



Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation

Supporting Community Families Touched By Cancer

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GRANT REQUEST INTRODUCTION

The GCCF was created to support Community Families touched by Cancer. Our vision is that all Cancer affected families in the greater Clermont community will have access to healthcare support and the opportunity for a meaningful and enjoyable family life experience. We provide support and financial grants focused on reducing the day to day stresses which Cancer has on Patients, their Families and Caregivers. We value our community Cancer Patients, their Families and Caregivers, and we care about the impact which Cancer has on affected families.

It should be noted that the GCCF Grants Program unfortunately does not have the funds to finance Cancer treatment or drugs. It is also unfortunate that there are very few organizations which supplement the costs of Cancer treatment for the uninsured and underinsured. The costs of treatment cover a vast range, sometimes with each individual chemotherapy or radiation treatment costing several thousand dollars. Most organizations that consider financial aid limit payments specifically to reimbursing the costs of treatments and drugs. The GCCF Grants Program was created to provide limited financial grants more specifically focused on improving the life experience (and thus the healing process) of the patient, their families and caregivers, due to the physical, emotional and financial burdens caused by the disease.

The foundation is supported and funded by community contributions from churches, church groups, fundraisers, businesses, organizations and individuals who share these visions and commitments to our community. The foundation strives to provide services and aid not available from other area or national organizations and **we are 100% volunteer based.**

Available Grants Types

The foundation furnishes the following types of grants to needs-based eligible community individuals:

1. Financial Grants

Patient Grant

Children's Grant

Family & Caregiver Grant

2. Financial Supplements

Cancer Screenings & Tests

3. Day Wish Grants

4. "Focus on the Future"

Scholarship Grants

GCCF GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- 1) To be eligible a patient, caregiver or student needs to be a US Citizen.
- 2) Needs to be a permanent reside in the Greater Clermont, Florida, Lake County designated area, broadly defined as Clermont, Minneola, Groveland, Mascotte, Montverde, Ferndale, Astatula, Howey in the Hills, Yalaha and other closely surrounding communities.
- 3) Patient Financial Grants Applicants need to be receiving care or treatment for a form of health threatening cancer.
- 4) Caregiver Financial Grant Applicants need to be providing care to patient who is receiving care of treatment for a form of health threatening cancer.
- 5) Day Wish Grant Applicants need to be immediate family of patient who is receiving care or treatment for a form of health threatening cancer.
- 6) See “Focus on the Future” Scholarship Section 4 for lists of specific additional eligibility requirements.
- 7) You may be insured or uninsured and have treatment and care cost that are non-reimbursable or exceed your reimbursements that have caused unusual financial hardship on you and your family.

Grant Request Process

- 1) Review of Grant Introduction and Types of Grants sections.
- 2) Complete the appropriate Grant Application.
- 3) Prepare and attach requested written paragraph/letter describing your circumstances and how the potential grant would be utilized to aid the patient, the family/caregiver or the children of the cancer family.
- 4) The Application Form needs to be signed by you (and any others indicated). All signatures must be original and no stamps, photocopies or initials can be accepted.
- 5) Mail completed application and required letter/documents to:
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All information is strictly confidential and is for GCCF use only. A GCCF case manager will review the application information and contact the person requesting assistance. The case manager may ask to visit the applicant at their home to discuss their needs and further qualify them for their request.

Fund Availability

All financial grants, supplements and other grants are subject to eligibility and are limited to funds availability. Due to limited resources, the GCCF is not able to grant awards to all who apply

Section 1 Financial Grants

(1) Patient Grant

(2) Children's Grant

(3) Family & Caregiver Grant

Description of Grants-

Cancer can be devastating not only on the patient, but can also place a great burden on the patient's family, their spousal relationships, and the well being of the children of cancer families. When a child is the patient, families may often overlook or be forced to compromise their personal needs and day-to-day financial obligations in order to care for the child. Children may often be forced into an absent or diminished Christmas due the overwhelming costs of unreimbursed cancer treatments. Additionally, when direct family members are unable to provide caregiver services to the patient, these duties often fall to extended family or to close friends who give up a good deal of their own life and funds to provide this needed care for their loved one.

