

CHAMPIONS FOR KIDS

SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE

At Transitions LifeCare, our mission is simple and profound: we provide compassionate end-of-life care, and we provide support for patients' loved ones.

This is sacred and vital work. It is about life and death and the promises we make to each other to offer help, healing and hope. It is part of the commitment we made to the community when we were founded nearly 40 years ago as Hospice of Wake County.

Our services are not age specific. In recent years, Transitions LifeCare has made a substantial investment in providing vital programs for this area's kids. We know these programs make a difference, and the need is growing. We need your help to sustain them for the future.

Transitions Kids provides home-based supportive care services for the child and family. In the past, terminally-ill kids often remained in hospitals, spending their final days in a clinical setting, rather than in the comfort and familiarity of their home. For families, providing care in a home setting — whether the child's own home or our William M. Dunlap Center for Caring (Hospice Home) — can also lessen the emotional and financial strain during this devastating time. Since we began Transitions Kids in 2015, we have served 45 kids per day, and we expect to grow to more than 60 kids per day. We know the need is there, and we work closely with our pediatric hospital partners at Duke, UNC, UNC REX Healthcare, and WakeMed to provide appropriate care for these young patients. As partners, we are determined to provide every terminally-ill kid in our community with access to compassionate end-of-life care that improves their physical comfort, meets their emotional needs, and ensures that wishes and concerns are heard and addressed.



Transitions Kids rooms in our hospice home

Please help us expand and sustain our pediatric program. Through your generous support of this **\$1.3 million** initiative we will expand and address these critical needs for these most vulnerable families.

Transitions LifeCare serves seven counties in and near the Triangle. The region is growing rapidly, with an expanding need for the wide range of support and services we provide. No one is turned away because they can't pay for end-of-life care. That's our commitment. The only service of its kind in this community, Transitions Kids relies on philanthropy to offset operating expenses not covered by reimbursements or other forms of payment.

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FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

“This initiative for Transitions Kids shows our passion and commitment to our total community.”

SMEDES YORK, SUPPORTER SINCE 1979

“Supporting effective efforts that improve access to care is an important focus of our work at the Endowment. Transitions Kids aims to reduce the burden of access and aims to help more families receive high quality services.”

TRUSTEES OF THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

TRANSITIONS KIDS RECEIVED DUKE ENDOWMENT FUNDING IN 2017

“UNC Health Care is pleased to collaborate with Transitions LifeCare, a community partner since 1979, to advance palliative medicine education, specifically through our UNC Fellowship program, as well as increasing access to comprehensive care in the Triangle and beyond.”

DALE JENKINS, UNC HEALTH CARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

“We are so privileged to have the dedicated caregivers with Transitions LifeCare join us in caring for patients and families facing the profound impact of a life-limiting illness. They make a full, highly personalized continuum of care possible at one of the most significant times in a person’s life.”

DONALD R. GINTZIG, WAKEMED PRESIDENT & CEO



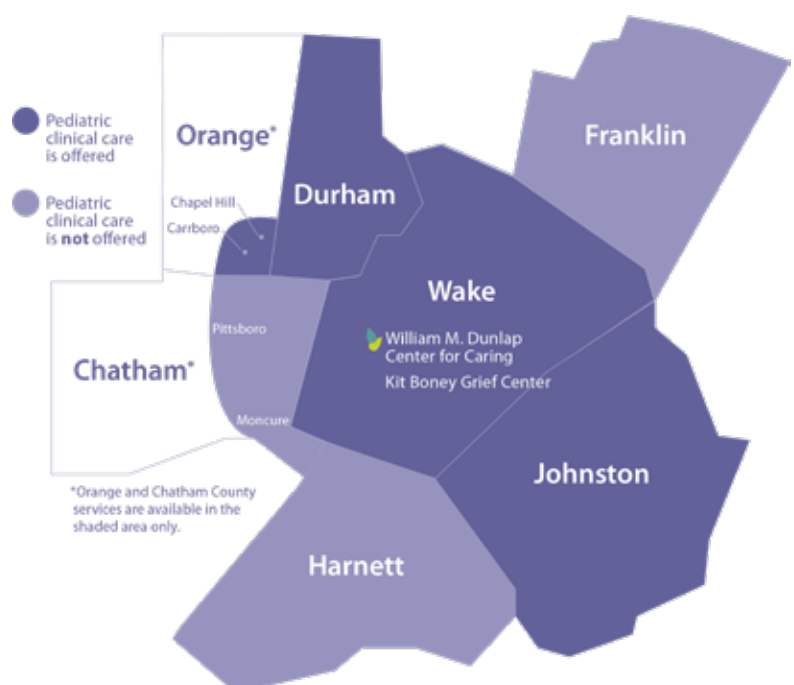
Transitions Kids served Samiyah & her family in 2017

Our Goals

- Expand pediatric clinical care to more than 60 children a day by increasing services beyond Wake County.
- Partner with rural hospice agencies and medical centers to provide services via telehealth consults.
- Expand current Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship program to include pediatric training.

Transitions LifeCare provides services in Wake, Durham, Johnston, Harnett, Franklin, Chatham, and Orange counties. Based on a study* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, and the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management this greater Triangle area will see the population affected by end-of life challenges increase three-fold by 2020.

*2017 NHPCO Facts and Figures Pediatric Palliative & Hospice Care in America



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