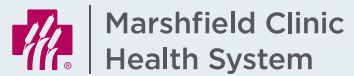




Inspiring emotional support for children of parents with cancer

Developed by the Children's Tree House Foundation, a non-profit organization, CLIMB® stands for Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery.

This six-week program sponsored by Marshfield Clinic Health System gives emotional support to kids who have a parent or other loved one diagnosed with cancer.



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CLIMB®

Helping kids find the courage to deal with cancer in their family



Cancer Care & Research

“ She could not open up before; now she will talk, laugh, and cry when talking about me (her dad with cancer). **We have seen a positive change...** Many kids will benefit from this program - most of all the understanding of cancer. ”

- Parent of CLIMB® attendee

Talking to Kids About Cancer Can Be Difficult

That’s why Cancer Care & Research is offering CLIMB®. Children learn that being sad, frightened and even angry is part of this family experience. CLIMB® helps children moderate their feelings without having to “stuff” them or feel overwhelmed. Participants bond quickly with other children going through a similar experience.

The CLIMB® program offered at Cancer Care & Research in Marshfield, consists of six weekly group sessions. Specially trained leaders encourage open discussions about cancer, treatments and possible side effects. They also use visual aids such as large stuffed animals to demonstrate IV placement and other forms of treatment.

Kids create art projects and do activities to help them identify and express the complex feelings of a cancer diagnosis. Children receive a workbook that they’re encouraged to share with their families. At the end of each program, kids and their parents or other family members can attend a graduation ceremony, marking the progress they’ve made in coping with cancer in their families.

Key Benefits of CLIMB®

- Increased knowledge of cancer and its treatment
- Normalization of feelings of sadness and anxiety
- Improved ability to express and manage anger
- Enhanced ability to identify strengths
- Improved communications skills
- Help in understanding that they are not alone



2022 - 2023 Program Information

We offer the program free of charge. Please register at the start of the program. The program is geared toward children 5 - 12 years old. Registration is required.

Sessions are for children only and are held on Tuesday each week from 5:30-6:45pm for a total of six weeks.

Marshfield Medical Center (Medical Offices)

1000 North Oak Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449

- October 4 - November 8 2022
- April 4 - May 9 2023

Please contact our Oncology RN Supervisorship Coordinator at 1-800-841-8300.

CLIMB® registration form

Please complete and mail to the location where your child will attend CLIMB®:

Marshfield Medical Center (Medical Offices)
Cancer Care & Research
1000 North Oak Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449

Date of program _____

Child's name _____

Male Female Birthdate ____/____/____

Grade in school _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime phone _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Emergency phone _____

Email address _____

Please include an adult family member with cancer:

Mother Father Grandparent

Other, list _____

Date family member was diagnosed with cancer

____/____/____

Special information we should know _____

Allergies or medical problems _____

Has your child attended CLIMB® before: Yes No

If yes, when _____