Family-Building Resources for Young Adult Survivors

**Adoption after Cancer Yahoo Group**

**Description:** Cancer does not have to take your dream of having children. We will share information, advice, and stories to support those who choose to adopt after cancer. Make sure you check out the files and photo section for answers to common questions.

**Contact:** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/adoption-after-cancer/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/adoption-after-cancer/)

**Angels of Hope, Creating Miracles**

**Description:** The financial expense of infertility procedures causes many married couples to be deprived of the chance of having a child of their own. It is our hope to close that gap by awarding monetary grants to financially burdened married couples facing the cost of fertility assistance necessary to bring a child into their lives. Applicants must submit a complete application, a letter for the treating physician, a medical records and information release for each physician treating for fertility issues and employment information release, a financial statement and a copy of the current or most recent year’s tax return. Grants are distributed each April (application deadline of March 31) and September (application deadline of August 31). Preference given to those applicants residing within 24 miles of the Morris, Illinois area as measured on Mapquest using 101 West Illinois Avenue as a starting point.

**Contact:** 815-942-1111 | 202 West Main Street, Suite 200, Morris, IL 60450 | Russelle Holsinger, angelsofhope.inc.nfp@hotmail.com | [http://www.angelsofhopeinc.org/creatingMiraclesGrant.htm](http://www.angelsofhopeinc.org/creatingMiraclesGrant.htm)
Bonei Olam

**Description:** Bonei Olam is a worldwide organization that assists with funding for all aspects of infertility related treatments. The Pre-Cancer, Post-Cancer program can finance the necessary treatment prior to cancer treatment so it will be possible for individuals to build a family.

**Contact:** (718) 252-1212 | 1755 46th Street Brooklyn, NY 11204 | boneiolam@boneiolam.org | http://www.boneiolam.org/services_detail.php?service=prepostcan

B.U.M.P.S

**Description:** Our goal is to help create or expand families by in vitro fertilization one bump at a time. Our grants shall be used for IVF treatments only. The grant does not cover any other medical procedure, lab work, or medicine. Grant recipients have within 90 days upon learning that they are awarded a grant to submit the remaining balance of the IVF treatment to the approved clinic. Upon valid proof of receipt from the clinic, BUMPS will thereafter transfer the grant award to the clinic to be held in escrow until the IVF procedure takes place. The IVF procedure (i.e. retrieval) must take place within 6 months from receiving notice of such award. If any of the aforementioned timeline is breached, the grant recipient hereby relinquishes his/her right to the grant money and the money shall be transferred back to B.U.M.P.S.

**Contact:** (954)472-BUMP | 7744 Peters Road, Suite #305, Plantation, FL 33324 | info@yourbump.org | http://www.yourbump.org/index.html

ConceivingConcepts.com

**Description:** ConceivingConcepts.com is a fertility community with the goal of bringing people together around fertility-related issues by providing concise, up-to-date information and a meeting place. Provides online support groups. Provides resources specific to young adult male cancer survivors at http://www.conceivingconcepts.com/causes/male-infertility/cancer-and-male-infertility.

**Contact:** 424-253-2820 | info@conceivingconcepts.com | http://www.conceivingconcepts.com/
**Fertile Action**

**Description:** Fertile Action is a cancer charity working to ensure that women touched by the disease have the option to preserve their fertility prior to receiving life-saving treatment that can cause infertility. Also provides information on family planning methods including adoption, egg donation, embryo adoption or donation, and surrogacy. Fertile Action’s Parenthood After Cancer Treatment (PACT) Grant was established to provide financial support for female cancer survivors and provide them with access to third party reproductive services they otherwise would not be able to afford. The Grant is not a cash award but is aimed at significantly reducing the cost of IVF, egg donation and surrogacy for cancer survivors through service providers recruited to discount or donate their services to the grantee. The Grant does not include egg donor or surrogacy fees, which will be the sole responsibility of the grantee.

Contact: 877-276-5951 | PO Box 3526, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-1803 | alice@fertileaction.org | http://fertileaction.org/

**Fertile Dreams**

**Description:** Fertile Dreams mission is to bring education and understanding of fertility issues and adoption issues to the forefront and provide hope as well as financial assistance to those longing to become parents. Fertile Dreams will select applicants who have medical insurance but are uninsured for fertility treatment for grants that can be used toward an IVF cycle at any fertility clinic in the United States.

Contact: (321) 397-3868 | 5931 Brick Court, Winter Park, FL 32792 | info@fertiledreams.org | http://www.fertiledreams.org/index.htm

**Fertile Hope Foundation**

**Description:** Fertile Hope is a national LIVESTRONG initiative dedicated to providing reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients and survivors whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility. The Financial Assistance page has a wealth of information on grants, financing, help with medication expenses and more.

