



# A Coloring & Activity Booklet



... about childhood cancer and how We CanCerve got started



It was my first week in the hospital after getting diagnosed with cancer and I was very confused with what was happening.



Two of the worst things that were happening were the fact that I couldn't go to school to learn my favorite subject -- math, and that going back and forth to the hospital, at first every day, was completely boring.



The good thing though was that I had a lot of friends and family to support me, and to be there for my family. These are my God-Grandparents Joyce & Ed Kearney. They live in Texas now and we still keep in touch.



Going through chemo, I lost my hair. My mom always wrapped her hair in a turban and I wanted her to do the same for me since I was bald and a little bit embarrassed.



This day, my mom had gone to work and it was the first day that we weren't together during chemo. Once she came to see me in the hospital, we were so happy to see each other that we cried tears of joy.





Before I was diagnosed with cancer, I took dance lessons at The Rage Box Dance Center. But I had to stop because I was too sick and my body hurt a lot. When I was feeling better, my mom and grandma surprised me with a private dance lesson with my past hip hop instructor, Melissa.

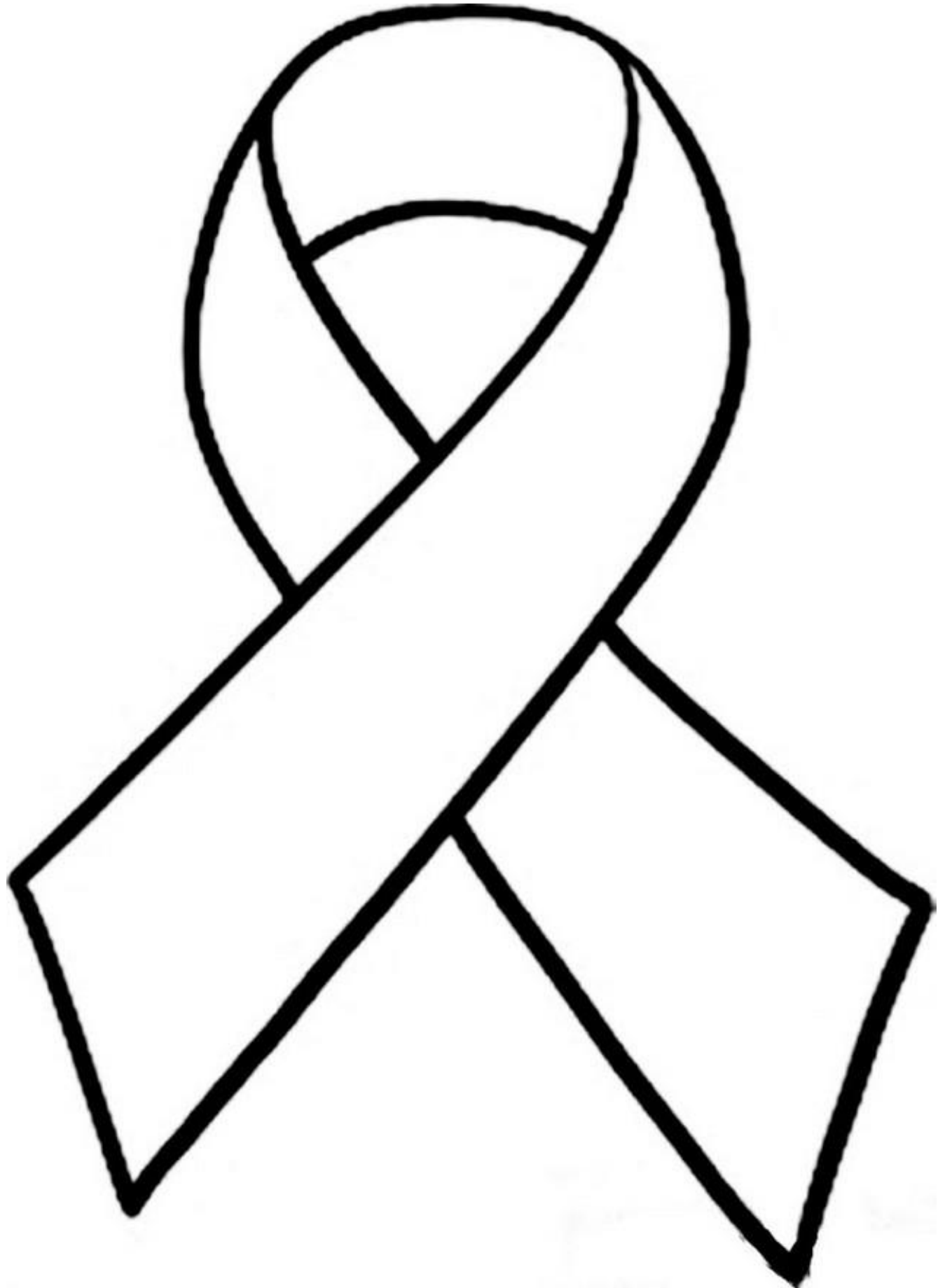


On this day, we learned that I entered maintenance, which was awesome news! So we celebrated by going to Joe's Crab Shack and I was crowned "Princess Crab." My grandma was named "Queen Crab." It was awesome.





Today, I'm cancer free. I'm back in school. I'm back in dance lessons. I have a LOT of hair!



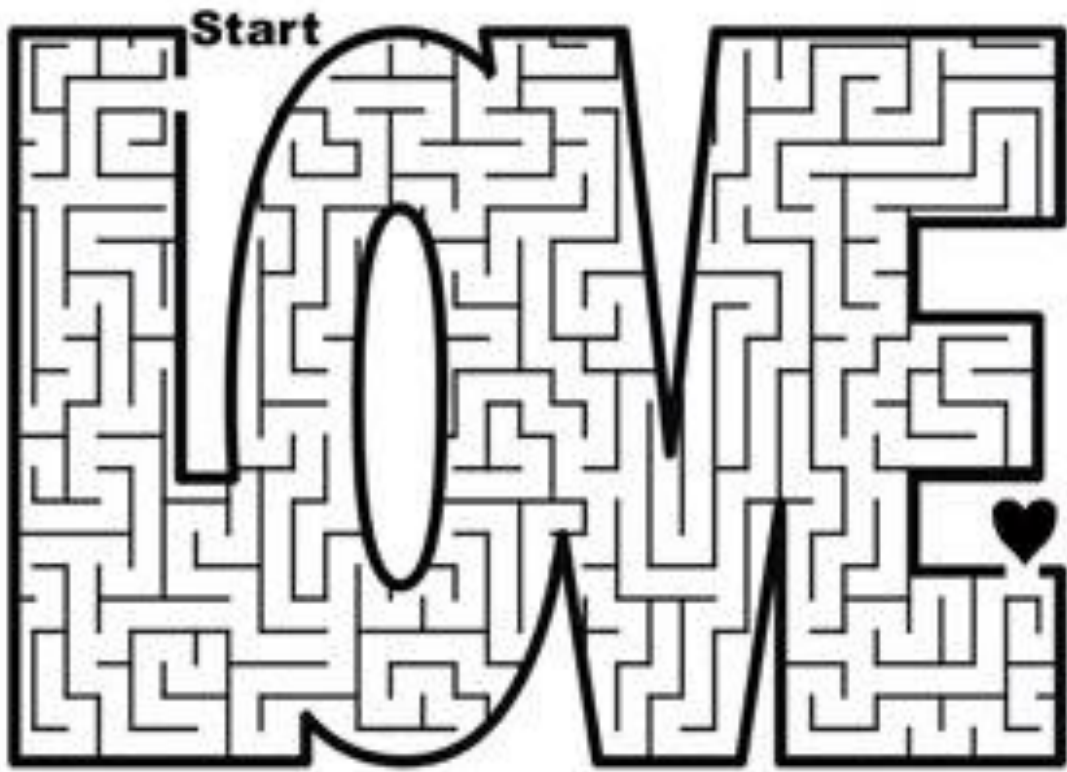
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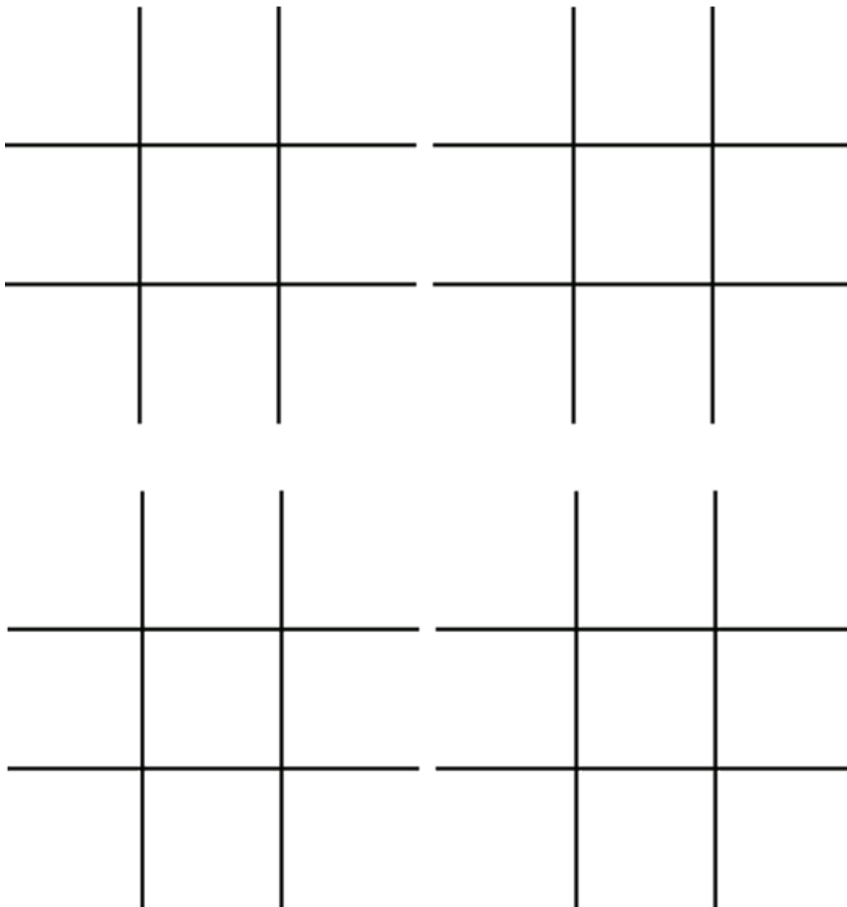
We Cancerve was started in 2011 to help homeless, sick and foster children. These kids, like our founder Grace, find themselves in sad situations that they can't control. So Grace and her all-youth board of advisors give children school clothes, after-school snacks, toiletries like soaps and shampoos, and all kinds of gifts to help them be happy.

