also a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) that the State may pay a portion of your monthly budget bill and you pay the rest. It is a choice of either program, not both.

**Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF)**

<https://lymphoma.org/learn/supportservices/financialsupport/>

212.349.2910, 800.500.9976

LRF offers a limited financial assistance program to help uninsured and underinsured with unpaid medical bills. Funds are available to reimburse healthcare providers for patients' hospital or physician bills that insurance will not reimburse. Amount is determined on a case by case basis and is usually a percentage of overall debt. Decisions are also affected by LRF's current level of funding for this grant program. The program covers medical bills, transportation costs to get to and from treatment, lodging expenses during treatment and childcare costs while they are having treatment. The fund does not cover everyday living expenses, such as food, rent, or utility bills.

**Medicaid**

[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=33698](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=33698)

800.843.6154 English or Español

You can get an application for cash, SNAP (food stamps), and medical assistance at this Internet address. Then you can print and fill out the application. The application can be submitted to the local office by mail, fax, or in person. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will begin to process your application when the local office for your home address gets it.

**Medicare**

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

800.MEDICARE

Official US government site for people with Medicare or information on how to qualify for Medicare programs

**Michael Matters Foundation**

<https://www.michaelmatters.org/our-story>

(847) 894-8623

The Michael Matters Foundation’s Grant is a one-time grant eligible to patients with primary malignant brain cancer. The maximum grant award will be $2,000.00 per applicant with a maximum of one Applicant per family.

**Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research & Information, Inc**

**Brain Tumor Drug Copayment Assistance Program**

<https://braintumorcopays.org/index.cfm>

855.426.2672

Provides financial assistance to families who need help covering the cost of certain drugs used to treat a specific type of grade 3 or 4 brain tumors.

# Needy Meds

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

Resource for finding Patient Assistance Programs especially for medications through the pharmaceutical companies

**Nicor Gas Sharing Program**

<https://www.nicorgas.com/residential/energy-assistance/sharing-program>

One-time annual grants are given to qualified customers who meet the required income guidelines. The program is administered by the Salvation Army. Visit your local Salvation Army office in person.

**Northwest Community Hospital (NCH) Cancer Patient Financial Assistance Fund**

Contact Kim Jensen, Oncology Social Worker: 847.618.6914

NCH fund that helps patients currently in treatment at NCH. Can help up to $1500 lifetime max. Funds are normally for household expenses: rent, utilities, car payment, insurance payment, food, gas, etc... not medical bills.

**National Patient Advocate Foundation**

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

800.532.5274

Organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability

**Ovarian Cancer Patient Charity Project**

<http://ovariancancerpatientcharityproject.yolasite.com/>

This charity assists women with gynecological and breast cancer with medical and household bills.

**Patient Access Network Foundation**

<https://www.panfoundation.org/>

866.316.PANF (7263)

Dedicated to supporting the needs of patients that cannot access the treatments they need due to out-of-pocket health care costs.

**Patient Services Incorporated (PSI)**

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

800.366.7741

Subsidizes the high cost of health insurance premiums and pharmacy co-payments for persons with specific chronic illnesses and rare disorders.

**PAN Foundation**

<https://www.panfoundation.org/get-help/apply-for-assistance/>

Help underinsured people with life-threatening, chronic and rare diseases get the medications and treatments they need by assisting with their out-of-pocket costs and advocating for improved access and affordability.

**The Pink Daisy Project**

[**http://pinkdaisyproject.com/**](http://pinkdaisyproject.com/)

Provides short term assistance for women under 45 who are within three months of breast cancer treatment or reconstruction due to breast cancer.

**The Pink Fund**

<https://www.pinkfund.org/>

This fund covers non-medical expenses associated with treatment with women with breast cancer.

**The Salvation Army**

773-205-3520 to find the nearest location

Emergency Assistance is available when you’re behind in your rent or utilities or you can’t buy food or clothes for your family. Services include, rent/mortgage, utility bills, medicine, food, clothing, transportation.

**The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer**

<http://www.thesamfund.org/>

617.938.3484

The SAMFund provides financial assistance to young adults as they move forward with their lives after cancer. The fund covers a wide range of post-treatment financial needs, including current and residual medical bills, car and health insurance premiums, rent, utilities, tuition and loans, family-building expenses, gym memberships and transportation costs.

**Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)**

<https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/ship/Pages/default.aspx>

800.252.8966

AGING.SHIP@illinois.gov

Trained volunteers help to:

* Educate consumers and answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplement, long term care insurance, Medicare HMOs, private fee-for-service and other health insurance;
* Organize and assist in filing Medicare and Medicare Supplement claims; and
* Analyze Medicare Supplement and long term care policies.

**Sister’s Network: Breast Cancer Assistance Fund**

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

866-781-1808

The Sister’s Network offers financial assistance for utilities

and medical accessories (prostheses, medical bras and

compression arm sleeves) through their Breast Cancer

Assistance Program (BCAP). BCAP is available to breast

cancer survivors, individuals currently in treatment and

those facing financial challenges.

# Social Security Administration

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

800.325.0778

Pays disability benefits under two programs. The [Social Security disability](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10029.html) insurance program pays benefits to you and certain family members if you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes. The [Supplemental Security Income](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/11011.html) (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and [children](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html) who have limited income and resources. You must have a medical condition that meets Social Security's definition of disability. In general, they pay monthly cash benefits to people who are unable to work for a year or more because of a disability.

