

Goal

Our goal is to improve the health status and education of teenagers who are survivors of childhood cancer. We strive to provide our teens with an adult supervised and safe environment away from the hospital where they can safely interact with other teenagers who have survived cancer and those who are currently fighting the disease.



“I had the experience of meeting a girl who had the same condition as I did. There are not many teenagers that know how effective cancer can be. On the teen trip the word “cancer” was pushed aside and the words “friend, understanding and kind” were used instead. I had a wonderful experience with a group of kids my age with the knowledge of “cancer.” I know future trips I take with Teen Connection will be truly unforgettable.”

- Cassie, Age 17

“Being able to join the Teen Connection is an awesome thing. Every time there is an upcoming activity I’m always excited and willing to join in.”

- Lea, Age 14

Teen Connection is made possible by Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California, Inc.

Success rates in childhood cancer have led to survival rates of up to 80%. Today, there are more than 11 million survivors of childhood cancer in the U.S.

Childhood Cancer Foundation is pleased that more children and teens are moving on after treatment. However, the emotional, social, psychological and medical support is an ongoing need. These teenagers benefit from a program that gives them the opportunity to have a normal teenage experience in spite of their diagnosis.

Teen Connection Program

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Obstacles will not prevent us from pursuing our dreams...



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Services Provided for Teens

Educational: Up-to-date information about cancer therapy, survivorship and continued education with scholarship opportunities. Teen Connection information included in Newsletter and website provides the teens and their families with information about childhood cancer, upcoming events and issues that may be of interest to our teens.

Brochures, books and information to improve the life for family members and friends who may be involved in the teen's life as they transition into adulthood.

Psychological: Support meetings with youth and adult facilitators. Identification of teen issues, such as physical and emotional well being as well as long-term health concerns of cancer survivors.

Social: Ample opportunity for fun interaction with other teens who share a common bond: cancer diagnosis.

Events where teens get together to enjoy life as a teen, socialize, share experiences and receive peer support.

Mission

The Teen Connection Program mission is to provide the building blocks and support necessary for teenagers who have been diagnosed with cancer to move on to adulthood as confident and productive individuals.

Funding

The Teen Connection program is funded by private donations and CCFSC fundraising. We assist teens in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and beyond. We do not receive any federal, government or state assistance.



Purpose

The Teen Connection program is a part of Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California. This program is for teenagers who have or are survivors of childhood cancer. We are committed to supporting the teens by helping them feel less isolated, frustrated and fearful in dealing with the problems inherent in cancer recovery.