



The Marc Jr Foundation works to bring DIPG Families Assistance by joining forces with Amazing Foundation's that are doing Amazing work!

What is Financial Assistance from the N8 Foundation? (<https://www.n8foundation.org/>)

- N8 Foundation offers financial assistance not to exceed \$250 (two-hundred and fifty dollars) to assist with the cost of any issue for families who have a child diagnosed with a DIPG;
- N8's financial assistance can be used to cover basic living expenses such as rent/ mortgage, utility payments, food, etc.
- **Once the Marc Jr Foundation reviews your application it will be submitted to the N8 Foundation for final approval.**

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for financial assistance, your child must:

- Have a DIPG diagnosis of cancer as certified by an oncology healthcare provider from your child's Children's Hospital.

How do I apply?

In order for an application to be considered, please fill out the application in the appropriate section(s) and it **MUST BE SUBMITTED and COMPLETED**:

- Your child's social worker or health care provider **MUST** submit a completed Financial Assistance Application.
- Please PRINT clearly: illegible applications will not be processed.
- Use 'no', 'none', or '0' as appropriate; do not leave a blank response.
- A medical oncology professional must complete all sections of the Medical Information Section and provide a signature and date. **You or your family member MAY NOT complete this section!**
- **ACCO: Please select the items you would like to receive and submit along with your Marc Jr Grant application to receive the selected items.**

Note: You can submit this application by:

- Mailing to Marc Jr Foundation, PO Box 33042, Denver, CO 80233; (Please note: mailing address is also listed on our Application); or
- E-mailing your application to migrants@marcjr.org

***Please note: Submission of an application is not a guarantee of receiving funds.
Funds are limited and based on eligibility and availability of funds.
We will not process incomplete applications.***



APPLICATION

PATIENT INFORMATION (please print clearly)		Date:
Patient First & Last Name:		
Parent/Guardian First/Last Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:
Patient (Child's) Date of Birth:		
Primary Language		
Secondary Language if applicable		
ACCO Requirements – Fill our form on page 3		
Email Address:		
ACCO requirement		
N8 Foundation Requirements – by agreeing you will be considered for the \$500 grant		
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	The N8 Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation may use photographs of my child/family for any lawful purpose, including, but not limit to for such purposes as publicity, advertising, and website content	
<input type="checkbox"/> I do NOT agree	N8 requirement	
Monkey In My Chair Requirements		
Schools Name		
Teacher's Name		
Grade		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you already have a kit (Monkey In My Chair)	
HopeCam		
Child's Ethnicity		
Principal's Name		
DIPG Monthly Parent Talks presented by the Marc Jr Foundation and the CBTF		
Please enter email addresses below separating them out by semicolons or a comma		
MEDICAL INFORMATION		
***THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY YOUR ONCOLOGY NURSE, DOCTOR, SOCIAL WORKER OR HOSPITAL ACS PATIENT NAVIGATOR ONLY ***		
Date of Diagnosis:		
Primary Cancer:		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrence Is patient in active treatment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (please print clearly)		
MD Name:		
Hospital/Clinic:		
Phone Number:		
Your relations to person applying for help: <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker		
Name of Medical Professional Signing (please print):		
Signature of Medical Professional:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr would like a Remote Monitoring Kit: 1) can be used for remote visits and 2) tablet can be downloaded with communication technology.		



FREE --- The items listed below are being offered free of charge by the ACCO. Please select the items you would like to receive and submit along with your Marc Jr Grant application to receive the selected items.

☐ **Medical Play Kit**

The ACCO's Medical Play Kit is a free resource designed to familiarize children battling cancer with many of the medical instruments they will encounter during their hospital stays. We hope to empower children by helping them become more comfortable in a hospital environment and giving them the opportunity to play the role of doctor/caregiver rather than be forced into the role of patient. Please note that Cozy the Port-a-Cat is requested separately.

☐ **Along the Way, Documenting My Child's Cancer Journey**

A parental resource that provides a way to document medical treatments, hospital contact information, treatment expenditures, and local resources. This logbook also contains information about clinical trials, treatment procedures, blood counts, side effects, a journal section, and a place to take notes.