The InterNational Council for Infertility Information Dissemination

Description: The InterNational Council for Infertility Information Dissemination (INCIID -- pronounced “inside”) has the first and only national program designed to help individuals and couples -- From INCIID the Heart. Organization provides an In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Scholarship to those in need. Scholarships are reviewed monthly. Deadlines are the last working day of each month. INCIID has arranged for a number of respected IVF clinics in the U.S. to donate their expertise and state-of-the-art facilities so that patients who do not have the financial resources may have the opportunity to build a family. The program will cover most of the basic IVF expenses.

Contact: 703-379-9178 | PO Box 6836 Arlington, VA 22206 | INCIIDinfo@inciid.org | http://www.inciid.org/

Lotus Blossom Consulting

Description: Provides consulting on infertility issues, planning, financial actions for clients, including an in-depth understanding of cancer survivor issues. Owner Mindy Berkson participated as a speaker on The SAMFund webinar, “Moving Forward With Your Financial Health: Building a Family After Cancer Treatment (Part I), speaking about fertility challenges after a cancer diagnosis, as well as biological options for building a family (such as donor sperm or eggs, IVF, gestational carriers) and resources for financing the procedures. The archive can be found here: http://www.thesamfund.org/webinar/index.html

Contact: (877) 881-2685 | 35 East Wacker Drive, 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601 | consultant@lotusblossomconsulting.com | http://lotusblossomconsulting.com/

National Adoption Foundation

Description: At the National Adoption we believe in families and in bringing loving parents and children together. Adoption is the gift of a lifetime but financial obstacles often put this option out of reach. That’s why the NAF also offers nontraditional, innovative, fund raising programs as well as NAF Grants to assist with the costs of adoption. Families can apply for outright grants from the Foundation. The grant program is open to all legal adoptions including public or private agency adoptions, international, special needs or adoptions facilitated by an attorney. There is no income requirement. There is a simple one page application and the only requirement to apply is a home study, or one in progress. The Foundation’s board meets four times a year, during the last week of each quarter, to award grants.

Contact: 347-932-3678 | 36 Plain Mill Road, Danbury, CT, 06810 | https://fundyouradoption.org/fund-your-adoption/our-programs/naf-grants/
**Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)**

**Description:** ONSConnect, the organization’s e-magazine, devoted its March 2010 issue to fertility issues and research.

**Contact:** [http://www.onsconnect.org/wp-content/issues/2010/03.pdf](http://www.onsconnect.org/wp-content/issues/2010/03.pdf)

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**The Oncofertility Consortium at Northwestern University**

**Description:** The Oncofertility Consortium is a national, interdisciplinary initiative designed to explore the reproductive future of cancer survivors. Provides resources to address the complex health care and quality-of-life issues that concern young cancer patients whose fertility may be threatened by their disease or its treatment. Also runs an informative blog at [http://blog.oncofertility.northwestern.edu/](http://blog.oncofertility.northwestern.edu/) and a hotline (number below.)

**Contact:** 866-708-3378 | 303 E. Superior Street, Suite 10-121, Chicago, IL 60611 | oncofertility@northwestern.edu | [http://oncofertility.northwestern.edu/](http://oncofertility.northwestern.edu/)

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**Tinina Q. Cade Foundation**

**Description:** The Tinina Q. Cade Foundation (TQCF) is a nonprofit organization that serves the needs of families battling infertility. Through education and outreach, we support families struggling with infertility, and strive to educate outside communities about relevant and related issues. In addition, the TQCF also provides financial assistance to families pursuing infertility treatment or domestic adoption through the Tinina Q. Cade Foundation Family Building Grant. This dual approach distinguishes the foundation as the only organization of its kind in the nation.

**Contact:** (443) 896-6504 | PO Box372, Owings Mills, MD 21117 | grantinfo@cadefoundation.org | [http://www.cadefoundation.org/?page_id=10](http://www.cadefoundation.org/?page_id=10) *(direct link to application)*

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The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer  
[www.thesamfund.org](http://www.thesamfund.org)  
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ReproTech, Ltd.

**Description:** ReproTech, Ltd. (RTL) is a one-stop resource specializing in effective solutions to the challenges faced in today's ever changing field of Reproductive Medicine. Provides expert consultation services for long term storage of reproductive tissues and donor program management to assist in compliance with regulatory agencies. Provides an informative guide for cancer survivors, “Fertility Preservation 101,” in PDF, HTML and online brochure formats.

**Contact:** 573-474-1756 | 18 South Ninth Street, #201, Columbia, MO 65201 | jbader@reprotech.com | http://reprotech.com/cryostorage/fertility-preservation-101/fertility-preservation-101-brochure-intro.html