

# Financial

Keep the Faith Foundation

## Financial Assistance Eligibility & Application Process

The primary purpose of the Financial Assistance Program is to allow KTF to share the love and compassion of Jesus with families fighting childhood cancer. By easing some of the financial burdens that are oftentimes associated with childhood cancer, KTF is able to accomplish our mission and purpose. While it is not the intent of KTF to fully financially support a family, it is our purpose to assist the family in necessary day-to-day living expenses incurred while receiving treatment.

Eligibility for the financial assistance program is limited to families who have a child age zero to 17 years of age and are currently receiving treatments. Families may also be eligible for assistance for a period of six months after being classified in remission, no sign of disease remains, or is deceased.

It is important that the process of offering financial assistance is fair, unbiased, and brings glory to God. Therefore, KTF validates each request through a multi-step process. First, ALL financial requests must be submitted through the Hematology/Oncology social workers at Arkansas Children's Hospital. The financial status of the family is assessed by a social worker with no ties to KTF. After the social worker screens the family and determines the need for assistance, the family is given information on multiple organizations that provide financial assistance, which includes KTF.

If the family chooses to apply for assistance from KTF, the social worker fills out the online application and submits the necessary bill(s) they would like considered for payment. The family is also made aware that once a child's name is submitted to KTF, they will receive an age appropriate Bible and also begin receiving cards of encouragement. Our policy and belief is that the spiritual needs of the individual battling cancer and their family is vital. Therefore, financial assistance will be offered only to those families who are willing to be encouraged, prayed for, and ministered to by KTF; however, KTF will NOT discriminate based upon race, sex, creed, age, or religion.

Once a financial request is received from the social worker, the eight-member Board of Directors is given the information and votes on funding the request. Requests we consider:

- Utility Bills (electric, water, sewer, trash, phone, etc.)
- Transportation (vehicle payments; automobile insurance; vehicle for hire service; vehicle service repair or maintenance; tire replacement and balancing; etc.)
- Housing (mortgage payments to include homeowner's insurance, rent or out of town housing expense for treatment required at a specialized medical facility away from home).
- Funeral Expenses

Exclusions include:

- Medical Bills
- Health Insurance
  - Life Insurance
  - Renter's Insurance

*Each family is limited to \$1,000 per 12-month period. If a situation is deemed as an extraordinary circumstance (i.e. funeral expense), the Board of Directors may exceed the 12-month limit with a unanimous vote.*

The Board of Directors will decide the eligibility of the request and vote on funding. A majority vote allows for funding of the request and payments are always made directly to the creditor.

KTF's Financial Assistance Policy has been put into place so as to ensure our donors' contributions are used for the intended purpose of supporting families who have a child battling cancer. We hope you will consider becoming a partner alongside KTF and help us to continue to share God's Word and love with these families.