



C.L.I.M.B. was developed by the Children's Treehouse Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to the emotional support of children who have parents with cancer.



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*Supporting children of parents
with cancer*



We give children a chance to climb!

Desert C.L.I.M.B. (Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery) is a support program that recognizes that cancer is a family affair. This program is designed to decrease a child's sense of isolation with regard to their parent's cancer diagnosis. Children bond very quickly with other children going through a similar experience.

This program is fun, family-friendly and free.

C.L.I.M.B. Meetings

Desert C.L.I.M.B. is a six-week program with two-hour group meetings held one evening each week. Meetings include:

- A kid-friendly family meal
- An opportunity for children to meet with other children and Banner Desert's Masters-level counselor and Child Life specialists. Children learn to identify and express complex feelings through conversation and art.
- Creation of a workbook by each child to capture their weekly progress, which can be shared with family at the end of the program
- Opportunity for parents to meet informally with other parents with similar concerns

Program Benefits

Our program will provide children with:

- ★ The support to become more comfortable with the cancer process they see their parent experiencing
- ★ The ability to understand and cope with the dramatic changes they are witnessing in the home, including:
 - The physical and emotional changes their parents are experiencing
 - The lost time together due to doctor appointments, treatments and increased need for rest
- ★ The chance to express their feelings
- ★ The opportunity to meet with other children in similar situations, and learn that "I'm not the only kid with a parent who has cancer."

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