UAMS Program Starting Feb. 8 Offers Support to Children of Cancer Patients

LITTLE ROCK – A group to help children ages 6-12 better cope with a parent’s cancer diagnosis is set to begin Feb. 8 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

CLIMB, which stands for Children’s Lives Include Moments of Bravery, will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays from Feb. 8-March 15 at the UAMS Cancer Institute.

There is no cost to participate, and you do not have to be a UAMS patient to participate. Preregistration is required. To register, call Darby Harmon, MSW, LMSW, at (501) 603-1612 or email drharmon@uams.edu.

CLIMB is designed to support both children and their parents.

While children participate in art and other projects to help them process emotions such as sadness, anxiety and fear, their parents meet separately to discuss ways to talk about their illness with their children and deal with cancer’s impact on their family.

Oncology social workers lead both the children’s group and parents’ group. Siblings are welcome to attend together.

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

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P.
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Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,240 students, 913 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 11,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

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