☐ **Paul and the Dragon DVD**

Now available online! <https://www.acco.org/paulandthedragon/>

This 25 minute animated cartoon is for children diagnosed with cancer, their family, school, and friends. The child with cancer is seen as a hero who battles the evil cancer-dragon with the help of medications and family support. The story can be personalized to the child's individual cancer type and treatment. Created, directed and animated by Albert 't Hooft and Paco Vink of Anikey Studios and produced by il Luster Films Foundation, ACCO is the sole U.S. distributor of this important visual resource. One free copy per child diagnosed with cancer ages 2-12. Additional copies available for purchase through ACCO's web store.

☐ **Dance in the Rain – Teen Journal**

A Teen journal that allows adolescents a place to write out their thoughts and feelings throughout their cancer journey. Includes a wooden pen and pencil set.

☐ **Cozy Cares Journal**

This 122 page full color journal features ACCO's mascot, COZY the Port-a-Cat. It encourages children with cancer to express their feelings by writing and drawing. Text prompts assist children with identifying people in their lives who they can talk to about their cancer diagnosis and treatment. Written to empower children to find their inner strength, this journal will also be a treasured keepsake for years to come.



☐ **Journal Pen**

Each Cozy Cares Journal comes with a fun pen in the shape of hand gestures like "thumbs up" and "I love you." Select your desired color.

- ☐ Yellow
- ☐ Green
- ☐ None

☐ **Cozy the Port-a-Cat**

Cozy the Port-a-Cat is not your everyday stuffed animal. He is a companion that children with cancer can relate to, and he is a teaching tool for parents and healthcare professionals. Children are able to learn about cancer treatments by identifying and practicing them on Cozy, who has endured many cancer related treatments as seen by the patches on his fur. Cozy also proudly displays the gold ribbon symbol over his heart and ACCO's logo on his foot. Children will want to take Cozy with them everywhere.

☐ **Marvelous Marleigh**

A 31 page book for preschoolers diagnosed with cancer (ages 1 to 5 years). Through real-life photos, preschool children are able to identify with Marleigh's treatments and hospital stays. The last page of the book includes a mirror so that children can see themselves and reflect upon the thought that Marvelous Marleigh is "just like them."

☐ **La Fantastica Hannah, Miren todo lo que puedo hacer!**

This 28 page picture book is written for the Spanish-speaking preschool child who has been diagnosed with cancer. Through real-life photos, children will be able to identify with Hannah's hospital stay, special friends, tests, treatment and germ care.

☐ **Oliver's Story: For "Sibs" of Kids with Cancer**

40 page illustrated book targeted for the 3 to 8 year old sibling of children diagnosed with cancer. Illustrated by Mike Dodd and written through the eyes of his six-year-old son Oliver, this resource focuses on the many questions that siblings have when their brother or sister is diagnosed with cancer, and offers constructive ways on how they can provide support.

☐ **La Historia de Oliver, Para los Hermanos de Niños con Cancer**

Oliver's Story (above) for Spanish-speaking siblings.



☐ **Chemo, Craziiness, and Comfort**

200 page resource that provides practical advice for children diagnosed with cancer between 6 and 12 years of age. Warm and funny illustrations and easy-to-read text help the child (and parents) make sense of cancer and it's treatment.

☐ **Educating the Child with Cancer, A Guide for Parents and Teachers - Personal Copy**

An essential resource for families who have faced the childhood cancer diagnosis. Written by top researchers in the field, and balanced with parent's personal experiences, this 322 page resource covers learning issues from infancy through adulthood. A good education provides hope for the future.

☐ **A Parent's Guide to Enhancing Quality of Life in Children with Cancer**

An essential resource for families who have a child diagnosed with cancer. Written by experts in the field, and balanced with parents' personal experiences, this 261 page resource focuses on improving the quality of life of the child through an understanding of pain and symptom management, enhanced communication skills and practical ways to simply help sick kids be kids.

☐ **Color Me Cozy!**

This is an inspiring 25 page book filled with wonderful pictures to color, word activities to complete and words of encouragement for kids with cancer.

☐ **A Parent's guide to clinical trials**

Is a concise reference guide which explains what clinical trials are, which defines a clinical trials process and structure.



