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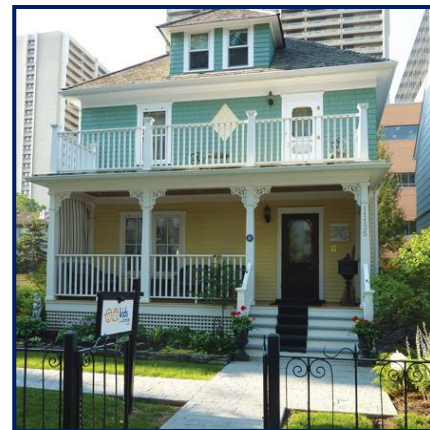


Background

Established in 1979, the Kids with Cancer Society was built through the efforts of volunteer parents and members of the community. Over the years, as the prognosis for childhood cancer has improved, the services of the Society have expanded to include the emotional, clinical and research needs of children.

In 2009, the Kids with Cancer Society House opened just one block away from the children's hospital. This home-like environment offers a welcome space for families to relax, connect with other families and access support programs.

Today, we provide services that are not offered by any other organization and are essential throughout the fight against childhood cancer. Families who are affected by the disease describe our services as a lifeline.



Why we exist

The Kids with Cancer Society exists because no other organization or hospital facility provides the necessary resources to adequately address the specialized needs of children with cancer and their families.

Who we Serve

We strongly believe that comprehensive family centered programs are essential to effectively treat children with cancer. To that end, we serve the following:

- Children between the ages of 0 – 17
- Residents of Northern Alberta and NWT
- Siblings and parents of children with cancer
- Childhood cancer survivors
- Bereaved families
- Childhood cancer medical community

Programs and Services

All of our programs are designed to either enhance or create new opportunities thereby ensuring that there is no duplication or overlap of resources and services. Over 50 programs are offered to support the unique needs of children and their families from the time of diagnosis, throughout treatment, survivorship and beyond. Along with essential practical and psychosocial support, we also provide valuable funding to childhood cancer research activities and research on the long-term effects of childhood cancer.

Our Commitment

We are passionately dedicated and deeply committed to assisting children in their battle against cancer. The finances of Kids with Cancer Society are managed responsibly and efficiently by a small staff with low overhead. Administrative costs not exceeding 11% ensures that those we serve receive the full benefit of your investment.

Kids with Cancer Society provides more program support for children with cancer and their families than all other Northern Alberta charities combined.

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As of January 1, 2014 Kids with Cancer Society provides the following programs to support children with cancer and their families.

Adult Adolescent Support

Assistive Technology

Beaded Journey

Bereavement Drop-In Meetings

Bereavement Financial Support

Bone Marrow Transplant Support

BrainWorks

BrainWorks Educational & School Conference

Bursary

Camp Beat It

Camp Kindle Residential Camp

Can Do Group

Cancer in the Classroom

Childcare

Christmas Party

Dads Group

Daily Living Support Fund

Daytimer

Educational Assessments

Educational Resources

Emergency Accommodation

Emergency Medical Support

End of Treatment Celebration

E-newsletter

Event Tickets

Family Conference

Gifts of Courage

In Hospital Coffee Meetings

In Hospital Telephone

Kids with Cancer Society House

Legacy Program

Look Good Feel Better

Math Get it Guide

Mindfulness

**Muriel and Ada Hole Kids with Cancer Society
Chair in Pediatric Oncology**

Newly Diagnosed Binders

Newly Diagnosed Program

Palliation Support

Palliative and Bereavement Counseling

Parade of Heroes

Parking (inpatient and outpatient)

Practical Assistance Fund

Resilience Group

Sandplay Therapy

Sibling Support Group

Special Celebrations

Teen Support Program

Time to Remember

Transitional Support Off Therapy

Vouchers

Yoga

Not only is childhood cancer the number one killer disease in children but it is estimated that approximately 1 in 333 young people will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20.

These alarming statistics, and those outlined below speak to the very reasons why the Kids with Cancer Society is so important in the lives of these children.

- Today, despite progress in research, childhood cancer kills more children than all other diseases combined.
- The cause of most childhood cancers is unknown, and at present childhood cancer cannot be prevented.
- The majority of children with cancer require rounds of chemotherapy to treat their disease.
- Many require surgery and/or radiation to remove the tumour. For some, a bone marrow transplant is their only hope of survival.
- The length of treatment for childhood cancer ranges from 3 months to 2 1/2 years. In general, treatment for adult cancers is considerably shorter. Three in ten children will lose their battle with the disease.
- Significant advances in cancer therapy, the result of scientific and clinical research, mean that approximately more than 70% of children diagnosed with cancer are expected to become long-term survivors.
- The improved prognosis for childhood cancer has not been realized without a cost. The intense and extensive medical treatment necessary to achieve a cure often creates additional life threatening, and life altering challenges for the child as they endure treatment during a period when they are developing emotionally, physically and intellectually. The reality is that now, as more and more children are surviving cancer, it is increasingly important to address ongoing and emerging needs of the child and their family in order to achieve complete and long-term healing.
- Many advances in adult cancer treatments are due to breakthroughs in childhood cancer research.
- Cancer begins with the transformation of a single cell. We have yet to understand why—if only we knew!



Thank You

On behalf of our children and their families, thank you for your consideration.