Our founder had Lymphoma; it's a kind of cancer. She was treated at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Her doctor is awesome. He likes people to call him Yoram, his first name, but I like to call him Dr. Unguru. During her cancer treatment, Grace had lots of support from family and friends. The principal, teachers, staff and classmates at William S. James elementary school and people from the community sent her well wishes. Her church family, Ames U.M.C., fixed her dinners, sent her cards and came to visit her at home. Throughout her cancer journey, Grace wanted to play and have fun. Sometimes, she would have fun in the hospital. She liked to ride on her IV pole. Sometimes, she decorated her IV pole with a pillow case and decorate the pillow case with stickers, feathers and markers. She now shares that fun with other hospitalized children in a project she calls TransFUNers. She also received lots of toys during cancer journey; most of the toys she received came from the wish fairy at the Give Kids the World resort who left surprises for her every day while she was in Florida at Disney World. She shared most of those toys with homeless children. She also shared toys she received from the gift fairy at Believe in Tomorrow; it's a great organization that gives sick children free getaways to places like Ocean City or the mountains in West Virginia. Another great organization is Casey Cares; Grace got to attend her first Orioles game thanks to tickets they shared with Grace's family.

Giving to others is very rewarding. We hope you join a community service project and help others in need.



## Tic Tac Toe







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