

CHAPTER 3B

LOCAL RESOURCES

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L1. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

1599 Clifton Road N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30329

(800) 227-2345

WEBSITE: <http://www.cancer.org>

Mission: Provides research, education, support, etc. for cancer patients.

Services to NCCS patients: Local transportation of families by volunteers for local treatment and hospitalization.

L2. BEAR NECESSITIES

Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Inc.

23 W. Hubbard St., 3RD Floor

Chicago, IL 60610

(312) 836-2327, Fax (312) 836-1284

WEBSITE: <http://www.bearnecessities.org/>

E-MAIL: office@bearnecessities.org

Mission: Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation is a national organization whose mission is to eliminate pediatric cancer and to provide hope and support to those who are touched by it.

L3. CAMP COURAGE

Sherry Ofsanik

Hospice Of Northeastern Illinois

410 S. Hager Ave.

Barrington, IL

(847) 381-5599 ext. 215 (Sherry)

WEBSITE: <http://www.hospiceanswers.org>

Camp Courage is a day camp for children ages 6 to 12 who have experienced grief because of the death of a loved one. It provides children with the opportunity to express their feelings in a safe, caring, and supportive environment.

L4. CAMP QUALITY

P.O. Box 641

Lansing, IL 60438

(708) 895-8311, Fax (708) 895-8075

WEBSITE: www.campqualityillinois.net

E-MAIL: info@campqualityillinois.net ; pat@campqualityillinois.net

Mission: A one week overnight camp for children with cancer located at Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL. Camp sessions are held in August for campers ages 5-18 years old.

L5. THE CANDLELIGHTERS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION

National Office

P.O. Box 498

Kensington, MD 20895-0498

(800) 366-2223, (301) 962-3520, Fax (301) 962-3521

WEBSITE: <http://www.candlelighters.org>

E-MAIL: staff@candlelighters.org

Mission: Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation is committed to our mission of providing support, education and advocacy for children and adolescents with cancer, survivors of childhood/adolescent cancer, their families and the professionals who care for them.

Services to NCCS patients: Periodic newsletters, support groups, etc.

L6. HEARTLIGHT (Children's Memorial Hospital)

2300 Children's Plaza

Box 130

Chicago, IL 60614-3394

(773) 975-8829 (M-F), (773) 880-4000 (general hospital line)

WEBSITE:

<http://www.childrensmemorial.org/parents/support/heartlight.asp>

Mission: The mission of Heartlight is to offer support and a safe place for families to find hope, strength, and healing.

L7. LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA (Chicago Chapter)

651 W. Washington Blvd. Suite 400

Chicago, IL 60661

(312) 651-7350, (800) 742-6595, Fax (312) 463-0980

WEBSITE: http://www.leukemia.org/hm_ils

Mission: To cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The Society has dedicated itself to being one of the top-rated voluntary health agencies in terms of dollars that directly fund our mission.

Services to NCCS patients: Local support groups include children with neuroblastoma and their families.

L8. MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

640 N. LaSalle St., Suite 280

Chicago, IL 60610-3754

(312) 602-9474, (800) 978-9474, Fax (312) 943-9813

WEBSITE: www.wishes.org

Mission: To grant the wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions and enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The most asked for and granted wish is a trip for the child and their family to Disneyworld.

Services to NCCS patients: Will try to grant a 'special' wish for your child. All children diagnosed with neuroblastoma should qualify.

L9. THE MITCHELL ROSS CHILDRENS CANCER FUND

P.O. Box 243

Northbrook, IL 60065-0243

(847) 559-1787

Mission: A charity dedicated to raising funds to support clinical and patient studies for children with cancer.

L10. NEUROBLASTOMA CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

P.O. Box 957672

Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

(800) 532-5162, (847) 605-1245, Fax (847) 605-0705

Website: www.neuroblastomacancer.org

Email: info@neuroblastomacancer.org

Mission: The primary focus of the organization is to [raise money](#) to assist local research in neuroblastoma cancer, and to [raise national awareness](#) to focus additional research and funding until a cure can be found.

L11. ONE STEP AT A TIME CAMP

Children's Oncology Services, Inc.

500 N. Michigan Avenue, #300

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 924-4220

WEBSITE: <http://www.onestepcamp.com/camps.html>

E-MAIL: jdrescher@onestepcamp.org

Mission: Children's Oncology Services, Inc. (COSI) is a not-for-profit charitable corporation dedicated to helping children with cancer and leukemia lead a "normal" life. This goal is accomplished primarily through the One Step at a Time camps and other programs, and by providing educational, social and physical development services to children with cancer and leukemia, regardless of their ability to pay.

L12. THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE AT CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL

622 W. Deming
Chicago, IL 60614
(773) 348-5322

WEBSITE: <http://www.rmhcni.org/content.cfm/rmhchildrens>

Mission: To provide housing nearby to many children's hospitals.

Services to NCCS patients: Provides housing for child and their family nearby hospital.

L13. THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEAR UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

In temporary quarters.
(312) 324-5437

WEBSITE: <http://www.rmhcni.org/content.cfm/rmhuofc>

Mission: To provide housing nearby to many children's hospitals.

Services to NCCS patients: Provides housing for child and their family nearby hospital.

L14. TLC CAMP

P.O. Box 512
Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 495-2829 (Lucy Hogan) or (630) 620-6744 (Nancy Beltrame) (co-directors)

WEBSITE: www.tlccamp.org/

E-MAIL: tlc_camp@yahoo.com

Mission: A day camp for children with cancer ages 5-13, (each camper may be accompanied by a sibling). Located in Lombard, IL. Camp sessions are held one week in June. Sponsored by the Lombard Junior Woman's Club.