

Web Links for Adolescents and Young Adults

American Childhood Cancer Organization (www.acco.org)

Support, education and advocacy for children and adolescents with cancer, survivors of childhood/adolescent cancer, their families and the professionals who care for them.

Look Good, Feel Better for Teens (www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org)

A free public service program that provides useful information and tips for adolescents (boys and girls ages 13-17) dealing with the appearance and sociological side-effects related to cancer and its treatment.

2bMe

(www.2beme.org)

A site for adolescents with cancer. Helpful information- from skin to hair to fitness and friends.

Planet Cancer

(www.planetcancer.org)

Planet Cancer is a community of young adults with cancer. It's a place to share insights, explore fears, laugh with others who just plain get it.

Starbright World

(www.starbrightworld.org)

A virtual hangout where teens can build on existing friendships or create new ones, from home or from the hospital. This is an online social network where teens (ages 13 to 20) who have serious medical conditions, and siblings of seriously ill adolescents, can connect with each other via moderated chat rooms, games, bulletin boards, videos, and more.

The Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation

(www.victoriousfoundation.org)

In-hospital psychosocial support programs for teens with cancer such as donation of games, movies, TVs, music, computers and more.

Beyond The Cure

(www.beyondthecure.org)

Resources, peer stories and advocacy raising awareness for long-term effects facing pediatric and adolescent patients.

Boarding For Breast Cancer

(www.b4bc.org)

Raising awareness for breast cancer, the importance of early detection and the value of an active lifestyle through hip, youth-focused educational programs and fundraising.

Breast Friends For Life

(www.breastfriends.com)

Raising awareness for the issues faced by young women with breast cancer by improving and strengthening the mental and emotional well-being of those affected.

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Camp Mak-A-Dream

(www.campdream.org)

A camp in Montana that provides a medically-supervised, cost-free experience for children, young adults and families affected by cancer.

CancerCare

(www.cancercare.org)

Professional counseling, facilitated peer support groups, creative workshops and financial assistance. See young adult section.

Cancer Climber

(www.cancerclimber.org)

Offering experiential and motivational adventures and excursions such as extreme mountain climbing and summit tours.

Cancer 101

(www.cancer101.org)

Cancer resources that empowers patients, survivors, caregivers through individualized organizational tools and resources.

Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

(www.cbtf.org)

Improving treatment and quality of life for children with brain and spinal cord tumors through research, support and advocacy.

Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy

(www.childrenscause.org)

Addressing the survivorship and quality-of-life of childhood and young adult survivors by expanding resources for research and treatment and aftercare support.

Colon Club

(www.colonclub.com)

Raising public awareness of colorectal cancer for young adults in out-of-the-box ways by educating those in need about risk factors, symptoms and screenings.

Coping With Chemo

(www.chemo.starlightprograms.org)

Helping adolescents with cancer to navigate their chemotherapy treatments through education and by fostering connection with others through online blogging and chat rooms.

Crossing The Finish Line

(www.crossingthefinishline.org)

Provides young adults and their families a retreat from the unyielding physical and emotional demands of cancer by providing a one week, expense paid excursion in a comfortable, secure environment.

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Fertile Hope

(www.fertilehope.org)

Provides reproductive health information, support and hope to cancer patients whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility.

First Descents

(www.firstdescents.org)

A free, one-week residential camp experience for young adults with cancer. The camp offers kayaking, extreme sports, and professional athletics and is held in Montana or Colorado. Young adults from all states are welcome to apply.

Group Loop

(www.grouploop.org)

A groundbreaking program providing interactive online support along with valuable survivorship resources for adolescents with cancer and their parents.

Hope Lab

(www.hopelab.org)

Combines rigorous research with innovative solutions to improve the health and quality of life of young people with chronic illness.

I'm Too Young For This!

(www.i2y.org)

i[2]y exists to ensure that every young adult affected by cancer is given access to the best age-appropriate support they are entitled to in order to get busy living at every stage of their survivorship.

Imerman Angels

(www.imermanangels.org)

A "one-on-one cancer support service" that connects a person fighting cancer with a survivor who has beaten the same type of cancer.

Lotsa Helping Hands

(www.lotsahelpinghands.com)

Free, private, web-based communities to organize family, friends, colleagues during times of need via intuitive group calendar.

LIVESTRONG Young Adult Alliance (www.livestrong.org/yaa)

A coalition and leadership community of key voices in cancer advocacy and public health determined to bring about positive results for young adults with cancer.

Making Headway Foundation

(www.makingheadway.org)

Improving treatment, quality of life and survivorship for children and adolescents with brain and spinal cord tumors through research, support, education, and advocacy.

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MaleCare

(www.malecare.com)

Comprehensive online support resource portal primarily for young men living with, through or beyond prostate and/or testicular cancer.

Matt's Promise Foundation

(www.mattspromise.org)

Provides funding of cancer treatment, research, education and support programs for young adults.

