



# Travel Resources

for  
Pediatric Medical Treatment  
Outside of Humboldt County





# Oomiak Foundation

## Mission Statement

To provide assistance to families who must travel outside Humboldt County to obtain necessary medical treatment for their children

## Criteria for Assistance

1. Child must be a Humboldt County resident
2. The medical treatment necessary is not available locally
3. The medical appointment dates and times must be verified by treating physician
4. Child must be 17 years old or younger.
5. Must apply within 30 days of appointment dates

## Fund Disbursal

Funds are disbursed to the families on a per diem basis for each day of appointments or hospitalization.

There is currently a \$1000.00 limit per family per calendar year.

Financial assistance is not determined by income.

Dental and psychological services are not included at this time.

## Foundation Information

The Oomiak Foundation was founded in July, 2000. It is a private operating foundation and qualifies as a nonprofit 501c(3) organization. For more information please contact the Oomiak Foundation at the following address or phone:

Oomiak Foundation  
233 K Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
707-443-3187

# Resources for Air Travel

## Commercial

### **Air Care Alliance**

**800-296-1217**

Start here as they have information on all different airlines. They don't actually book tickets, just give information.

### **TWA-Operation Lift-Off**

**314-895-5563**

*Nancy Taltan*

Must be a "life-threatening" illness.

Allow 5 business days to process application

### **Continental-Care Force**

**800-468-7022**

*Bob Jack*

Does not have to be "life-threatening"

Gives vouchers for free flights

Drops penalties for cancellations

Drops advance purchase requirements/weekend stay overs

Works closely with MD Anderson and will give the lowest fare to the facility in Texas

### **Delta**

**800-892-2757 ext 285**

For treatment only

One trip every six months

Works through United Way

Long application

### **American Airlines-Miles-for-Kids**

**817-963-8118**

Provides 2 trips during child's lifetime

Will pay for one parent and sometimes two parents

Must be referred by nonprofit organization

Based on financial need, which must be verified in letter from sponsoring nonprofit organization





**Southwest***Tracey Martin***214-792-4103****Northwest-Kid Cares Program***Jennifer Geiger***612-726-0811****or 800-328-2216 ext 7041**

## *Private Flights*

**Corporate Angel Network****916-328-1313**

Volunteer organization based in New York

They don't start searching for flights until a week or two before the appointment

Finds seats on Corporate jets that are flying to a destination near medical facility needed

Not based on income

No limit on miles or numbers of flights

Must be ambulatory

Fly child and both parents (no siblings)

Dress code

Must have a backup plan, they will give you a number for a travel agent they work with who can help you with a backup plan

**Angel Flight - Central****800-474-9464**

Need phone call from priest, minister, or social worker

Need letter from physician stating you can safely travel in small often unpressurized planes

**Air Lifeline - Midwest***Richard Angel***800-822-7972****Angel Flight of California****888-426-2643****Wings of Freedom****407-363-1991**

## **Air Lifeline**

**800-446-1231**

Based in Sacramento

**800-247-5433**

Flies to and from medical destination

Need medical form signed by doctor

Need waiver of responsibility

Small planes, private pilots donate their time and plane

Must be ambulatory

## **Miracle Flights for Kids**

**800-359-1711**

## **Children's Flight of Hope**

**919-383-7114**

*Al Worthington*

East Coast travel but can help with other resources

*Many of the air travel programs require:*

1. Patient to be ambulatory
2. Proof of financial need
3. Written or verbal support from priest, minister, or social worker.
4. Written letter from physician
5. At least two weeks notice (more if possible.)



Note: Many programs will only transport patient and one other person

### *Useful tip:*

Combine resources - use a private flight service to get you where you need to be to get a commercial flight.



# Lodging

## **National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses**

**800-542-9730**

### **Koret Family House at UCSF**

**415-422-6820**

For cancer patients

### **American Cancer Society - for cancer patients only**

Has resources for lodging for cancer patients

## Other resources

### **Dreamline**

**847-910-3940**

Provides travel costs for families who have a child with a brain tumor or leukemia

This travel can be for a vacation or medical treatment

### **California Children's Services**

**707-445-6212**

Provides support for families whose income qualifies them for state aid

### **Oomiak Foundation**

**707-443-3187**

Provides perdiem assistance for families traveling outside of Humboldt County for pediatric medical treatment. See inside cover for details



## Useful Tips

1. Get a general letter from your child's doctor that states the need for travel out of this area. Make copies for whatever programs you apply for.
2. If you need a nonprofit organization to sponsor you with a letter, Oomiak Foundation can provide this for you.
3. When booking tickets tell the agent you are speaking with WHY you are traveling, many will talk with their supervisors to get you the best deal.
4. Keep clear records for all of your conversations and copies of all the information together in one file for quick reference. Include lab reports, radiology reports, scans, and pathology report. Keep a diary.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions and to be persistent.
6. Have someone go to doctor's meetings with you.
7. The internet is an excellent resource tool to find other information.

[www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)

[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)





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