N8 FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

We learned early on during Nathan's battle against DIPG that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to go through the journey without help and support. Most people understand and appreciate the obvious emotional and physical tolls associated with having a child who has been diagnosed with brain cancer; however, what most people do not realize is that it takes a heavy financial toll as well. This is especially true because most types of pediatric brain cancers require the entire family to relocate to a specialized children's hospital located outside of their local area. Medical bills, travel costs, parking fees, hotels, meals, etc. add up quickly and create additional stress to an already stressful and overwhelming situation. In addition, time that was once used to work is in most cases consumed by other things, such as, treatment schedules, doctor's visits, etc. It is for these reasons that we decided to offer Family Financial Assistance Grants to families of children fighting DIPG – if for no other reason than to help ease the financial burdens associated with this disease and to allow families to spend more quality time together. At this time, we are limiting these grants to families of children who have been diagnosed with DIPG and who reside in California. The grant amount will be limited to one request per 12-month period. Prior to the initial grant being provided, the child's diagnosis and treatment must be confirmed/verified in writing by the child's treating physician and/or assigned social worker. In addition, the family will provide a brief statement as to the intended use of the grant(s).

Program Overview



Along with the diagnosis of a serious illness comes time away from school. Whether it is only a day here and there or maybe weeks or months at a time, this can be hard for the child and their classmates.

Monkey in My Chair is a program originally developed in honor of [Chloe Watson Feyerherm](#) for pre-school and elementary aged children who are away from school because of a cancer diagnosis. As a result of Chloe's experience, her mother, teachers and community got together to develop the Monkey In My Chair program through the efforts of their newly established charity, the [Love, Chloe Foundation](#). In 2011, in an attempt to have the program complement cancer research efforts, the Love, Chloe Foundation partnered with [The Cure Starts Now Foundation](#) to offer the program to a wider audience, thus increasing both awareness and donations to not only support the program but also fund the cure for cancer.

Through the program, each child is provided with a "monkey kit" which includes a big stuffed monkey that takes their place in school when they are unable to be there. The kits include the monkey with a backpack, a book to help teachers explain to students the situation their classmate is facing and how it affects them, teacher companion guide, along with other items that can be utilized by the child and/or their classmates. All kits are sent out at no cost to the families or hospitals.

In addition to each "Monkey Kit," each child will be given online access to Monkey Message. Monkey Message is an online component that allows the sharing of pictures and documents to ensure the line of communication stays open between the patient and the classroom. Included in the Monkey Message portal are regular educational activities for the classroom and patients to do that help to foster interaction of students while incorporating key educational tools.





About Hopecam

Our Mission

Our mission is simple: to overcome the social isolation experienced by children in treatment for cancer.

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, it is important to keep the child connected to school and friends. Research shows that children who felt more supported from their classmates during cancer treatment were “less depressed, less anxious, and had higher self-esteem” than children who did not feel supported by classmates (Suzuki and Kato, 2003).

Hopecam, is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity with the mission of using voice over Internet technology to help children with cancer overcome the burden of social isolation. By virtually connecting these children with their friends over a video conferencing application, Hopecam decreases the loneliness and anxiety they experience during this frightening time. We provide the child with a tablet computer equipped with a webcam, Internet access in the home if the child is without, then work with the child's school to persuade them to establish a regular connection with the child during which the child can participate in classroom activities, and see and talk with their friends.

Although the Hopecam Connection is often used by classroom, homebound and hospital teachers to provide instruction, we consider this an added benefit. Hopecam's mission is to allow children to socialize, sharing the normal events and conversations of childhood from celebrating a birthday to checking out who has lost a tooth. Our goal is to bridge the social divide between children during this frightening time and ultimately ease the transition back to school. Other benefits of Hopecam include being used by the child's medical team to check in remotely. For children who are being treated far from home, Hopecam provides a way to stay in touch with loved ones and support networks.

Lalita K. Suzuki, PhD, and Pamela M. Kato, PhD, EdM (2003). Psychosocial Support for Patients in Pediatric Oncology: The Influences of Parents, Schools, Peers, and Technology. Retrieved from Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing, Vol 20, No 4 (July- August), 2003: pp159-174