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.

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.

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.

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.
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.
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
Regional Offices

Southeast, USA 2699 Stirling Road, Suite B303, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312 • (305) 956-9990 • (888) 355-8153
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
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Camp Simcha Glen Spey, NY 430 White Road, Glen Spey, NY 12737 • (845) 856-1432 • (888) 756-1432

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Chai Family Centers

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Chicago, IL 6600 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712
Long Island, NY Adeline S. Zucker Chai Family Center 91 Carman Avenue, Cedarhurst, NY 11516
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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