

Joyful Experience Resources

Family Experiences

For Pete's Sake: <https://takeabreakfromcancer.org/>

- FPS works with oncology professionals at over 100 cancer centers in five states, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, to create care-free, cost-free respite experiences for underserved patients aged 21-55 who are nominated by a member of their oncology team.

JAJF: <https://www.jajf.org/oncologists/referral-process>

- The Jack & Jill Late Stage Cancer Foundation has been treating children facing the imminent loss of their Mom or Dad to cancer to WOW! Experiences—a timeout to create positive, cherished memories at beautiful destinations.

Camp Wieser: <https://me-onefoundation.org/camp-wieser/>

- During the annual weekend getaway in the Santa Cruz mountains of Northern California, adult cancer patients and their families can choose to participate in as many or as few of the services or activities led by our supporting and caring Me-One volunteers.

Wish Fulfillments

Dream Foundation: <https://www.dreamfoundation.org/health-care-professionals/>

- Dream Foundation, the only national dream-granting organization for terminally-ill adults, fulfills final Dreams that provide inspiration, comfort and closure at the end of life.

Stella's Wish: <https://www.stellaswish.org/submit-a-wish/>

- Stella's Wish Foundation would be honored to grant a wish to you or someone you love who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 of a life-threatening cancer.

One Day to Remember: <https://www.onedaytoremember.org/apply>

- One Day to Remember strives to provide a curated experience that is individualized for each family dealing with advanced stage cancer—AND at no cost to them.
- Professional photographer included so that every family receives a commemorative photobook.

Do It For The Love: <https://www.doitfortheLove.org/apply>

- Do it for the Love provides adults or children living with life-threatening illnesses the chance to experience live concerts by their favorite artists.

Wellness and Outdoor Adventure Retreats

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

710 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032 Telephone: 212-342-0571 Fax: 212-342-1246

Dear Jack: <https://www.dearjackfoundation.org/programs/breathe-now/>

- Breathe Now Retreats are specially designed for cancer survivors aged 18-39 and offer a unique healing experience for both individuals and couples.
- These transformative retreats focus on restoring balance in mind and body, while providing a supportive environment for self-discovery and emotional growth.

Reel Recovery: <https://www.reelrecovery.org/>

- Though only a few days in duration, a Reel Recovery Retreat can be a life-changing event for men affected by cancer.
- The program blends outdoor activity, for a much-needed escape to the calm of nature, with directed conversations where bonds are formed between men sharing similar experiences Led by professional psychosocial facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors.
- Retreats are offered at no cost to the participants.

First Descents: <https://firstdescents.org/>

- First Descents provides life-changing outdoor adventures for young adults impacted by cancer and other serious health conditions.

Epic Experience: <https://www.epicexperience.org/apply/>

- Week-long adventure camps, regional meetups, and education programming in Colorado.
- During the winter camps you will be cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, and sledding. In the summer months you will be doing activities such as white-water rafting, inflatable kayaking, and hiking.

True North Treks: <https://www.truenorthtreks.org/>

- Offers treks to Yellowstone in Wyoming, Green River of Utah and many more.
- Takes groups on free backpacking and canoeing treks in beautiful and remote wilderness destinations.
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Living Beauty: <https://livingbeauty.org/>

- Offers beauty kits, wellness retreats, workshops.
- Living Beauty Cancer is an activity and service-oriented organization dedicated to uplifting the lives of women living with cancer, including through survivorship or metastasis.

Faces of Courage: <https://facesofcourage.org/camps-and-outings/>

- Women of Color Retreat, Women's Cancer Retreat, Teen Camp and many more free of cost!
- Provides day outings, educational workshops, and medically supervised overnight camps for women, children, and families touched by all types of Cancer and Blood Disorders.
- Our services are palliative in support and focus on developing strong positive attitudes towards recovery and good health management.

Mary's Place by the Sea: <https://www.marysplacebythesea.org/retreats/>

- Offers two-night or day retreats free or charge to women with a cancer diagnosis through two years post-treatment

- Services include health coaching, nutritional counseling, plant-based meals, yoga, prayer, expressive writing, guided imagery, and meditation.

Live by Living: <https://livebyliving.org/programs/survivor-caregiver-retreats/>

- Retreats are held in Tenth Mountain “huts”, YMCA cabins, and private residences.
- Open to survivors and caregivers.

Camp Dream: <https://www.campdream.org/camps-programs/>

- Offers a variety of different programs, conferences, and retreats.
- It doesn't matter if you are in active treatment or have been in remission for years... you are welcome in our programs!
- All our programs are free of cost

Marsha Leigh Foundation: <https://marshaleighfoundation.org/nomination/>

- Experiences are designed for individuals in financial need who have a terminal cancer diagnosis.

For Children

Camp Kesem: <https://www.kesem.org/>

- Camp Kesem is a free, overnight summer camp for children ages 6-18 who are coping with a parent's cancer.

Miscellaneous

Wish Upon A Wedding: <https://www.wishuponawedding.org/apply>

- We exist to grant weddings and vow renewals to couples facing terminal illness or life-altering health circumstances.
- We help couples alleviate the financial burden and time commitment that planning a wedding entails, focusing instead on dealing with their treatments and spending time with their loved ones.

Memories Live: <https://www.memorieslive.org/making-a-memory-movie>

- Memories Live uses the power of your story to create a legacy movie free of cost.
- A Memories Live legacy movie is made at no cost for individuals with life-limiting illnesses. With our assistance, you direct your own movie while Memories Live provides the technical support.