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Cancer Care



Breast cancer survivor Monica Crooks poses with her husband, Rodolfo, and children, Kadyn, 4; Kylah, 11; and Kaleb, 13.

KidsCan! Empowers Children Affected By Cancer

When Monica Crooks was diagnosed in 2014 with breast cancer, the emotional effects reverberated throughout the family. The impact of her diagnosis on her three young children, Kadyn, Kylah and Kaleb, was a cause for concern.

“A diagnosis of cancer doesn’t just affect the patient—loved ones are affected, too,” shared Monica, 45.

Soon after receiving her diagnosis, Monica was introduced to KidsCan!, a program for families with children, ages 4 to 18, who have a parent or caregiver being treated for cancer.

“KidsCan! fosters community,” shared Jean Hartford-Todd, a child life specialist and the the coordinator of KidsCan! in Durham. “We help children and teens learn more about cancer treatments, empowering them with knowledge and debunking any misconceptions associated with cancer. Most important, we provide a means for allowing

kids to explore and talk about conflicting thoughts and feelings with which they may grapple.”

“We strive to provide a supportive community that helps reduce feelings of isolation,” Hartford-Todd continued.

“We also help to enhance meaningful communication between family members.”

KidsCan!, provided by Duke Cancer Patient Support Program, will be offered virtually starting September. This service is available at no charge to families facing cancer with children ages 4–18. If you are interested in joining the KidsCan! virtual group, call 919.954.4117 or email cancersupport@Duke.edu.

“KidsCan! was a silver lining at a time when things seemed very dark,” said Monica. “KidsCan! helped us navigate un-certainty. KidsCan! has been so valuable to our entire family.”

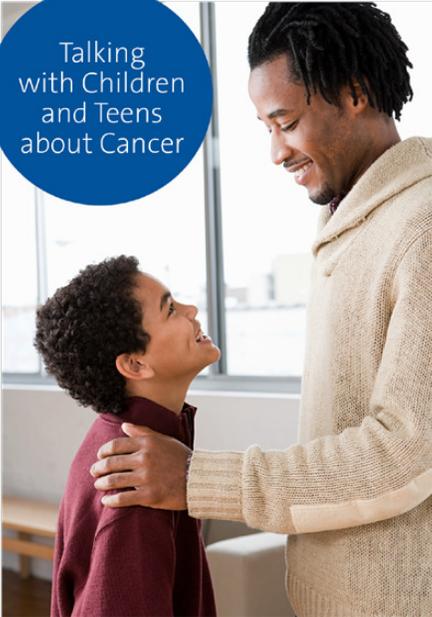
To learn more, visit dukehealth.org/KidsCan.



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Talking
with Children
and Teens
about Cancer



Duke Cancer Patient Support Program's certified child life specialists (CCLS) strive to help children and teens better understand and cope with serious illness in the family. Jean Hartford-Todd, CCLS, has created a [video](#) that shares how to talk with children and teens about cancer, treatments, and side effects.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, support services are being offered remotely. Please call 919.684.4497 for more information.

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, it has become clear that we need to continue our efforts to minimize health and safety risks to Duke patients, staff, families, and the larger community.

Your psychosocial needs remain a top priority. We are continuing to offer the services listed on the following two pages remotely. For questions or to access these supportive care and survivorship services, please call 919.684.4497, email cancersupport@duke.edu, or ask your doctor or nurse. We are grateful for your continued cooperation and flexibility during this public health crisis.

Cancer Support Services

Duke Cancer Institute offers a variety of support services and resources for patients and their loved ones to assist with navigating life during and after cancer treatment. Last month the Supportive Care and Survivorship Center hosted Virtual Survivorship Day on DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay. This site remains available for you to tour and features videos that highlight each of the services listed in this calendar. We encourage you to view or click the hyperlinks to hear directly from our providers who strive to make the cancer experience better for everyone we serve.

Tour the site directly by visiting DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay.

Patient and Nurse Navigation

Navigators help identify and evaluate barriers to timely diagnosis and treatment of cancer. We focus on patients who are faced with multiple barriers such as transportation, housing and financial concerns. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Navigating-Your-Care.

Clinical Social Work

Oncology and palliative care social workers help patients and their loved ones cope with the emotional and practical concerns that accompany the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Individuals and family members are assessed to identify and address specific needs. We work together to establish interventions to help you alleviate stressors and financial burden associated with a cancer diagnosis, as well as connect you and your loved ones to

resources such as disability, home health/ hospice, advance directives and end of life care. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Navigating-Your-Care/Social-Work.

Chaplain Services & Education

Duke chaplains are on-site seven days a week to offer spiritual support to you and your loved ones. When requested, they connect you with faith-specific representatives from the community. To learn more, contact Chaplain Services & Education at Duke Cancer Institute locations in Raleigh, call 919-812-7972; for Duke Cancer Center in Durham, 919-684-3586; or Duke Cancer Center North Durham, 919-470-5363. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Emotional-Health-and-Well-Being/Therapy-and-Counseling-Services.

Child-Life Services

The diagnosis of cancer impacts every member of the family, including children and teens. Our certified child-life specialists strive to help children and teens better understand and cope with serious illness in the family. Education and supportive activities can reduce the stress experienced by children and teens and make it easier for you and your family to talk about the illness experience. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Family-and-Loved-Ones/Child-Life-Services.

