



Chai Lifeline
Fighting Illness With Love

When there is help, there is hope.

A Guide to Chai Lifeline Programs and Services



The diagnosis of serious pediatric illness changes everything for a family.

You're at the beginning of a long journey. Chai Lifeline can make it easier. Our programs enable you to cope with the daily challenges faced by young patients, their parents and siblings. From holding your hand and providing a shoulder to lean on to providing concrete services when children are hospitalized, sibling programs to summer camp, our goal is to help families get through a child's illness with hope and the firm belief that today will be a good day.

For more information on any of our programs, please contact your case manager or regional director. If you are contacting Chai Lifeline for the first time, call 877 CHAI LIFE or email info@chailifeline.org.



Hospital Services



Whether your child's hospital stay is measured in hours or months, Chai Lifeline eases the pain for patients and caregivers.

Case management/Advocacy

Every family is assigned a case manager, a trained professional whose goal is to provide information, assistance and support. Feel free to ask your case manager about any program or service in this brochure.

Meals and snacks

We know that hospital food can dampen rather than whet the appetite. And parents often forego meals rather than leave a child's bedside. That's why Chai Lifeline offers tasty, nutritious meals and snacks to hospitalized children and their caregivers. Special diets and requests are accommodated with big smiles.

Hospital visits

Our volunteers can turn tears into smiles just by walking into a room. Expect music, games, and lots of fun when Chai Lifeline volunteers come to visit your child.

Overnight respite

Leave your child in the hands of a trained volunteer overnight and return refreshed and ready to face a new day in the morning.

Note: respite volunteers are not nurses and do not provide skilled nursing care.

Transportation assistance

Leave the driving to us! Rides to hospitals and doctors' offices allow parents to focus on children instead of the road. A fleet of volunteer drivers offer round-trip door-to-door service.



Children's Services



ChaiLink

Webcams and laptop computers link ill children to classrooms, teachers and friends.

Tutoring

Professional educators help children who cannot attend school stay current with classwork.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Friendship and support for patients and siblings.

Lending Library

Age-appropriate reading material, videos and DVDs keep boredom at bay when children are ill or recuperating.

Toy Drives

The holidays are brightened by toys collected in drives across the country and distributed to patients, their siblings, and hospital playrooms.

i-Shine

After-school fun, homework assistance, and friendship for children living with illness or loss.

Adventures in Art

Creative art and art therapy for patients and siblings.

Wish at the Wall

A project of Chai Lifeline Midwest

An invigorating celebration of life for teens who have fought battles against illness.

Trip to Disney World

Sponsored by the Ohr Meir Foundation

Four days in America's most famous theme park lift the spirits of pediatric patients.

Holiday food

Delicious food packages raise the spirits of children hospitalized during holiday periods.

R-Mission

Innovative programs offer friendship and strategies as young adult survivors (and spouses) adjust to post-cancer life.



Family and Community Services



National and Regional Retreat Programs

Peer and professional support through day and weekend programs.

Insurance Support Service

Professional advice and assistance in health insurance matters.

Family Respite Vacations

Take a few days off and enjoy a break from illness at the Stella K. Abraham Family Center at Camp Simcha or the Pamela and Craig Goldman River Retreat, a single-family vacation home in northern New Jersey.

Counseling

Counseling at our community-based centers helps families cope with the myriad issues surrounding illness or loss.

Chai House

A “home away from home” for families of children hospitalized at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Mothers’ programs and Dads’ Days

Retreats and day programs give parents a chance to befriend and support other mothers or fathers also parenting a sick child.

Online Peer Support Groups

Online chat groups connect groups of parents of seriously ill children.

Sibling Adventures

Programs and activities for siblings of seriously ill children.

Family Days and Holiday Parties

Exciting, fun days with Chai Lifeline friends.

Musical Activities

Innovative programs that integrate the joy of music into the lives of our children and families.

West Coast Parent Respite Getaways

Weekends away for parents of chronically ill or disabled children.

Bereavement Services

Innovative programs help parents and siblings heal after the loss of a family member.

Crisis Intervention Programs

A network of programs to help families, schools, camps, synagogues and community institutions cope with an untimely death or medical crisis. Counseling, retreats, and Project C.H.A.I. provide support to help the grieving and healing processes.



Camps

If you think your child is too sick for camp, you've never heard of

Camp Simcha and Camp Simcha Special.

Chai Lifeline is a pioneer in illness camping. Our camps offer children with serious medical conditions the chance to savor overnight camping at its best. Developed by pediatric specialists and camping mavens, each camp combines superb medical care with the fun and frenzy of camp life.

At Camp Simcha and Camp Simcha Special, campers swim, go boating, engage in regular and adaptive sports, create marvelous crafts projects, indulge their inner performers, and make an entire bunk of new best friends. They also learn new skills, develop self-confidence, and find the courage to continue to fight the pain and isolation of their illnesses.

Camp Simcha

Named in memory of Dr. Samuel Abraham
The foremost summer camp for youngsters with
cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Camp Simcha Special

Named in memory of Zvi Dovid Obstfeld
A magical camping experience for chronically
ill and disabled children and teens.



Endowed Programs and Services



Ari Adler Adventures in Art
Art and art therapy

Stella K. Abraham Family Center

Joan and Shael Bellows Family Day at Great Adventure
(a project of Chai Lifeline Midwest)

Heidi and Harvey Bookman 48 Hours: A Mother-to-Mother Retreat
Mothers' retreats and getaways

Pamela and Craig Goldman River Retreat

Leon and Zipporah Goldstein Simcha Program
Holiday food deliveries to hospitalized children and caregivers

Donald Alan Harris Healing Hearts Bereavement Program
Bereavement services

Hartman Family Foundation Wish at the Wall
(a project of Chai Lifeline Midwest)

Ariella Horenstein Music in Our Lives
Music and concerts

Shaindy Leffel Memorial Lending Library

Bernard and Lucille Katz ChaiLine Online Support Groups

LH Financial Services Annual Winter Retreat

Joseph and Elsie Listhaus ChaiLink Program
Webcam connections between children and their classrooms

Elimelech Moskowitz Homebound Educational Learning Program
Tutoring and educational support

The Sohacheski Family Relax, Renew & Reconnect
in memory of Leo Presser
(a program of Chai Lifeline West Coast)
Overnight respite vacations for parents

Louis Wertenteil Heart-to-Heart
Big Brothers and Big Sisters





*Helping the child,
the family and the community*

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Regional Offices

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West Coast, USA *Sohacheski Family Center, 475 South Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90212 • (310) 274-6331 • (877) 374-6331*
Midwest, USA *6600 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 • (847) 763-1818 • (888) 763-1819*
New Jersey *106 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701 • (732) 719-1700 • (800) 882-0745*

Camp Simcha *Glen Spey, NY 430 White Road, Glen Spey, NY 12737 • (845) 856-1432 • (888) 756-1432*

International Affiliates

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Chai Family Centers

Brooklyn, NY *Ilana Schindler Chai Family Center 1034 East 14th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230*
Chicago, IL *6600 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712*
Long Island, NY *Adeline S. Zucker Chai Family Center 91 Carman Avenue, Cedarhurst, NY 11516*
Monsey, NY *404 Route 59, Monsey, NY 10952*
Ft. Lauderdale, FL *2699 Stirling Road, Suite B303, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312*
New York City, NY *151 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001*

Chai House *Philadelphia, PA 3434 Sansom Street, Apt. 3F, Philadelphia, PA 19104*

River Retreat *Pamela & Craig Goldman River Retreat 1058 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430*

