HELP KIDS LIKE EMBERLYN

Every week in Central Virginia, 1-2 kids like Emberlyn are diagnosed with cancer.

ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation’s mission is to make life better for children with cancer. Your support enables ASK to be there to provide assistance, support and kindness from the moment of diagnosis through treatment and beyond.

< Emberlyn, age 3, was diagnosed with Pre B Acute Lymphoid Leukemia.

DONATE
Make a tax-deductible donation, which can go to things such as a mortgage payment for a parent who has lost their job caring for their child.

GIVE
Share a toy or snack with a child at clinic or shop for items from our clinic wish list.

VOLUNTEER
Prepare a meal, organize the snacks, or set up an event – there are many ways you can make a difference with your time.

ATTEND
Engage with our mission and make a financial impact by attending our ASK 5k & Fun Walk, annual gala, and other

ASK is a local nonprofit that provides emotional, financial and educational support to approximately 125 children on active treatment and 400 survivors coping with life after cancer.

Learn more about how you can help at askccf.org
making life better
FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

ASK stands for
Assistance, Support and Kindness when our kids and their families need it most. Our 2019-2020 overall goal is to raise $1,182,000 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.

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

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 develop at least one late effect from the disease or their treatment
meet ARIANNA

Your gifts help Arianna and her family face childhood cancer one hour at a time.

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What started out as a Monday trip to the doctor last fall turned into an ambulance ride to the emergency room for Arianna, 8 years old, and her mom, Ashely. Hours ticked by as Arianna went through rounds and rounds of testing.

It was then Tuesday morning, on Ashely's birthday, that she called her husband who was home with their youngest daughter to tell him the news: Arianna was diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Day to day life for a child with cancer can be very difficult both for the child and those caring for them.

“I had to learn to take it one hour at a time and that some days we’re gonna be in clinic all day,” remembers Ashely.

Thanks to your gift, ASK’s child life specialist, Katie, and child psychologist, Dr. Elizabeth Rohan, were there to help Arianna and her family adjust to their new routine of going to clinic and taking medication.

"Arianna would look for Katie at clinic to play Uno with her or to visit the treasure chest together," shares Ashely. "She also enjoyed spending time with Katie at ASK’s summer camp where she made new friends who understand."

Knowing what to expect and who to get support from helps our families cope throughout treatment. Now, Arianna goes to clinic once a month and she’s back in school. She’s also attending ASK’s after-school enrichment in Colonial Heights while her little sister goes to ASK’s First STEP Preschool program.