Therapy and Counseling

Our medical family therapists provide individual, couples and family therapy. They help you and your loved ones cope with the impact of cancer. Psychiatry and psychology services are also available and offered as part of our treatment for emotional, psychological and relational issues associated with a cancer diagnosis. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Emotional-Health-and-Well-Being/Therapy-and-Counseling-Services.

Sexual Health Services

Sexual health services provide education on the impact cancer treatments have on sexual health and intimacy; and therapy services that address concerns surrounding sexual function, sexual feelings, intimacy, and changes in sexual health. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Physical-Health-and-Well-Being/Sexual-Health-and-Intimacy.

Quit at Duke

Quit at Duke is a program designed to help people quit using tobacco products. Services are provided by tobacco treatment specialists and behavioral medicine clinicians. For

more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 919-613-QUIT (7848). To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Physical-Health-and-Well-Being/Tobacco-Cessation.

Survivorship Services

Our cancer survivorship initiative focuses on the design and delivery of high-quality survivorship care. We partner with you and your loved ones to achieve healthy, fulfilling lives beyond cancer. Areas of care that are addressed include assessment and management of both physical and emotional needs that may result from the cancer experience; cancer screenings and monitoring; and counseling related to prevention and health promotion. We offer a number of clinical and supportive services. For more information, call 919-668-2122. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Navigating-Your-Care/Survivorship.

Teen and Young Adult Oncology Program

Duke Cancer Institute's Teen and Young Adult Oncology Program provides teen and young adult patients (ages 15 to 29) and their loved ones with support and community during a cancer diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. The program offers specialized medical care; individual, couples and family therapy; peer connection; and activity-based groups, both in the medical center and in the community. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/TYAO.

Palliative Care

Duke's palliative care experts help you find relief from the pain, symptoms and stress of serious illness. No matter

your age or the stage of your illness, we work closely with you and your doctors to help you understand your treatment options and make decisions about your care. We're here to help you gain emotional and psychological strength, and to ensure you and your loved ones experience the best possible quality of life. Although palliative care providers sometimes see people at the end of life, and we may talk with you about what hospice offers, we are not hospice care. We can help with pain control, symptom management, complex medical decisions, navigation of complex health care issues, and advance care planning, including a living will or healthcare power of attorney. To schedule an appointment, call [919.668.6688](tel:919.668.6688), option #7. Please visit DukePalliativeCare.org for more information. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Physical-Health-and-Well-Being/Palliative-Care.

Self-Image Services

Our self-image consultants offer a variety of services and products to assist individuals with changes in body-image experienced during cancer treatment and survivorship. To best serve our patients and their families we are offering virtual consultations, video resources, product shipping and curbside pick-up options. If you are interested in a self-image consultation, call 919-613-1904 or email cancersupport@duke.edu. To learn more about our self-image services, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Physical-Health-and-Well-Being/Self-Image-Services.

Support Groups

Due to COVID-19 precautions, **support groups scheduled for August have been cancelled.** Please call ahead in future months to confirm offerings at [919.684.4497](tel:919.684.4497).

Our support groups are designed for patients and their loved ones. To learn more, visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Emotional-Health-and-Well-Being/Support-Groups.

General Cancer Support

One Renaissance Centre
3301 Benson Drive, Raleigh
Cameron Room
Second Monday of the month, noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Teer House
4019 N Roxboro Road, Durham
Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Patient and caregiver group is held separately. Dinner is provided.

Duke Cancer Center Cary Radiation Oncology
Clinic Conference Room
Third Tuesday of the month, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Duke Cancer Center Raleigh
Lower Level, Classroom 1
Fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Art Therapy at Nasher

Nasher Museum of Art
2001 Campus Drive, Durham
First and third Wednesday of the month, 2 to 4 p.m.
No art experience is needed. To register, call 919.668.4029.

Blood and Marrow Transplant Survivorship Support Group

Duke North Pavilion

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Education Room 1001
Third Wednesday of the month, 4 to 6 p.m.

Breast & GYN Cancers

Duke Women's Cancer Care Raleigh
Clinic Conference Room
Second Tuesday of the month, 5 to 7 p.m.
Second Thursday of the month, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
This group is for patients only.

LGBTQ+ Cancer Support

Duke Cancer Center Durham
Patient Resource Center, Level 0
Fourth Wednesday of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
This support group is for oncology patients and families. Dinner is provided.

Prostate Cancer

Duke Cancer Center Durham
Conference Room, Level 0
Fourth Monday of the month, 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner is provided.

Duke Cancer Center Raleigh
Lower Level, Classroom 1
Second Thursday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m.

The Duke Cancer Patient Support Program provides services and resources to help support patients and their loved ones. For a list of complimentary services, visit dukecancerinstitute.org/supportivecare or call 919.684.4497.

To help ensure the continuation of these vital programs and services, please get involved by visiting DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Get-Involved-With-DCI.

Kids Can!

KidsCan! is a program designed to support children and teens, ages 4 to 18, who have a parent or significant caregiver living with a diagnosis of cancer. Kids and teen groups focus on issues such as understanding cancer, changes in the family life, feelings, self-care, memories, cooperation, love and family. A simultaneous group is also available for parents. Dinner is provided. KidsCan! is held on the second Monday of the month at Duke Cancer Center Durham and on the third Thursday of the month at Duke Cancer Center Raleigh.

To learn more, call 919.954.4117, email cancersupport@duke.edu, or visit DukeCancerInstitute.org/SurvivorshipDay/Family-and-Loved-Ones/Child-Life-Services.



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