## **USA.gov**

<https://www.usa.gov/benefits>

800.333.4636

A partnership of Federal agencies with a shared vision to provide improved personalized access to government assistance programs. This Web site’s online screening tool is free, easy-to-use, and completely confidential. The user answers a series of questions, and then the Web site generates a list of government benefit programs that the user may be eligible to receive, along with information about how the user can apply.

**The Veterans Administration (VA)**

<https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/Applying.asp>

800.827.1000

Provides eligible veterans with treatment for service-connected injuries and other medical conditions. The VA offers limited medical benefits to family members of eligible veterans. The VA cancer program provides users of the veterans health care system easy access to cancer [prevention](http://www.cancer.gov/dictionary/db_alpha.aspx?expand=p#prevention), detection, and treatment services. Its Web site offers cancer facts, information about care, a list of VA-designated comprehensive cancer centers, and the VA’s national cancer strategy. Some publications are available in Spanish. Spanish-speaking staff are available in some offices.

**Tigerlily Foundation**

<https://www.tigerlilyfoundation.org/breast-cancer-toolkit/resources/>

1.888-580.6253

Tigerily’s breast cancer support programs offer everything from peer support, hope bags, meals and financial assistance, to a way to connect with other young survivors in real time, through Tiger Talk and our Power Chats©.

**Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

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

410.964.0202 or 888.393.FUND (3863)

We enhance lives by supporting, educating and connecting young adults, and their loved ones, affected by cancer. There is also a college scholarship fund to help young adults continue their education after being affected by cancer through their own diagnosis or the diagnosis of a loved one.

**On-line fundraising sites**

**Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation**

<https://bonemarrow.org/support-and-financial-aid/financial-assistance/carelines-funds>

Carelines is a personal fund created for a specific patient.  It is a simple and effective way for a patient’s friends, family and community to raise money on a patient’s behalf with all money raised going directly to their benefit.  All donations are tax-deductible.

**Go Fund Me**

https://www.gofundme.com/

The beauty of GoFundMe is that it allows campaign organizers to invite others to take part in their story. Just as we share parts of our lives on Facebook, we also want to share our dreams, pursuits, celebrations and challenges online with crowdfunding. People will always be eager to support others they care about. GoFundMe removes the physical barriers traditionally associated with receiving financial support from the people in our lives.

**HelpHopeLive**

<https://m.helphopelive.org/>

We are a national nonprofit engaging communities in fundraising to help patients and families ease the financial burden of a medical crisis. By supporting our mission, you can make a difference in the lives of thousands of people who need a transplant or are affected by catastrophic injury or illness every year.

**Mylifeline**

<https://www.mylifeline.org/patientoverview>

Sign up for a free MyLifeLine.org patient website, where you can find cancer specific resources, post requests for help or donations and update everyone at once, so you can reduce anxiety and save the energy you need to heal. It's the power of that emotional connection, together with practical day-to-day assistance that can see you through to a more positive outcome.

**YouCaring.com**

Fundraising with YouCaring is absolutely free for fundraiser organizers. There are no [fees](http://www.youcaring.com/fees) to create an online fundraiser and no fees charged by YouCaring when people donate to your fundraiser. Running an online fundraiser, with YouCaring or any other fundraising site, does require a third-party credit card processor. We give you the option of working with PayPal or WePay. Both of these processors charge similar processing fees for donations, typically 2.9% plus $.30 per transaction. Each accepts all major credit cards and even checks.

**Infertility Financial Assistance**

**The Cade Foundation**

<https://cadefoundation.org/grants/>

A non profit organization that was started in 2005 to provide information support and financial assistance to help needy infertile families OVERCOME infertility. The Hammonds started the Cade Foundation to provide a vehicle through which families who had already “overcome” infertility could support families who were still on the infertility journey. Cade Foundation provides education focused programs to share info about different pathways to parenthood throughout the nation. We also provide grants to help families with the costs of adoption and fertility treatment.

**Fertility Within Reach**

<https://www.fertilitywithinreach.org/financial-assitance/grant-assitance/>

Fertility Within Reach provides an extensive list of organizations and companies providing grants or discounts to help offset the cost of family building.

**LiveStrong Fertility**

<https://www.livestrong.org/we-can-help/livestrong-fertility>

855.844.7777

Some cancer patients and survivors face the real risk of infertility due to a cancer diagnosis and/or its treatment. Livestrong Fertility helps you understand your fertility risks and options, and get access to fertility preservation discounts.

**Ferring Fertility**

<https://www.ferringfertility.com/paying-for-treatment/save-on-your-medication/>

888.347.3415

A diagnosis of cancer can be overwhelming, and if you are of reproductive age, future fertility may be a concern. For patients pursuing fertility preservation services prior to cancer treatment, Ferring Pharmaceuticals and Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy have developed the Heart Beat program to help ease some of the financial burden. The program provides free medications for egg and embryo freezing for women who are newly diagnosed with cancer.

**Team Maggie**

<https://www.teammaggieforacure.org/grants>

teammaggieforacure@gmail.com

Team Maggie's Dream and our team of donors, sponsors, and volunteers to support, educate and provide financial assistance to teens and young adults with cancer seeking fertility preservation. Provides financial assistance to young women and men for the purpose of preserving eggs and sperm. Grants up to $2,500 to assist residents in the U.S. facing cancer treatments with fertility preservation expenses including, but not limited to, egg retrieval, and up to 1 year of storage fees.

Chick Mission

<https://www.thechickmission.org/dev/preserve-hope/hope-scholarships/>

Paying out of pocket to preserve fertility ahead of cancer treatment may not be accessible for many patients. All women not covered under their insurance plans in states where we currently have fertility partners are welcome to apply for a Chick Mission ‘Hope Scholarship” to help offset these costs

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