Patient Assistance Fund (PAF)

Cancer places significant financial stress on people beyond the requirements of medical consultations, surgeries, treatments, and follow-up care. Our PAF launched in 2020 to reduce the financial distress that patients and families face during their kidney cancer journey. The PAF can be used towards transportation costs, overnight stays for medical care, utility bills, and other personal expenses related to treatment. Your support can give people more security and hope in their day-to-day lives even after they leave the clinic. Patients deserve to focus on health and healing, and not on the financial stress cancer brings.

A Patient’s Story: Kayla

During a photo session with her newborn daughter Jane, Kayla Bulkley suddenly felt a pain in her side. An ultrasound revealed a 10-cm mass on her kidney – a diagnosis she had to receive alone in her hospital room, thanks to COVID-19.

What should have been a joyful time quickly turned into a nightmare. Kayla’s husband was forced to quit his job to care for their daughter and for Kayla during her cancer treatment. That meant not only did Kayla have to navigate her diagnosis and new parenthood, but she also had to worry about making ends meet.

Unfortunately, Kayla is not alone. Kidney cancer treatment is physically, emotionally, and financially draining. Many patients struggle to pay for both treatment and basic necessities, which is why we created the Patient Assistance Fund.