The GCCF Financial Grants Program is aimed at providing some relief to these burdens so the patient can better focus on treatment and recovery

[Use Application Form 1](#)

Section 2 Financial Supplements- Cancer Screenings & Tests

Description of Screening & Tests Supplements-

Early detection and screening are the most important actions you can take to make the treatment of cancer successful. Whether male or female, each of us should be aware of the generally accepted recommendations for voluntary screenings, self-examination techniques and potential symptoms. These general recommendations are readily available from our doctors and national organizations such as the American Cancer Society. If you are in one of the categories for generally recommended screenings, you should see your doctor. If your doctor recommends screenings based on your age, symptoms, or family history, please take this seriously and schedule your tests. Some of the screening exams are simple and not very expensive. Many people, however, may have to forego early detection screenings simply because they can't afford them without putting a financial burden on their family.

The GCCF Financial Supplement Grants Program is aimed at providing some relief to these burdens to help those in need of these potentially life-saving tests. Upon GCCF approval, the grants may be paid as reimbursements or as direct payment to a community service provider.

Additional Eligible for Financial Supplements Grant:

1. You have a medical provider recommendation with order for an early detection Cancer Screening test.
2. You are uninsured or you have private insurance or any other health coverage or reimbursement plan that does not cover the recommended tests.
3. You are unable to pay for the recommended screening tests without creating, unusual financial hardships to your family.
4. You have contacted other national and local cancer help organizations or funds and have been notified that no other reimbursement funds are available for the recommended tests.

[Use Application Form 2](#)

Section 3 Day Wish Grant

What is a Day Wish?

One of the most difficult issues a person must deal with in their life is that of cancer and the physical and emotional impacts it has on personal and family relationships. The most revered prize in the battle with cancer is the ability to be normal again. A Day Wish is a small slice of time where a Cancer patient or their family can feel normal again, and perhaps afterwards be better suited to face their continuing battle.

A Day Wish can be for children, adults or the whole family. It can be that splurge for a really nice day that you could never justify, like a catered picnic on the beach with the family, attraction tickets, stadium tickets and lunch at a baseball game, a spa and massage treatment, an airboat or airplane ride, a visit from “The Maids” to clean your house or maybe just a really nice dinner with your spouse with a baby-sitter for the kids. It can be a wish for something you have needed for a long time but couldn’t quite get, like a nearly-new computer, a shopping spree for the kids, a new bicycle or even a puppy. Maybe your child cancer patient has a wish to be a policeman or a fireman for a day, or something similar: we can help them ‘just be a kid again’ for a little while.

Once approved, the grants may be paid directly to or be valued donations from community service providers, or may be used for purchase of the details of the Day Wish.

[Use Application Form 3](#)

Section 4 “Focus on the Future” Scholarship Grants

Description of Scholarship Grants

We welcome the opportunity to offer limited scholarship stipends to young cancer survivors as well as young members of cancer affected families. We want these young persons who have triumphed over the challenge of cancer to focus on the future and achieve their goals. We believe this investment will pay dividends in the creation of future careers in engineering, health care, business, education and other fields. The program is intended to allow students to pursue an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, community college or vocational technical school.

Applications are accepted annually during the months of March-May with Scholarships being awarded in June.

A volunteer committee will use the following criteria to evaluate the scholarship applications:

1. Submitted Essay
2. Academic Achievement
3. Community Service
4. Financial Need

Who Is Eligible for a Scholarship Grant?

1. Students who are US citizens
2. Students who permanently reside the Greater Clermont, Florida, Lake County designated area, broadly defined as Clermont, Minneola, Groveland, Mascotte, Montverde, Ferndale, Astatula, Howey in the Hills, Yalaha and other closely surrounding communities.
3. The student, or a member of their immediate family, have had a diagnosis of cancer before student's 21st birthday
4. Students who are age 25 or younger at the time of application
5. Students who have been accepted by an accredited university, community college or vocational technical school

Documentation Needed

1. A total of two letters of recommendation (preferably one from a teacher and one from a non-relative adult age 21 or older)
2. Goal statement essay describing your life and future goals
3. An acceptance letter from your selected scholastic institution

[Use Application Forms 4 and 4a](#)