My Lifeline

(www.mylifeline.org)

Offering free, interactive social networking and Web2.0-savvy websites and spaces for cancer patients and their families.

My Oncofertility

(www.myoncofertility.org)

A patient education resource offering easy-to-understand videos and animations, the latest information from experts, stories and advice from others who have gone through the process and more.

Navigating The New Normal

(bit.ly/navigatingthenewnormal)

A new program of The Kimmel Cancer Center to help young adults navigate the 'new normal' that a cancer diagnosis brings.

Next Step

(www.nextstepnet.org)

Provides retreats and workshops that help young adults with cancer by providing a place to feel safe enough to laugh, share experiences, and create a sense of community with peers who truly understand their unique challenges.

Planet Cancer

(www.planetcancer.org)

Award-winning young adult-focused community offering survivor retreat programs, social networking, and online forums with real world advice and inspiring stories.

Prepare to Live

(www.preparetolive.org)

Uses the power of the web and documentary-style filmmaking to provide help, hope, information and inspiration specifically to young adults coping with cancer worldwide.

Young Adult Cancer Canada

(www.youngadultcancer.ca)

Online community forums, survivor retreats, discussion rooms, blogs and informational links for adolescents and young adults with cancer in Canada.

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Re-Mission

(www.re-mission.net)

A free 3D shooter video game designed for adolescents and young adults with cancer. Players control a nanobot who battles cancer and bacterial infections, and manages realistic, life-threatening side effects associated with the disease.

Rethink Breast Cancer

(www.rethinkbreastcancer.com)

Supporting young adults concerned about affected by breast cancer through innovative education, research and support programs.

Rise Above It

(www.raibenefit.org)

Provides grants and scholarships to young adult survivors and care providers who face financial, emotional and spiritual challenges.

River Discovery

(www.riverdiscovery.org)

Adventure programs for teenage cancer survivors on the Salmon River: 6 days of rafting, camping, hiking, and exploring.

The SAMFund

(www.thesamfund.org)

Offering financial support through grants and scholarships to young adults as they transition into their post-treatment lives.

Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Foundation

(www.seankimerling.org)

Dedicated to increase early detection of testicular cancer by raising awareness of both the disease and the need for regular self-examination.

Sharsheret

(www.sharsheret.org)

Survivor-led national organization dedicated to addressing the unique concerns of young Jewish women facing breast cancer.

Stephen T. Marchello Scholarship Foundation

(www.stmfoundation.org)

Allocating post secondary scholarship monies to survivors of childhood cancer, specifically current-year high school graduates.

SuperSibs

(www.supersibs.org)

Honoring, supporting and recognizing brothers and sisters of children and adolescents with cancer through scholarship programs, parenting resources and more.

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Survivor Alert

(www.survivorslert.org)

A nationwide campaign to spread the word about what young adult childhood cancer survivors can do to stay healthy as they rebuild their lives after treatment.

Tamika and Friends (www.tamikaandfriends.org)

Raises awareness about cervical cancer and its link to the human papillomavirus through a network of survivors and their friends.

Adolescents Living With Cancer (www.adolescentslivingwithcancer.org)

Online information, social networking and critical resources to help adolescents living with cancer and their families meet their unique life challenges.

Teen Impact

(www.teenimpactprogram.com)

Provides free social networking, camping trips, survivor retreats and peer-to-peer counseling for young adults affected by cancer.

Tigerlily Foundation

(www.tigerlilyfoundation.org)

Provides education, advocacy, empowerment and support for young women affected by breast cancer through hand-on support, financial assistance, home-based services and a "chemo buddy" program.

True North Treks

(www.truenorthtreks.org)

Dedicated to enriching the lives of adolescent and young adult cancer survivors through contemplative and outdoor-based activities.

Ulman Cancer Fund For Young Adults

(www.ulmanfund.org)

Supporting, educating and connecting young adults affected by cancer through on-line resources, college scholarships and advocacy.

Working Against Cancer

(www.workingagainstcancer.org)

Support for young adult cancer patients through age-appropriate mentoring, self-evaluation tools, and career opportunity referrals.

Smith Farm Center for Healing and the Arts

(www.smithfarm.com)

Hosts young adult cancer survivor monthly meetings with creative and relevant topics ranging from integrative health and fertility choices to coping strategies, relationship issues, and everything in between.

Young Adults Surviving Glioblastoma

(www.yasg.com)

Online forum and live chat services for young adults living with, through and beyond a diagnosis of glioblastoma (brain cancer)

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Young Cancer Spouses

(www.youngcancerspouses.com)

Social networking forum and bulletin board system helping to bring together young spouses of adults with cancer to share information, support, and experiences

Young Empowered Survivors

(www.youngempowered.org)

A cancer support and social networking group serving young adults affected by cancer along Colorado's front range.

Young Survival Coalition

(www.youngsurvival.org)

An international network of breast cancer survivors and supporters dedicated to the concerns and issues that are unique to young women and breast cancer