

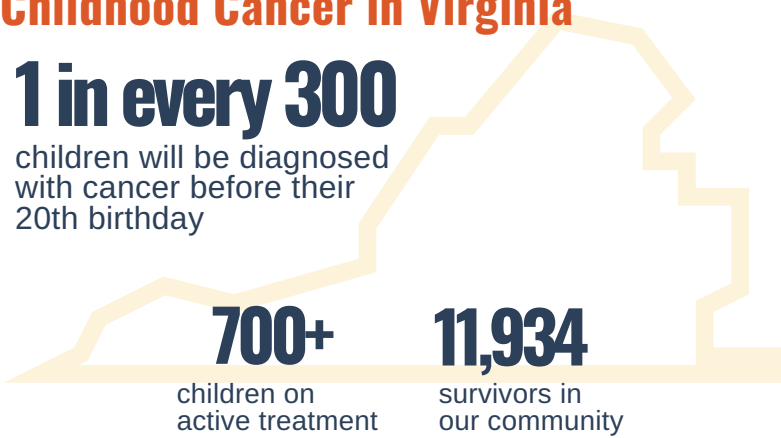
VIRGINIA'S YOUNGEST CANCER PATIENTS & SURVIVORS NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH



Childhood Cancer in Virginia

1 in every 300

children will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday



How Do We Stack Up?



Only 3% of Virginia's cancer research is focused on children. That's lower than the national average of 4% (which is inadequate.)



State Funding for Children with Cancer:
Texas - \$3,3 million
Kentucky - \$3million
Florida - \$2 million
Virginia - \$0

SOLUTION: Dedicated pediatric cancer research funding.

This will benefit children throughout the state through all five pediatric cancer treatment centers



HOW will pediatric cancer research help?

Kids are not small adults. Few crossover drugs available.



More research will identify better treatments for children and improve survival rates.

Most pediatric cancer drugs have been around for decades.



We need to develop new therapies to improve outcomes.

2/3 of all survivors have late effects from treatment



Improved therapies can decrease late effects.



WHY is this important?



Unlike adult cancers, there are no lifestyle factors to prevent childhood cancer, yet adults get **100%** of Virginia's cancer resources.



When a child survives cancer, 70 potential life years are saved vs 15 years for adults.



Pediatric cancer research is a good investment. With limited funding, overall survival rate has increased to 80%.

NOTE: \$2.5million has been requested in the Senate to establish a childhood cancer research fund.