



2025 IMPACT REPORT

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Somebody in Every Corner

In 2020 Emily Callaway's daughter, Chloe, was eight years old when she was diagnosed with Central Conducting Lymphatic Anomaly (CCLA), a rare disease within the lymphatic system.

Initially, Emily had difficulty finding medical care for Chloe. Everything was shut down due to COVID. Even after finding a Norfolk, Virginia doctor willing to take Chloe's case, CCLA is such a complex and rare disease that few hospitals will intervene to provide care. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is one of only a handful of medical centers worldwide that offers specialized treatment for CCLA.

For two years, the Callaways coordinated Chloe's care on their own, contacting hospitals and arranging care between multiple providers, which included a regular schedule of twice a week trips to Norfolk for infusions, along with lengthy hospital stays at Children's Hospital of

Philadelphia for necessary interventions and surgeries.

The Callaways had no idea what palliative care was. During a hospital stay in Philadelphia, providers recommended a palliative care consult, which worked well in the hospital, but Emily needed to make palliative care a reality at home in Richmond, Virginia.

She has since learned that palliative care is specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses that focuses on improving quality of life through holistic patient and family centered care. Unlike hospice care, palliative care can be provided at any stage of an illness and alongside treatments aimed at curing or controlling the illness.

From a Google search, she found Noah's Children. Their social worker at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia submitted a request for Chloe. It was the

week before Christmas. The Callaways returned home from Philadelphia on Monday. On Wednesday, the Noah's Children team walked through their door. Emily tells everybody, "Our lives changed for the better that day. I mean, the work they've done is incredible. We've been with Noah's now for four years and have gotten to be recipients of their different programs."

The Callaway family has engaged in the full range of services provided by Noah's Children. In addition to coordinated care and advocacy for Chloe, together, they are thankful for the many opportunities including the Christmas gifts, meal deliveries, and therapy services. The therapy, in particular, has helped with "everything they've gone through, are going through, and will go through as a family." The Callaways have five children, ranging in ages from an 18-month-old to 19-year-old twins.

Emily agrees that siblings of chronically ill children can feel lost. "The sibling events we've attended allow Chloe's siblings to feel special, and I just attended the Mother's Day brunch with my own mom and got to enjoy some time away."

When sharing about Noah's program supervisor, Emily boasts that "everything Tasha King does is excellent. Everything's perfectly planned, with everybody in mind, and every accommodation needed. And I think that's what makes Noah's Children so special. Everything is so thoughtful, and you never feel like just a patient. You feel part of the Noah's family, and you feel so valued. You can just tell that she cares and how much thought goes into everything she does."

For Emily, Noah's Children provides holistic, compassionate care for the whole family. Emily speaks ardently, as Chloe has support with the wide range of medical care and services she requires, and the unique needs of the entire family are person-centered.

Also, Noah's Children provides continuity in care. The staff have taken the time to know Chloe and to understand her disease. Emily relays her gratitude for 24/7 support, saying, "It's comforting to have someone on

call that I can ask if there's an urgent question in the middle of the night or if Chloe's pain increases." Emily receives immediate advice on what she can do to help keep Chloe at home and out of the hospital.

Not only do Noah's Children's medical director, Dr. Kelly Lastrapes, and nurse, Sara Enright, serve as huge advocates for helping the Callaways to manage Chloe's symptoms at home; they also leverage their expertise to communicate and coordinate local care for Chloe. Whenever there's a big decision regarding Chloe's care, Dr. Lastrapes and the nurse practitioners lead the conversation. As parents, the Callaways are not alone advocating for Chloe's needs. They have a team supporting their communication and championing for them as parents.

Emily wants people to know about and understand the nature of palliative care. "There's a huge misconception with palliative care and what it is, and I think people really don't know what palliative care is until they or someone they love needs it."

Emily explained that she was one of those people. She didn't know what palliative care was, and now it's a part of their lives.

"I can't imagine not having palliative care. With the help of Noah's Children, I think our children feel seen. We are given the gift of time with our family. In all aspects of our life — financially, emotionally, psychologically, and medically — we have somebody in every corner with us and championing us. Noah's Children has allowed us to grow as a family and has helped me grow as an advocate for my child."

