

Temporary Aid for Needy/Military/Cancer Stricken Families

- ❖ **Main website to find help** is <https://georgia.findhelp.com/> Put in your zip code and then click on the tabs at the top of the page to find help in various categories.

- ❖ **St. Vincent de Paul (St. Matthew's Catholic Church)**
Helps with utility payments, food, and children's clothing. Call to make an appointment leave the following information and a volunteer will call you back: Name, Address, Phone Number, amount needed to pay bill, and cutoff date of utilities.
Call 770-868-5100 Visit <http://saintmatthewcc.org/>

- ❖ **The ARK—United Ministry Outreach Center**
Can provide assistance to families outside Athens with a referral from the local Action office. Financial aid may be provided for necessities or referrals made to agencies (Athen's area) Call 706-548-8155
Visit <http://www.athensark.org/>

- ❖ **Financial Assistance for Military Families by American Red Cross** Call 877-272-7337
<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/financial-assistance.html>

- ❖ **Urgent Need Program by Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**
Serving all ages cancer leukemia Call 877-557-2672

<https://www.lls.org/support-resources/financial-support/urgent-need-program#How%20to%20Apply>

- ❖ **Grant Program by American Childrens Cancer Benevolence Fund (ACCBF)**
Call 813-550-8999 <https://www.accbf.org/request-assistance.html>

- ❖ **The Cancer Foundation Financial assistance program for those with cancer** Call 706-353-4354
<https://cancerfoundationofnega.org/financial-assistance>

- ❖ **Critical Financial Assistance by Operation Homefront**
 Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times
 Call 877-264-3968
<https://operationhomefront.org/critical-financial-assistance/>

- ❖ **Children of Restaurant Employees (CORE)**
 Financial Assistance for Families Working in the Restaurant Industry provides support to food and beverage service employees, with children who are experiencing financial hardship due to an illness or medical emergency. <https://coregives.org/apply/>

- ❖ **Aging and Disability Resource Connection Services**
 for those over 60 Call (706) 583-2546
<https://negrc.org/aging/getting-started/>

- ❖ **Clear Point Credit Counseling Service.**
 Their services include Credit Counseling, Bankruptcy Credit Counseling and Services, Housing Program, Debt Management program. Call 800-750-2227
<https://www.clearpoint.org>

- ❖ **Urgent Need Program by Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**
 Eligibility:
 Must be a pediatric or young adult (birth to 39 years of age) patient OR be an adult (40+ years of age) patient AND
 Be a United States citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or U.S. territory and have a blood cancer diagnosis confirmed by the care team AND
 Must demonstrate acute financial need, as defined by the program covered expenses and Patients may be insured or uninsured, but not required. This program helps people with income at or below 600% of federal poverty guidelines.

Description: The Urgent Need Program offers eligible patients assistance for non-medical expenses.

This program provides:

- Financial assistance

Financial assistance includes:

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Lodging
- Utilities
- Childcare
- Elder care
- Food
- Transportation
- Car repair
- Car insurance
- Phone service
- Acute dental work related to treatment

Please note, funding may vary throughout the year for this program. For up-to-date information, please reach out to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society directly at 877-557-2672.

Languages: English, Interpretation Services Available

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Call 877-557-2672

Apply on their website

<https://www.lls.org/support-resources/financial-support/urgent-need-program#How%20to%20Apply>

❖ **Medical Debt and Hospital Bill Financial Assistance by Dollar For**

This program serves those that are unable to pay their hospital bills.

Description:

WHAT IS CHARITY CARE?

Most hospitals offer discounts or bill forgiveness based on income. This is called “charity care.” A hospital bill for \$15,000 could become \$150 — or even \$0. WHO QUALIFIES FOR CHARITY CARE? Each hospital runs its own

charity care program. Each decides how patients must apply and who qualifies. On average, a family of 4 earning less than \$100,000 a year will qualify.

HOW DOES DOLLAR FOR HELP?

