

MISSION STATEMENT

When seriously ill children and their families need more than medicine, CCA's innovative programs create joy one moment at a time.

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Joy Rx becomes the standard of care for every seriously ill child and family.

WHO WE ARE

- CCA is a local non-profit founded in Portland, Oregon with national reach. It is the only organization of its kind, created to fill a need for non-medical care that was unmet by hospitals and community organizations.
- CCA was founded in 1995 by the Ellis family after their daughter Alexandra died from cancer at 5-years-old.
- CCA is honored to be recognized as a national leader bringing Joy Rx at no cost to thousands of children and their families each year.
- Last year, 1,492 volunteer positions were filled and volunteers donated 21,124 hours of service, valued at more than \$493,927 invested back into the community.

WHO WE SERVE

- Annually, CCA provides free services, resources and support 249,337 times to children, families, medical professionals and community members nationwide.
- CCA's programs serve children with life threatening illnesses from cancer, to cystic fibrosis, premature birth, diabetes, cerebral palsy and the families who care for them across the nation.
- CCA operates in 25 pediatric units in 7 regional medical centers providing free patient care at: The Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, The Center for Medically Fragile Children at Providence Child Center, Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, CARES Northwest, Shriners' Hospital for Children and The Dougy Center. CCA's Music Rx program can also be found in California at Miller Children's Hospital and Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, and educational resources are found in every children's hospital across the nation.

Contributing with Confidence

A trusted organization recognized for over 15 years as an excellent steward of financial resources

- We are proud to share that 81% of our expenses are allocated to programs.
- CCA received the highest rating in organizational efficiency and proudly earned four stars by Charity Navigator, exceeding industry standards from this premier American charity evaluator.
- CCA has been honored with the title of Better Business Bureau "Accredited Charity."
- CCA receives no federal or state funds and CCA relies on support from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

OUR PROGRAMS

The Music Rx® Program soothes and delights hospitalized children, their family members and the medical professionals who care for them by infusing the hospital environment with the healing power of music. Fueled by therapeutic music specialists and highly trained volunteers, our flagship program delivers bedside music therapy, hallway performances and an interactive mobile music cart that travels through every unit of the hospital.

MyMusicRx, in partnership with iTunes, Nike, Converse, Gatorade, Anomaly and Fader, is a one-of-a-kind web destination for seriously ill kids to band together and experience music medicine through artist engagement, playlists, music videos, music based games and much more—building a community of support for themselves and other seriously ill kids. The MyMusicRx website also contains a music search and purchase function whereby anyone can buy and download music to their personal music devices with 5% of each purchase donated back to CCA. In addition to purchasing music, music lovers will be able to ‘prescribe’ music to soothe and support seriously ill kids.

The LifeSupport Family Enrichment Program meets critical needs and tailors support for families. A child's serious or life-limiting illness dramatically affects the entire family's everyday life experience. The bilingual LifeSupport family Enrichment Program brings hope, joy and understanding during an overwhelming and financially depleting journey. LifeSupport helps local families with specific essential needs, provides direct links to hundreds of local and national resources, offers funeral assistance and bereavement support and responds with yes when a child's special wish is not met by other organizations. LifeSupport fills the gaps when and where Oregon and Southwest Washington families need us most.

The Chemo Pal® Mentor Program pairs kids one-to-one with compassionate adults who offer supportive relationships throughout their chemotherapy or other cancer treatments. The sad reality is that kids in treatment often feel isolated from the outside world. While their friends continue on in school, children with cancer often face long hours in clinics and hospital rooms and severe limitations on their recreational activities to protect their damaged immune systems. For a kid who is facing yet another painful treatment and a lonely day at the hospital, a little friendship goes a long way.

The Caring Cabin™ is the only family retreat home in the Western United States, a one-of-a-kind oasis on the Oregon Coast where families can get away, at no cost, to build precious memories together. The Alexandra Ellis Caring Cabin™ is a beautiful secluded retreat home built solely for this purpose - accommodating seriously ill children and their families for week-long or weekend getaways at absolutely no cost.

OUR SUPPORT SERVICES

Kids' Cancer Pages is CCA's national resource guide, created for families facing cancer or other serious illnesses. The book is available in print and on-line editions, at no cost, and offers easy access to information about hundreds of organizations devoted to health care, financial services, sibling support and grief counseling, among other topics. CCA's also publishes a companion volume, called the Family Resource Pages, which is filled with local resources.

The Alexandra Ellis Family Resource Center, operated in partnership with the Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, provides one-on-one assistance to anyone seeking information about a child's medical condition. The Center loans books, helps visitors locate sources, and distributes specialized health information packets, free of charge.