

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Financial assistance provided by the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation is made possible through generous public donations. It is very important that these funds be available for the families who are experiencing the greatest financial need. To apply for financial assistance, please read and follow the guidelines and requirements, complete the attached application and return it to the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation.

- 1. Any child diagnosed with cancer on or before his/her 22nd birthday, including but not limited to college students and military personnel who do not receive adequate benefits, is eligible for consideration. Adults, 22 years and older, who relapse after their 22nd birthday are not eligible to apply.
- 2. Child's birth certificate and/or proof of citizenship are requested, but not mandatory.
- 3. Child's cancer treatment prevents a parent from working, resulting in the family to experience financial stress and the inability to pay their bills and/or basic human necessities.
- 4. Child/Family must be referred by their physician or assigned social worker, who must provide a letter of support. The letter should include: the child's full name, date of birth, diagnosis, past treatment information, treatment plan for next 60 days and any other community resources being utilized. The social worker will in turn provide the child's parent/guardian with an Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation Request for Financial Assistance application.
- 5. Child's parent/guardian must complete a Request for Financial Assistance application with the hospital social worker. All sections of the application must be thoroughly and accurately completed. Failure to provide complete and truthful information is grounds for denial. The Request for Financial Assistance application must be signed by the child's oncologist, social worker and parent/guardian. The Media Release section also requires a signature along with a submitted photo of the child for our Assisted Children's folder.
- 6. In order to process the request, legible copies of pertinent documents, including receipts, complete bills, overdue notices, etc. must be attached and must represent basic human necessities (non-medical expenses) and medical bills\* for current cancer diagnosis/treatment. Examples: mortgage, rent, insurance, car payments, utilities, medical bills\*, etc.

  \*Medical bills guidelines: Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation will not assist with a child's medical expenses already incurred, co-pays or deductibles prior to the current cancer diagnosis. Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation will not assist with medical expenses outside of the United States and/or its territories or for treatments that are not FDA approved.
- 7. The original Request for Financial Assistance application and all required supporting documents must be mailed or emailed to the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation by the hospital social worker.
- 8. After the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation Board of Directors reviews the submitted Request for Financial Assistance application, and if the child is approved for assistance, an assigned Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation representative will contact the hospital social worker and/or parent/guardian to make payment arrangements.
- 9. Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc. financial assistance checks will be made payable only to vendors.
- 10. Approved applicants are provided financial assistance on a one time basis. Applicants may apply once a month. Financial assistance may be approved to a living patient up until six months after their treatment has ended.