

cancer isn't **free**



The SAMFund is here to help.

The SAMFund is the only non-profit in the United States designed to help young adults recover from the devastating financial impact of cancer treatment. We offer direct financial assistance and free online support and education through our Webinar series “Moving Forward with Your Financial Health.”

It's our goal and our privilege to help young adult survivors move forward toward their personal, professional and educational goals.

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Cancer-free.

There is no other phrase those going through treatment want to hear more than that one. For months, their lives have been interrupted by cancer. And once their treatment is behind them, the pure joy of having a new lease on life is quickly overshadowed by the mounting financial burdens associated with being a cancer survivor – especially when they're young adults restarting their lives before they really even got started.



“Five years after cancer, the infertility caused by my chemotherapy brought the discouragement, pain and frustration of cancer rushing back. The SAMFund awarded my wife and me a grant to help cover the costs of fertility treatments. Ten months later we welcomed our daughter Sophia to the world. The mission of The SAMFund has a special place in our hearts and literally, in our family.”

Jonathan

family building isn't **free**

And when young adults survive cancer, that fact can be an even more daunting challenge. Many of them are left with a mountain of medical bills, along with fertility issues most likely attributed to the very treatments that saved their lives.

That's where The SAMFund can help. We offer the grants and resources for survivors to begin building the family they have always wanted. Whether they take the path of adoption, IVF treatments or any other process, we assist young adult survivors in realizing their dreams of starting families – dreams they thought cancer had taken away, both physically and financially.

“The SamFund grant that covered my Homeowners Insurance for the year lifted an enormous burden off of my shoulders. Without the help, I would have had a lapse in coverage that would’ve resulted in me being dropped from my insurance company. I was able to completely pay off all of my personal credit card debt with the extra money. Thanks to The SAMFund, my stress level is down, my life and finances are back on track.”

Renita




living space

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Of course, most things in life aren't free. But when young adults become cancer survivors, that reality seems harsher than it ever did before cancer. Rent or mortgage payments, school loans, tuition, car payments all add up to an incredibly stressful situation that isn't good for their physical or mental health.

That's where The SAMFund can help. The SAMFund takes care of some of the daily living expenses like rent or mortgage payments. Because when people have a place to go home to at the end of the day, it gives them the freedom to focus on other things like their job or job search, their studies or their recovery in general.

A close-up portrait of a woman with wavy brown hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing a purple top. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

“I received assistance with my medical bills from The SAMFund just in time to keep my debt out of collections. Getting my finances in order has had an immense impact on nearly every aspect of my life. I was able to create a home office for my business and upgrade my home’s energy system, which has helped with my utility bills. But most importantly, the emotional weight of being in debt has been lifted and I’m thriving again!”

Jennifer

healthcare isn't free

And no one knows this better than young adult cancer survivors. Whether they're paying off the treatments that saved their lives or coming up with the funds for follow-up care – including health insurance – surviving cancer can be a serious drain on their finances.

That's where The SAMFund can help. Having to pay more than most for their continued good health is not just a blow to young adult cancer survivors' wallets, but also to their states of mind. It can be extremely disheartening to be constantly bombarded by medical bills with seemingly no end in sight. The SAMFund is a place for people to get the support they need for some of those medical expenses so they can begin to move forward with their lives.



Each and every year there are more than 70,000 young adults diagnosed with cancer in the United States.

We've shared just a few stories from the hundreds of young adults that The SAMFund has helped through our grants and programs since 2005. In addition to family building, rent and medical bills, SAMFund grants also cover student loans, car and health insurance premiums, gym memberships, transportation costs and utility bills – just to name a few. We also provide valuable financial information and resources through our Webinar series to help support ALL young adult survivors.

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The SAMFund was co-founded by Samantha Eisenstein Watson, a two-time young adult cancer survivor.

When Sam finished treatment she realized there was a significant void in programs and services tailored specifically for young adult cancer survivors like her. She wanted to change that.

Now, because of the team at The SAMFund and the generosity of many, when young adults hear those words they have been fighting to hear – cancer-free – they have the help they need to move forward with their lives.

For more information on our grants and programs or to donate to The SAMFund, please visit our website at www.TheSAMFund.org.



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