

We Prescribe Joy



The Children's Cancer Association knows that for seriously ill children and their families every moment is precious. That's why our programs leverage music, nature, friendship, and resources to create transformative moments of joy for 35,000 children, teens, and their family members each year.

MyMusicRx®

Two decades ago, CCA began delivering the healing power of music to the bedsides of children and teens facing cancer and other serious illnesses. **Today, our trained specialists engage hospitalized kids of all ages and diagnoses, playing music for and with them to reduce stress, anxiety, and perception of pain.**

MyMusicRx teams utilize **state-of-the-art music carts** stocked with teaching-quality instruments for kids to explore and tablets loaded with music games and apps. The program extends online at MyMusicRx.org, with **exclusive artist greetings, concerts, music lessons, and curated content from across the web.** Live, in-hospital concerts from national recording artists complete the MyMusicRx experience.

PROGRAM REACH:

Since 1995, MyMusicRx has served more than 221,000 children, their families, caregivers, and medical professionals. Our digital programs are available daily to 8,000 kids and teens in 30 pediatric hospitals across the country and growing.

Music

- Engages hospitalized kids of all ages and diagnoses, relieving stress, anxiety, and perception of pain
- Empowers kids to customize their bedside music experience with jam sessions, instrument check outs, music lessons, and songwriting
- Extends online 24/7, on any device, at MyMusicRx.org. Also available in hospital via GetWellNetwork.

JoyRx.org/MyMusicRx | Contact Child Life Services

Alexandra Ellis Caring Cabin™

The Alexandra Ellis Caring Cabin™ provides children and teens in treatment, and their families, with an **extraordinary place to retreat, relax, and create once-in-a-lifetime memories outside of the hospital environment.**

Nestled in 24 acres of surrounding woods with plentiful wildlife and a serene lake, the Caring Cabin provides **an essential health connection to nature and healing.** This free adventure helps restore the energy and hope kids need to battle their illness over the long haul.

PROGRAM REACH:

About 40 friends and family members visit CCA's beautiful Caring Cabin hideaway on the Oregon Coast in a typical month. Over 4,300 family members have visited since we first opened the Caring Cabin's doors in 2006.

Nature

- Provides an essential health connection to nature and healing
- Helps families and friends create once-in-a-lifetime memories outside of the hospital environment
- Connects children and teens to the community of Caring Cabin visitors

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Chemo Pal® Mentor Program

CCA's award-winning Chemo-Pal Mentor Program gives kids a **caring, trusted, adult friend to look forward to during treatments,** and someone in their corner when they need it most.

Our mentors play games, listen to music, share hobbies, or simply offer the comfort of companionship, **relieving the anxiety, loneliness, and isolation experienced by children and teens in treatment.** A Chemo Pal mentor can also give parents a much-needed break to grab a cup of coffee, talk with doctors, or spend time with their other children.

CCA Chemo Pal mentors are carefully screened, trained, and thoughtfully matched with families, including those with bilingual needs. Chemo Pal mentors and kids spend time together both in the hospital and out in the community enjoying activities like sporting events, concerts, and craft and gaming nights.

PROGRAM REACH:

Each year, CCA delivers the joy of friendship to approximately 240 Pacific Northwest children and teens. The average match lasts 12 months and often for the duration of a child's treatment.

Friendship

- Relieves the anxiety, loneliness, and isolation experienced by children in treatment
- Creates an extended support community for kids, teens, and their families through fun, age-appropriate activities and events
- Ensures highest quality programming through ongoing training and support for Chemo Pal mentors

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Link

CCA's Link program takes the profound emotional and financial hardships of serious pediatric illness head on, engaging a network of caring people and organizations to **provide families with essential needs assistance and support.** For example, bathroom renovations for wheelchair accessibility; gas cards, new tires, and car repairs to safely transport families to medical treatments; new roofs, furnaces, and hot water heaters; holiday gift support; and special wishes not met by other organizations.

PROGRAM REACH:

Link provides **resources and tailored support** to over 1,300 Pacific Northwest children and their family members annually. Since Link's inception in 1999, we've had the privilege of delivering joy to more than 12,000 individuals, nearly 30,000 times.

Resources

- Responds quickly to meet the most urgent of needs including gas cards and home repairs
- Matches community sponsors with families to provide Joy for the Holidays gift support
- Meets special wishes not met by other organizations

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CCA is proud to be recognized by GuideStar, the nation's premier non-profit database, as a Platinum level charity for our strong commitment to fiscal health and transparency. Only 0.5% of participating non-profits worldwide have achieved this special distinction.



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