LEARN

• Raise club awareness about childhood cancer by holding an educational talk with a healthcare professional or public health official at your club or district meeting or related events.
• Collaborate with a local childhood cancer hospital or support home staff to learn about the needs of their patients and families. Brainstorm ways your club can address key challenges and gaps.
• Research and develop a list of local childhood cancer organizations in your community to support future projects.
• Identify local advocacy events related to childhood cancer and explore ways to get involved.

PROJECT IDEAS

CHILDHOOD CANCER

ACT // BEGINNER

• Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and support homes to request a wish or needs list. Conduct a drive to donate the requested items.
• Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment. This can be done in collaboration with other community members to ensure the family receives food on a regular basis.
• Collect recyclable materials and donate the profits to a childhood cancer organization.
• Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
• Donate financial support or gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc.
• Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to children with cancer centers.
• Volunteer at a local childhood cancer organization fundraising event.
• Organize a community drive to assemble a toy library for the enjoyment of patients.
• Participate in a blood donation or bone marrow registry event to benefit cancer treatment.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

• Collaborate with an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer to collect and donate hair.
• Provide tutoring services to children with cancer, their siblings, or adult learning opportunities for parents.
• Organize an event with a cancer support center to have family photographs taken.
• Raise awareness of childhood cancer through informational pamphlet distribution, radio public service announcements, or social media campaigns.
• Provide children’s entertainment at a local hospital or treatment center for children with cancer. Entertainment can include social visits to read books and play games, hosting a seasonal party, or spending time with siblings of patients.
• Provide funding support for essential medicines and supportive services. Crucial medical needs could include chemotherapy supplies, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, essential staff, etc.
• Participate in a one-time volunteer activity at a childhood cancer camp.
• Organize a community childhood cancer awareness event such as a walk/run event or pamphlet distribution.

ACT // ADVANCED

• Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry. If one is not established in your country, determine what would be needed to create one.
• Organize an advocacy event to impact government policy around childhood cancer.
• Acquire and equip vehicles for the transportation of patients and family members for commuting to and from the hospital.
• Volunteer at established support housing facilities or develop a new one.
• Make yarn character wigs (ex. Superhero, princess) for children with cancer.
• Organize a workshop with medical specialists in child oncology for pediatric physicians, nurses, related medical personnel, or parents to train on early diagnosis of childhood cancer.
• Organize a fun half-day retreat for families of children in remission or the siblings of children with cancer.
• Furnish waiting rooms for the families and guests of children with cancer.
• Organize and facilitate an activity at a childhood cancer camp.
• Create mini-kitchens at hospitals or support homes for food preparation and supply with food.
• Organize a fundraiser for a childhood cancer organization, or for a local family who has been impacted by childhood cancer.