Dollar For helps you apply for financial assistance from your hospital. We don't pay your bills — we get the hospital to forgive them. Our services are completely free.

Languages: English, Spanish

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Apply on their website.

<https://forms.dollarfor.org/?aid=findhelp&sid1=national>

❖ **Financial Assistance by Patches of Light**

The child must be diagnosed with a catastrophic illness that requires the family to forego their normal schedule of support.

Request for assistance is an obligation/need causing detriment to the family and care of child. (Past due utility, need for food, gas, mortgage, etc.)

Description: Patches of Light assists families with children facing catastrophic health issues and financial hardship.

This program provides:

- Help to pay for utilities
- Help to pay for housing
- Gas cards
- Grocery cards

Applications will take 2-3 weeks to be considered. Applications must come from hospital staff working with the family. Families may not apply for assistance themselves.

Patches of Light works through the child's medical team to verify authenticity and retain strict confidentiality of the situation presented.

Therefore, they will no longer be able to accept phone calls, emails, or have personal contact from the applicant or family members pertaining to the application and/or outcome of said application.

It would be of great benefit to both the petitioner and Patches of Light if each request made were followed by an email confirming their arrival.

Often due to technology and security they do not receive the initial application and are unaware an application has been submitted. A quick email to check on its arrival saves time and allows them to process the application in a timely manner.

Cost: Free

Next Steps:

Get a referral from hospital staff working with the family to apply.

Website: Program's Website <https://www.patchesoflight.org/assistance>

❖ **ACTION Inc.**

ACTION works with individuals who have experienced a crisis in their lives that has caused them financial hardship. Examples are the loss of a job or other loss of income that has occurred within the past 60 days, through no fault of the individual. Additional extenuating situations may include incurring unforeseen. medical bills, automobile repair, and funeral costs due to a death in the immediate family. All assistance requests require validation as well as required documentation; a list of required documentation may be obtained by calling our county office. Our County Coordinator is available for budget, rental, employment, housing counseling, educational counseling. Primarily, our goal is to work with individuals on a long-term basis to help them move their lives forward, through education and education-based training opportunities.

Call 770-867-7495 Ext. 1400 Visit <http://www.actionathens.org>

❖ **Church of the Month Barrow County**

Church of the Month (DFCS)

The “Church of the Month” can possibly help. There is a different church each month so you must call at the first of the month to find out which church is helping. Call 770-868-4222

❖ **Operation Roundup**

Operation Roundup (Walton EMC)

Provides financial assistance to Jackson, Barrow, and surrounding areas. You do not have to be a Jackson EMC Customer. Applications received monthly.

Call 770-267-2505

❖ **Project Share**

Project SHARE (DFCS)

A program designed to help elderly, families, and others with emergency assistance such as rent, utility and food referrals. Call DFCS and ask for Project SHARE for assistance. Call 770-868-4222

Visit <http://projectshareinfo.com/where-to-apply/>

❖ **Salvation Army**

Salvation Army (Gainesville)

Call 770-534-7589

Visit <http://salvationarmygeorgia.org/gainesville/>

❖ **United Way of Greater Atlanta's 211 helpline**

United Way of Greater Atlanta's [211 helpline](#) connects people to the resources they need to address everyday challenges of living and those that develop during times of community emergencies. United Way 211™ connects callers with a trained, bilingual Contact Center agent who helps assess callers' needs and provides detailed information and referrals to governmental and community service agencies. Our [211 database](#) contains community resources ranging from job training programs to childcare to counseling services to financial assistance. This free, confidential help line is available by dialing [211](#) from any phone. In the event that dialing [211](#) does not connect you to our call center, you may reach a [211](#) call agent by dialing [706-353-1313](tel:706-353-1313).

<https://www.211.org/about-us/your-local-211>

❖ **Shepherd's Staff Ministries**

2240 Commerce Drive Loganville, GA 30052 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 11AM-1PM Picture ID and Proof of 30052(Walton, Gwinnett, or Newton) Residence Required 770-554-9722 <https://ssfbga.org>