

Childhood Cancer Family Support Society

CCFS's main purposes are to:

- Fundraise to enhance quality of life for children with cancer and blood disorders and their families
- Advocate for (and fund) research into childhood cancer discoveries, treatments and cures
- Raise public awareness and support for children with cancer and their families
- Represent parents of children with cancer and blood disorders from across BC
- Address issues and concerns from parents
- Be a voice that lobbies provincially and federally for improved support to parents
- Promote transparency and accountability from organizations who raise support for children with cancer and their families



How You Can Help CCFS

- Become a member of the society
- Volunteer for a CCFS fundraising project or program
- Host your own "BC's Biggest Breakfast!" fundraiser for family and friends anytime from May 1st through Sept. 30th. Just register online. (CCFS's annual kick-off is in May!)
- Share information with others about CCFS providing monetary aide to families that are struggling financially, and have a child with cancer or a blood disorder
- Make a donation, gift or bequest to CCFS. Tax-deductible receipts are issued for donations of \$25 (or more) on request
- Donate an item for CCFS's annual live and silent auction – tax deductible receipts are issued for (CRA approved) donations, upon request
- Host your own Fundraiser for CCFS. Go online to register and submit your event details
- Write a letter to your MLA or the Minister of Health in BC, requesting all healthcare costs of children stricken with cancer be covered
- Contact us if you would like more information, or donate using the form on the reverse. **To donate online visit:**

www.ccfssupport.org



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The Childhood Cancer Family Support Society (**CCFS**) (formerly British Columbia Childhood Cancer Parents' Association) was formed in 2002 by parents of children with cancer. We are a registered non-profit society run by volunteers.

One of our main goals is to help families who are struggling with the financial burden of taking care of their child with cancer or a blood disorder by providing them with financial aid through the social workers at their hospital.

Childhood cancer knows no social or economic boundaries, and can be financially devastating for many families.

At any given time more than 350 children are in active cancer treatment at B.C. Children's Hospital. As many as 1,500 children are also being followed as out-patients on a long term basis.



Examples of financial strain families face who have a child with cancer

- **Travel Costs**

B.C. Children’s Hospital provides specialized cancer treatment for children from all over B.C. More than 45% of families come from outside the Lower Mainland, and transportation and accommodation costs are a significant challenge for families through long periods of treatment.

- **Loss of Income**

One parent must stay with their child throughout their hospital stay and during subsequent treatment, which may last months and years, resulting in loss of family income.

- **Child Care**

Families have to provide child care for siblings at home while at the hospital with their sick child.

- **Medication**

Out-patient pharmacy bills and feeding supplements can be hundreds of dollars a week, only some of which is covered by Pharmacare or extended health plans.

Also, many people are self-employed and have no extended health benefits.

- **Treatment Outside Canada**

Some children face the prospect of receiving cancer therapy in the United States. The cost of a two or three month stay in the U.S. is expensive and unsettling.



CCFS is a non-profit society incorporated in B.C. and a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Your donations are tax deductible and are used for the fulfilment of the purposes stated.

Membership/Support Form

First Name

Last Name

Address

City Prov

Postal Code Phone

E-mail

Date

I would like to support the Childhood Cancer Family Support Society by:

- A An annual membership fee of:
- Individual: \$10 Family: \$15
- Seniors & Students: \$5 Corporate: \$25
- B Making a single donation of \$
- C Making monthly donations of \$
- D Donating online at www.ccfssupport.org

Method of Payment:

- Visa Cheque - payable to CCFS
- MC Cash

Name on Card

Card Number

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