



Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer

Founded in the North for Families of the North

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*NOFCC is not funded by the government and relies solely on donations and fundraising events.
All monies raised help families living in Northern Ontario who have a child diagnosed with cancer.*

NOFCC is an independent Canadian volunteer based registered charity established in 1998 by a group of parents of children with cancer. These parents wanted to provide help and support to families, which was not available through other programs. Being parents themselves, they recognized the particular difficulties involved in caring for a child with cancer and the geographic challenges of living in the north. NOFCC serves all families who have been touched by childhood cancer – families with a child on active treatment, those off treatment or receiving follow up care, and bereaved families.

NOFCC helps families with some of their immediate financial needs through the following programs, subject to funding;

Communication Program: A newsletter is mailed to members and supporters several times a year. NOFCC also supports a website at www.nofcc.ca

Emergency Program: Funds are available for miscellaneous emergency needs. Requests are assessed on an individual basis.

Food Voucher Program: Gift certificates are available to families receiving treatment at children's hospitals in Toronto and Ottawa. Certificates may be for grocery stores or hospital food courts/cafeterias.

Gas Coupons are available in situations when children are in hospital away from home for weeks and months at a time and trips are not covered by Northern Health Travel Grants. This allows the parent staying home with siblings to visit.

KeepConnected Program: Laptop lending program allows children to keep up with their school work, as well as keeping in touch with friends and staying occupied during long hours of treatment.

Palliative Support Program: Assistance with special support during the end-of-life period in a patient's illness, on the advice of the Interlink nurse, to include the bereavement period.

Parking Program: Assistance with parking costs while receiving treatment at the Hospital for Sick Children. Tokens or parking passes are also available for parking at HRSRH.

Scholarship Program is under development

Special Events: The NOFCC organizes and hosts events to support children, teens, and parents throughout the year, including an annual Christmas party.

Taxi Fares from the hotel to the Hospital for Sick Children are reimbursed to the families.

Telephone Program: Long distance prepaid calling cards are available to all families while they are away from home with their child for treatment.

Tutoring Program: An annual fund to provide assistance with qualified tutoring for children in need, on the advice of the Interlink nurse.

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Striving to improve the lives of families dealing with childhood cancer