Benefits of Katybug pediatric palliative/hospice care

From before birth through young adulthood, we help kids with a serious illness live more fully while improving their family’s quality of life. With Katybug:

• Your child can be cared for at home, with less disruption to their world.
• You benefit from the support, specialized knowledge, and know-how of our expert team through in-home visits, without the hassle of getting to extra appointments.
• Your child can continue receiving treatment from their own doctor in pursuit of a cure.
• Our experienced professionals are available 24/7, reducing the need for late-night trips to the emergency room.
• The Delaware Hospice Center can provide a home-like alternative to hospital care should symptoms escalate.
• You’ll never receive a bill for our services.

Call 800.838.9800 to learn more about Katybug.
Serving the entire state of Delaware and southern Chester and Delaware counties in Pennsylvania.

Special Care for Kids with a Serious Illness

When an infant, child, or teen has a serious illness, it impacts the entire family. Katybug, our pediatric palliative/hospice care program specializes in helping kids find relief from pain and symptoms in their own home—while offering families the practical resources and emotional support they need to cope. Katybug’s talented team empowers families to focus on the joys of life instead of their child’s illness, even as the family seeks a cure.

Katybug is the only program of its kind in Delaware with Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurses on staff.

At Delaware Hospice, we provide the highest quality healthcare and counseling services to our entire community, regardless of age. But children and young adults are special. Our Katybug pediatric palliative/hospice care program is expressly tailored to the unique needs of children and their families.
At Katybug, we work with your child’s physician to create a plan of care specifically developed for your child’s needs. From emotional support to insight into treatment options, each member of our interdisciplinary palliative/hospice team brings a unique talent to your home to help your entire family function at its best. Your family’s preferences, comfort level, and goals are our mission, and you remain in the lead of your child’s care plan at all times.

What to Expect

Each family enrolled in Katybug gets assigned a dedicated team, including a registered nurse and a social worker. Along with our medical director, chaplains, certified nursing assistants, counselors, and volunteers, your team takes a holistic approach to your family’s medical, emotional, and spiritual needs. During regular visits to your home, your team of specialists will provide:

- Pain and symptom management for your child.
- Guidance and emotional support for all family members.
- Education about the illness and its treatment.
- Assistance with your child’s personal care.
- Delivery for medications, supplies and equipment.
- Connections to helpful resources to support your family.

Letting parents be parents again

The doubt and stress of being your own child’s care provider can be overwhelming. At Katybug, our goal is to support you and your child. We offer assistance that supplements a physician’s care and helps parents feel informed and confident to care for their child at home. Members of our team have walked with others down this road before, and they’re uniquely able to understand your journey. By helping you tackle practical details—like refilling prescriptions and securing medical equipment—we free you to focus on just being a parent.

With a compassionate, experienced palliative/hospice team by your side, you’ll have the support you need to navigate this difficult time and focus on what’s most important.

Get Help

To get support or to refer a family to Katybug, call 800.838.9800 or visit katybugde.org.

We are here for you.

Medicare, Medicaid, and some insurance plans will cover all or a portion of pediatric palliative/hospice services; however, copays/coinsurance deductibles apply.

We are grateful to our generous donors and volunteers for making Katybug available to our community—the comfort they give our kids and families is priceless.