New Program at UAMS Offers Support to Children of Cancer Patients

LITTLE ROCK — A new group to help children cope with a parent’s cancer diagnosis is set to begin Oct. 2 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

CLIMB, which stands for Children’s Lives Include Moments of Bravery, will be offered from 5-7 p.m. for six Tuesdays starting Oct. 2 in the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. There is no cost to participate, and pre-registration is required. To register, call Carrie Calhoon, LCSW, at 501-603-1612.

Separate groups for children ages 6-12 and their parents meet simultaneously and are led by oncology social workers. Siblings are welcome to attend together.

While the children’s group includes art projects and sharing intended to help process feelings of sadness, anxiety, fear and anger, the adult group focuses on ways to support their child’s ability to cope with their parent’s illness.

CLIMB is a national program sponsored by The Children’s Treehouse Foundation.