MAKING LIFE BETTER for Children with Cancer

Jer'Niya, 11
Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia

stands for Assistance, Support and Kindness when our kids and their families need it most.

ASK was started by a small group of parents of childhood cancer patients who wanted to help other families in the same boat. 45 years later, we’re Central Virginia’s largest and most comprehensive provider of support services for children with cancer and their families.

From the moment of diagnosis through treatment and beyond, ASK is there.

HOW ASK LENDS A HAND:

ASK funds three staff positions at the ASK Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at VCU: Child Life Specialist, Chaplain, and Child Psychologist.

We provide financial assistance to cover expenses like mortgages, car payments, and gas cards for families in treatment.

ASK organizes several social events for our kids and families throughout the year, like trips to the zoo, bowling, movie and game nights, and more!

We offer regular after-school tutoring and summer camps for patients, survivors and siblings.

We also host support groups in English and Spanish for parents to come together, connect and heal.

Visit askccf.org to learn how you can get involved at ASK.
We’re here to help every step of the way.

THE NUMBERS BEHIND THE SMILES:

Childhood cancer in Virginia is more common than you think, and kids need our help. Here’s why:

1–2 kids are diagnosed with cancer every week here in Central Virginia.

About 110 kids are in active treatment for cancer at the Children’s Hospital of Richmond at VCU.

50 percent of all families with a child in treatment will experience severe financial hardship.

Two thirds of kids with cancer will develop cognitive and physical late effects that impact their ability to learn, grow and thrive.

A community of care you can count on, forever.

A childhood cancer journey doesn’t end once treatment is over; the long-lasting impact from chemotherapy and radiation can affect a child for a lifetime. ASK offers programs for all age levels, from preschool age to young adult, to help our kids thrive at every step of the way.

We also know that a child’s cancer diagnosis affects the entire family. That’s why ASK’s support and programs go beyond the child to include parents, caregivers and siblings.

We’re only able to do what we do because of our incredible ASK community – which will shine even brighter with you in it! Visit askccf.org to learn how you can get involved at ASK.