

# Discharge from Family Support



# What does this mean for us?

Simply put – you have reached the stage in your child cancer journey where you no longer need regular one-to-one support from your Family Support Coordinator. This is a significant milestone. Your family can now continue to be supported through our Support Programmes and Connect Groups.

## What does this continued support look like?

Our Support Programmes are tailored to meet specific needs of dads, mums, caregivers, siblings and bereaved families. Navigating change and transitions of the child cancer journey can be difficult. These programmes provide support to help you find new

ways to continue moving forward with strength.

Our Connect Groups are led by volunteer parents/caregivers of children who have been affected by cancer and general volunteers who are passionate about supporting families with childhood cancer. Their purpose is to connect you with other families through shared experiences, and enable you to support each other within your community. They plan a variety of social events throughout the year to facilitate peer-to-peer support.

Please keep us updated with your contact details and let us know if you no longer wish to receive information from your Connect Group.



Logan, diagnosed aged 9, his parents Kylie and Simon, sister Olivia and older brother Xavier, who also had childhood cancer.



The Beads of Courage® Programme is an integral part of your child's cancer journey - from beginning to end of treatment. It recognises your child's strength and courage in a unique and tangible way. When your child's treatment finishes they will receive their well-earned purple heart which will complete their beads. Please discuss with your Family Support Coordinator how you would like to continue to collect the Beads of Courage® until your child's treatment is completed.



### **Can I contact my Family Support Co-ordinator if our support needs change?**

Of course. Different milestones on your journey can bring stresses and new challenges. We recognise the impact these may have on you and your family. If your support needs change due to your child's illness, please contact your Family Support Coordinator for advice. No matter what stage of the journey you are at, Child Cancer Foundation can support you.



### **What if I have any concerns about my child's health?**

As we are not doctors or medical experts, in the first instance always contact your child's specialist or GP for medical advice.

Sydney, diagnosed age 4, wearing her Beads of Courage®.

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## Resources

NCCN	<a href="http://childcancernetwork.org.nz">childcancernetwork.org.nz</a>
CanTeen	<a href="http://canteen.org.nz">canteen.org.nz</a>
Make a Wish	<a href="http://makeawish.org.nz">makeawish.org.nz</a>
Camp Quality	<a href="http://campquality.org.nz">campquality.org.nz</a>
Kids Health	<a href="http://kidshealth.org.nz">kidshealth.org.nz</a>
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