



Childhood Cancer Foundation



making life better

FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

ASK stands for

ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation provides assistance, support, and kindness when our kids and their families need it most. Over \$650,000 is raised each year for making life better for local children with cancer. From the moment of diagnosis through treatment and beyond, ASK is there to provide emotional, financial, and educational support.

Numbers behind the smiles

- 1-2 children are diagnosed with cancer every week here in Central Virginia, equating to 125 children on active treatment and 400 children in survivorship programs.
- 50% of all families with a child in treatment will experience severe financial hardship
- 2/3 of our survivors will will develop at least one late effect from the disease or their treatment

Programs that help

We know that a child's cancer diagnosis affects the entire family. That's why ASK's support extends beyond the child to include the parents, caregivers and siblings. Including children and their family members, over 1,000 individuals are supported by ASK.

- Three staff positions: Child Life Therapist, Chaplain, and Child Psychologist at the ASK Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at VCU
- Financial assistance to cover expenses like mortgages, car payments, and gas money for families in treatment
- Weekly after-school tutoring and summer enrichment camps for patients and survivors
- Social events for ASK kids and their families, like trips to the zoo, bowling, and the annual holiday party
- Support groups for active patients and our bereaved families