



## **B the Difference's B Kind Program**

### **What is B Kind?**

B Kind was formed while our team was looking to assist families in alternative ways after temporarily suspending our B Happy program due to the pandemic. B Happy provided families with five day/four night all-expenses-paid vacations to areas around the U.S. With B Happy still suspended, B Kind is our main giving program.

B Kind provides assistance to NF families in the form of food assistance and medical and educational needs. While B Kind began as a COVID relief program in 2020, COVID-impacted expenses are no longer a prerequisite to be considered for assistance.

B Kind has assisted families through food security, rent assistance, laptops and tablets for online schooling, hotel funds for out-of-state surgeries and appointments, school supplies and uniforms, co-pays for surgeries, and more.

B Kind does not provide assistance in the form of cash or checks.

### **Who is eligible for a B Kind?**

Individuals with a Neurofibromatosis diagnosis (NF1, NF2, Schwannomatosis) living in the Contiguous United States.

### **What are the next steps following my referral?**

A B the Difference team member will contact you to touch base and answer any questions. We will then ask you to fill out our online B Kind Questionnaire to tell us about yourself/your family and distinguish what area you'd like to receive assistance. We also ask you to sign a general release form in order to use your name and photo on our website.

Once we have both forms (which will be sent to you after your initial conversation) your information will be given to our selection committee. Based on the type of relief, size of your family, and budget per recipient, the committee will vote on your B Kind assistance and you will be notified.