

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Many local and national organizations are available to help lighten the load during your breast cancer journey. The following organizations provide assistance to eligible people; each program has its own specific criteria for eligibility.

Primary Care Providers (Middle Georgia Community)

First Choice Primary Care: Provides quality primary care to insured, uninsured, and underserved individuals with locations in both Macon and Warner Robins. They offer a sliding fee scale discount program to all eligible uninsured and underinsured patients. Discount levels and nominal fees are based on household size and gross household income. http://www.firstchoiceprimarycare.org/

Macon Volunteer Clinic: The Macon Volunteer Clinic provides primary medical, dental, and eye care to actively employed, uninsured adult residents of Macon-Bibb County, who live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. https://maconvolunteerclinic.org/

Housing Assistance

Family Advancement Ministries (FAM): Provides assistance paying a past due utility bill (electric, gas or water) with a disconnect notice or rental assistance only with an eviction notice or letter from landlord of pending eviction. Also provides support for those facing eviction.

http://www.familyadvancementministries.org/financial-assistance.html

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): Offered by Georgia Division of Family & Child Services, provides help with utilities payments for low-income individuals. https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap

Macon Housing Authority: Provides rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities within Bibb County. www.maconhousing.com

Salvation Army of Central Georgia: Emergency shelter, short-term shelter, and intake for long-term supportive housing. Food pantry and rental assistance are also available. https://salvationarmygeorgia.org/macon-georgia/

Food Assistance

Loaves and Fishes: Provides grocery assistance for families/individuals as well as daily (Monday – Thursday) breakfast and afternoon meals. https://www.loavesandfishesministry.org/services

Middle Georgia Food Bank: Works with more than 100 partner food pantries in Central Georgia as well as mobile food pantries. Find the addresses of pantries as well as mobile locations on their website: https://mgcfb.org/find-healthy-food/

St Vincent DePaul: Provides a food pantry, emergency food services, summer meals, as well as emergency financial assistance for rent/mortgage and utilities to prevent evictions. <u>St. Vincent de Paul Georgia | Bringing Hope and Help to Those in Need (svdpgeorgia.org)</u>

Other Community Resources

The United Way of Central Georgia: 2-1-1 provides referrals and programs in a variety of need areas including housing, food, emergency financial aid, prescription assistance, and much more. https://www.unitedwaycg.org/2-1-1 or dial 2-1-1.

Resources Dedicated to Cancer Patients

The Allyson Whitney Foundation: Life Interrupted Grants help cover unanticipated expenses including transportation, hotels, rent, medical expenses, fertility options, integrative therapies, and wigs for young breast cancer survivors (16-36) https://www.allysonwhitney.org/grants/

The Assistance Fund: Provides assistance for the cost of treatment-related medications. https://tafcares.org/

The Breast Cancer Assistance Fund: Provides financial assistance for the non-medical costs of getting a patient to treatment and other living expenses that may be incurred. https://breastcanceraf.org/request-assistance/

Cancer Care: Helps with treatment-related costs, such as transportation, home care and childcare, and copays. Cancer care also helps patients find additional resources for other cancer-related needs through their helping hand program. https://www.cancercare.org/

The DONNA Foundation: Provides assistance for those needing financial, care, or insurance support https://thedonnafoundation.org/

National Cancer Assistance Foundation: Provides assistance to patients and their families by paying for everyday living expenses like rent, utilities, transportation, groceries, lodging while at treatment, and childcare costs. https://natcaf.org/about/

Needy Meds: A variety of assistance programs including financial, co-pays, and respite. https://www.needymeds.org/copay diseases.taf? function=summary&disease id=48&disease eng=Breast% 20Cancer&dx=20&drp=breast-cancer

The Patient Advocate Fund: A nonprofit dedicated to assisting patients with chronic, life-threatening, and debilitating diseases access care and treatment recommended by their doctors. Includes financial aid, co-pay assistance, and case management. www.patientadvocate.org

The Pink Fund: Provides non-medical cost-of-living expenses on behalf of breast cancer patients in active treatment. https://thepinkfund.org

The Sam Fund: Provides financial support for young adult cancer survivors http://www.thesamfund.org/

Komen Financial Assistance Program: Funds may be used for daily-living expenses such as rent, utilities, food, transportation, childcare, etc. for those in active treatment for breast cancer. https://www.komen.org/treatment-assistance-program/