

# SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE

## Firefighter Resources

- The **FDNY Counseling Service Unit (CSU)** - available 24/7 with Satellite Locations in Manhattan, Fort Totten, Brentwood, Staten Island, and Middletown. Their main contact number is 212-570-1693 and their website is [www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/units/csu/index.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/units/csu/index.shtml).
- **Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA)** - The UFA's phone number is 212-683-4832 and their website is [www.ufanyc.org](http://www.ufanyc.org).
- **Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA)** - The UFOA's phone number is 212-293-9300 and their website is [www.ufoa.org](http://www.ufoa.org).
- The **Firefighters Cancer Support Network (FCSN)** - We have partnered with this organization and believe it to be a worthwhile support system with many additional resources. They can be reached at 866-994-FCSN. You can also visit them online at [www.FirefighterCancerSupport.org](http://www.FirefighterCancerSupport.org).
- **Friends of Firefighters** - a Brooklyn based (but serving all) support group that is unwavering in their commitment to our membership. They can be reached at 718-643-0980. You can also visit them online at [www.friendsoffirefighters.org](http://www.friendsoffirefighters.org).
- **NYC Firefighter Brotherhood Foundation** - FDNY Firefighters Taking Care of FDNY Firefighters. They can be reached at 917-482-7674 or you can visit them online at <http://www.nycfirefighterfoundation.org>.
- **FealGood Foundation** - The primary mission of the FealGood Foundation, a non-profit organization, is to spread awareness and educate the public about the catastrophic health effects on 9/11 first responders, as well as to provide assistance to relieve these responders of the financial burdens placed on them since 9/11. They can be reached through their website at [www.fealgoodfoundation.com](http://www.fealgoodfoundation.com) or via email at [feal13@aol.com](mailto:feal13@aol.com).
- **LT Thomas Healy Foundation** - Started in memory of Lt Thomas Healy, a Firefighter for 32 years who passed away from cancer. This is the family's way of honoring his memory and continuing his tradition of selfless giving. The foundation provides financial assistance to members of the FDNY who have family members battling cancer or are themselves faced with this monumental challenge. The website is [www.lthealyfoundation.org](http://www.lthealyfoundation.org). Phone Number is 631-747-3016, and email address is [info@lthealyfoundation.org](mailto:info@lthealyfoundation.org).

## Oncology Resources

### Mental Health & General Supportive Services:

- **Cancer Care, American Cancer Society, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** (see contact information below).
- **The Wellness Community/Gilda's Club** (888)793-WELL [www.gildasclub.org](http://www.gildasclub.org); free support for patients, families, children, teens, bereavement, lectures, networking groups, workshops, and social events.
- **Cancer Hope Network** (877) HOPE-NET [www.cancerhopenetwork.org](http://www.cancerhopenetwork.org); phone peer matching program.
- **Imerman Angels** (312) 274-5529 [www.imermanangels.org](http://www.imermanangels.org); phone peer matching program.
- **AMC Cancer Information & Counseling Line** (800) 525-3777 [www.amc.org](http://www.amc.org).
- **American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS)** (866) 276-7443 [www.apos-society.org](http://www.apos-society.org); free hotline providing referrals for local counseling and support services throughout the country.
- **Friends in Deed** (212) 925-2009 [www.friendsindeed.org](http://www.friendsindeed.org); Provides free groups for people diagnosed with HIV, cancer or life-threatening illness, as well as groups for grief and bereavement groups and caregiver groups.

### **Housing Resources for Patients:**

- **ACS Hope Lodge** (212) 237-3865 [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org); complimentary housing for patients who relocate to NYC for treatment. Social worker must submit application.
- **Miracle House** (212) 989-7790 [www.miraclehouse.org](http://www.miraclehouse.org); offers shared apartments for \$50 per night, includes breakfast, midtown NYC.
- **Joe's House** (877) 563-7468 [www.joeshouse.org](http://www.joeshouse.org); clearinghouse of lodging options for cancer patients while traveling.

### **Transportation and Other Financial Assistance:**

- **American Cancer Society** (800) ACS-2345 [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) (transportation reimbursement program -- assistance with durable medical equipment).
- **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** (800) 955-4572 [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org) (reimbursement for transportation, co-pay assistance program, Medicare premium assistance).

### **Resources for Prescription Drug Assistance** (*\* funding is limited and can change, please call to confirm availability*):

- **Healthwell Foundation** (800) 675-8416 [www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org) assists with co-payments for pharmaceuticals to insured patients who meet criteria for Breast, Lung, Colorectal and Pancreatic Cancer.
- **Chronic Disease Fund** (877) 968-7233 [www.cdfund.org](http://www.cdfund.org); co-payment assistance for pharmaceutical products for patients with insurance, pay pharmacy directly Breast, Colon, Non-small Lung Cancer, & Multiple Myeloma.
- **Patient Services Incorporated** (800) 366-7741 [www.uneedpsi.org](http://www.uneedpsi.org); assists patients in locating health insurance policies, provides health insurance premium assistance, COBRA, & co-payment assistance for specific cancers.
- **Patient Advocate Foundation** (800) 532-5274 [www.copays.org](http://www.copays.org); Provides co-payment assistance for pharmaceuticals to insured patients who financially and medically qualify for specific cancers & secondary issues as a result of cancer treatment.

### **Legal Resources:**

- **Cancer Legal Resource Center** [www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org); (866) THE-CLRC provides free & confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues to people with cancer.
- **Cancer Legal Line** [www.cancerlegalline.org](http://www.cancerlegalline.org); general legal information on insurance topics, workplace issues, estate and financial concerns and government benefits.
- **The Family Center** (800) 219-4522 [www.thefamilycenter.org](http://www.thefamilycenter.org); free bilingual services, assists seriously ill parents to develop & execute legal custody plans.

### **Other Helpful Resources:**

- **The Cancer Information Service** (800) 4-CANCER [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov); information and referral service may be able to direct patients to other sources of assistance including information on clinical trials.
- **Gods Love We Deliver** (212) 294-8102 [www.glwd.org](http://www.glwd.org); prepares and delivers meals to people with cancer, services the five boroughs & Hudson County, NJ.
- **Team Continuum** (917) 595-4169 [www.teamcontinuum.net](http://www.teamcontinuum.net); local, non-profit provides financial assistance for non-medical assistance to cancer patients, MD, RN or social worker will need to fax completed application for financial assistance.
- **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship** (NCCS) (877) 622-7937 [www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org); informs and advocates on behalf of cancer survivors regarding insurance, employment & legal rights, provides free publications.

*This list was compiled by the UFA Health and Safety Office. These are suggestions of support options that are available and should not be considered endorsements. If you have any feedback or would like to recommend additional organizations, please contact the UFA Health & Safety Office at 212-545-6965 or via email to [healthandsafety@ufanyc.org](mailto:healthandsafety@ufanyc.org).*