

*We Promise Our Kids the Moon...*

# The NEED is NOW!

## Today, Crescent Cove provides support services to families to relieve stress, anxiety and pain

- Thousands of kids in Minnesota are living with life-threatening conditions (*such as neurological or neurodegenerative disorders, rare chromosomal disorders, heart and lung conditions, and cancer*) requiring round-the-clock care
- 500 children are newly diagnosed each year
- Many of the 700 kids that die each year in MN could benefit from compassionate end-of-life care beyond their home or hospital

## Bridging the Gap: Children's Respite and Hospice Homes

- Community-based, home-like environments designed for kids/teens offering palliative care during respite breaks, and an option beyond the hospital or home at the end-of-life
- Nurse-led daily cares such as bathing and meals along with music, massage, creative arts, spiritual care and hydrotherapy
- Parents and siblings can stay on-site or leave their child for a short stay, offering them a necessary break from the demands of continuous daily cares, and an opportunity to reconnect emotionally with their child/other children
- Grief, bereavement and spiritual support

To learn more, visit [CrescentCove.org](http://CrescentCove.org)



*The mission of Crescent Cove is to offer care and support to children and young adults with a shortened life expectancy, and their families.*



**Crescent Cove will be the third dedicated children's respite and hospice care home in the United States, serving patients across the Midwest.**



*George Mark Children's House,  
San Leandro, CA*



*Ryan House,  
Phoenix, AZ*



While there are more than 49 children's hospice homes in the United Kingdom, 6 in Canada and 2 in Australia, there are currently only two operating in the United States!

# Illustrating the Need

**Gianna** was treated with chemotherapy for neuroblastoma when she was 8 months old, developed the rare autoimmune disorder paraneoplastic syndrome, is paralyzed, on a ventilator and fed through a tube. She also has a seizure disorder and requires round-the-clock nursing care.

Though her condition is considered life-limiting, Gianna, 9, has lived much longer than doctors predicted, thanks in large part to her parents' committed care and now with the services she receives from Crescent Cove. "I didn't realize how desperately we needed the help," said Samountry. "I realize now that we were just walking blindly through life, barely keeping our heads above water."



**MARYAH** was approaching her 16th birthday when her six-year battle with bone cancer was nearing its end. It was time to consider where and how to spend her last days.



The hospital wouldn't allow her to leave for short breaks with her friends or family when she felt good. Alternately, Maryah didn't want her family and little siblings to live with the memories of her dying at home.

After realizing there were no hospice homes for kids, they convinced an adult hospice to accept Maryah. While she was able to pass in peace, the environment was equally difficult for her and the hospice staff as there are so many unique considerations when caring for children at the end-of-life.

## How You Can Help

There are many ways you can support Crescent Cove's mission:

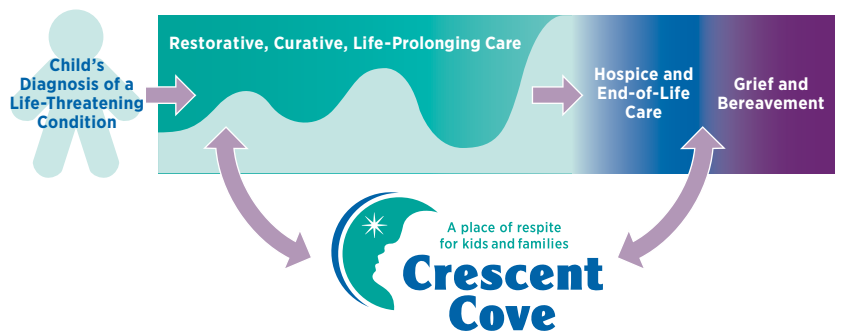
- Make a gift today – online at [CrescentCove.org](http://CrescentCove.org) or mail to:  
**Crescent Cove**  
3440 Beltline Blvd. Suite 207,  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416  
or call:  
**952.426.4711** to make a donation
- Join us for our annual **Home Plate Gala** on **January 27th, 2018**
- Ask your business to sponsor or support Crescent Cove
- Introduce and inspire your network of contacts to our mission

***“Our whole focus is that these children and their families can live with their life-threatening condition. It's not always about the quantity of life, but the quality. Not just the length of life, but the depth of experience that they can have, given the right support.”***

– Scott Schwantas, M.D., FAAP, Board Member

## Pediatric Palliative Care

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Visit and support services for respite or at the end-of-life.