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An industry-leading, innovative program

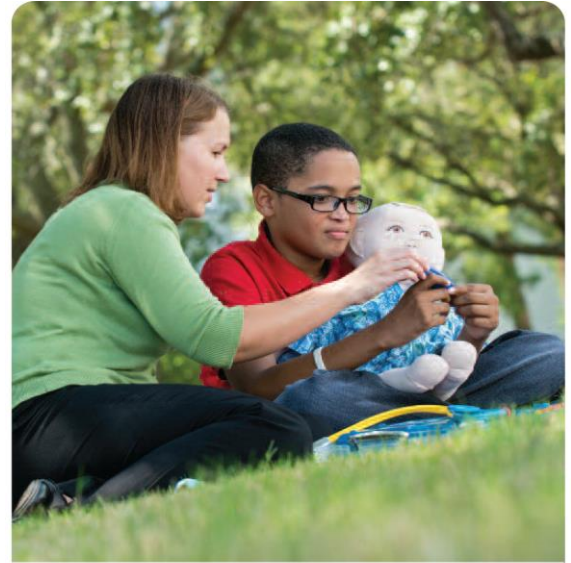
- Community PedsCare is one of just a few large community pediatric programs in the country offering both palliative and hospice care.
- The nationally recognized program of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida works with Wolfson Children's Hospital, Nemours Children's Specialty Care and the University of Florida–Jacksonville to serve the five-county Northeast Florida area.
- Through a team of pediatric professionals, the program offers in-hospital and in-home medical, nursing, psychosocial, spiritual, child life and volunteer support for children with complex, chronic or life-threatening conditions and their families.

There for the child ... every step of the way

- Focusing on quality of life, Community PedsCare brings comfort and care to young patients from prenatal to age 21, supporting these young patients, their parents, siblings, other family members, caregivers, classmates and teachers.
- For children attending school, the Community PedsCare team often partners with the parent in collaboration with school personnel to address the child's special needs to enhance their educational experience.
- The team assists teenage patients in their transition from pediatric healthcare to adult healthcare, fostering independence in their transition.

There for the child ... every step of the way (*continued*)

- Community PedsCare offers young patients and their families, through the gifts and work of numerous generous donors, the ability to enjoy activities together—where the children with disabilities and life-limiting/life-threatening conditions are the norm, not the exception, and whose parents can be among families experiencing similar life situations.



A full-time certified child life specialist promotes effective coping with illness and treatments through play, preparation, education and self-expression activities with patients and siblings.

There for the family ... through the ups and downs

- The Community PedsCare team walks alongside parents and children regardless of the treatment options they decide to pursue.
- A parent support group is offered every month, facilitated by the team psychosocial specialist and chaplain. At the same time, patients and siblings attend a support group led by the child life specialist with help from specially trained volunteers to conduct planned, focused, fun activities.
- Community PedsCare provides respite time for families—a time when a qualified nurse remains with and cares for the patient while the family can enjoy some time away from the responsibilities of caring for a special needs child.

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- Staff, serving as an advocate, may attend physician office visits with parents to provide an objective, informed listening ear and to offer support when difficult news is delivered.
- Staff remains involved in support of the patient and family during periods of hospitalization, providing advocacy and guidance as new information and changes in the child's condition may occur, and assists with plans for the patient's care when transferred home.
- Staff assists families in applying for community resources, as well as facilitates in the process to receive Medicaid or Social Security Income assistance.

For more information, call 904.407.6302 or visit CommunityPedsCare.com.

Established in 2000, Community PedsCare® is a nationally recognized pediatric palliative and hospice program for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. A program of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in collaboration with Wolfson Children's Hospital, Nemours Children's Specialty Care, and the University of Florida—Jacksonville, Community PedsCare offers support, comfort and care to more than 150 children and their families each day in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. American Hospital Association awarded Community Hospice a 2012 Circle of Life Citation of Honor for its innovative, community-focused and family-centric program. Community PedsCare is a registered service mark of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc.