



American Brain Tumor Association

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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