By the numbers | 2025



250

individuals received Thanksgiving meals



\$12,200

provided for clothing and school supplies to 80 school-aged patients and siblings



\$14,000

supported inpatient (hospital boxes), crisis/emergency, perinatal and hospice support



242

individuals received holiday gifts serving 64 families through our holiday adoption program



\$52,000

provided in meal support (190 individuals monthly) (2,280 individuals yearly)



\$24,200

in in-kind donations



2,500

volunteer hours (includes 500 hours for the Kids Helping Kids program)



\$112,600

supported social events and programs for Noah's Children families



850

music therapy hours



18,000

hours in counseling support serving 40 individuals



\$90,000

provided families with financial assistance to help with bills and other expenses



\$42,000

in bereavement support serving 40 families with hospice support and funeral, meal and family assistance



Kelly's Korner

2025 was yet another year of growth and progress for the Noah's Children team! We cared for 77 incredible patients and their families in the comfort of their own home, prioritizing good health and quality of life, helping to navigate a complex medical system and making day-to-day life just a little bit easier. Thanks to proceeds from the Children's Hope Gala, we have continued our counseling support fund to enable families to seek mental health supports that meet their specific needs. We celebrated our first annual "Tune In Together" music therapy camp, where patients and families experienced the therapeutic benefits of music in a supportive group setting. The first annual "Eggstravaganza" event also received rave reviews as a great source for community-building and FUN! As evidenced by 2025's art project, The Kids Helping Kids program also continues to thrive, infusing and fostering a spirit of altruism in our amazing kid volunteers. The team will be forever grateful for the generous support of our donors, making all of this important work possible!

Dr. Kelly K. Lastrapes | Noah's Children Medical Director

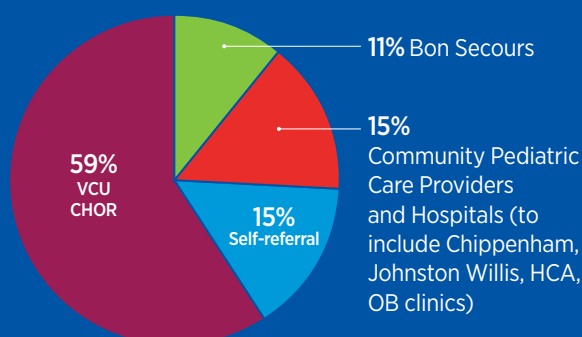
Commitment to excellence

With the support of our generous donors, Noah's Children was able to accomplish the following in 2025:

- Two new creative therapy programs were launched: First annual music therapy camp for patients and equine therapy for siblings grieving the loss of a sibling or navigating life with a medically fragile sibling.
- Staff members participated in the Virginia Nurses Association Conference, the Good Grief Conference and the Palliative Care Symposium to gain knowledge and skills in best practices for assisting patients with life-limiting illnesses, addressing grief-related crises, managing chronic or life-changing situations and navigating end-of-life bereavement challenges.

77 patients served. Average daily census: 65 patients, up from 58 patients in 2024.

2025 referral sources



 1501 Maple Ave., Suite 105 | Richmond, VA 23226

 noahschildren.org

 804-287-7686

 **Donations can be mailed to:**
Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation
920 Libbie Ave., Suite 100
Richmond, VA 23226

Donate online:
givebsmh.org/Richmond
Select "Noah's Children"

Questions? Call 804-287-7700



Creating Moments of Joy, Connection, and Healing through Creative Therapies



Because of your generosity, Noah's Children continues to create meaningful opportunities that bring comfort, joy, and connection to the children and families we serve. In 2025, we introduced two new programs, an Equine Therapy event and the Tune in Together Music Therapy Camp, giving families new ways to heal, connect, and create lasting memories together.

Equine Therapy

The gentle, intuitive nature of horses provides a unique sanctuary for children grieving the loss of a sibling to terminal illness. In 2025, Noah's Children launched its first Equine Therapy event to provide specialized emotional support outside the clinical setting.

Through guided equine interactions, children practiced mindfulness, rebuilt trust and a sense of safety, and connected with peers who share similar experiences. Parents watched as their children smiled, engaged, and found moments of peace while interacting with and riding the horses. The vital support of donors made this day of somatic healing possible, directly offering these grieving families a gentle path forward, a community of mutual understanding, and the resilient tools needed to carry their loss with strength.

Tune in Together Music Therapy Camp

In 2025, Noah's Children also launched the inaugural Tune in Together Music Therapy Camp, creating opportunities for children and teens receiving palliative and hospice care to experience the healing power of music in a fun, supportive environment beyond the medical setting.

Designed and led by our music therapy program, the camp gives every child a chance to connect, create, and celebrate their strengths in an inclusive space. Through music-making and shared experiences, participants build relationships, support emotional well-being, and create lasting memories with peers and families. Tune in Together is more than a camp, it is a place where laughter, belonging, and meaningful connections take center stage.

These experiences are possible because of compassionate supporters like you. Your generosity gives children opportunities to laugh, explore, build confidence, and experience the joy of simply being a child while creating precious moments of connection and respite for their families. Thank you for making these moments, and the hope they bring, possible.