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A creative learning initiative for Children with cancer and their caregivers at
Bengaluru, India since 2009

Samiksha Foundation provides **non-medical** support to children undergoing treatment for cancer and other life-limiting illness in Pediatric hospitals, increasing their Happiness Quotient through learning and creative activity, thus actively facilitating their return to mainstream life with pride, confidence, and dignity.

Education: Leave no child behind!

THE PROBLEM STATEMENT IS :

Hospital Schools do not exist in India

Education support for children under treatment is non-existent at most schools

Non Medical Support for families and children going through life limiting illness is just being discussed at policy level

Families of lower economic strata are most affected

WHO stats: as of 2021, approximately 400,000 children from 0-19 years of age develop cancer each year in low income countries including India

India is now implementing the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) — however, a specific national policy addressing childhood cancer still does not exist.



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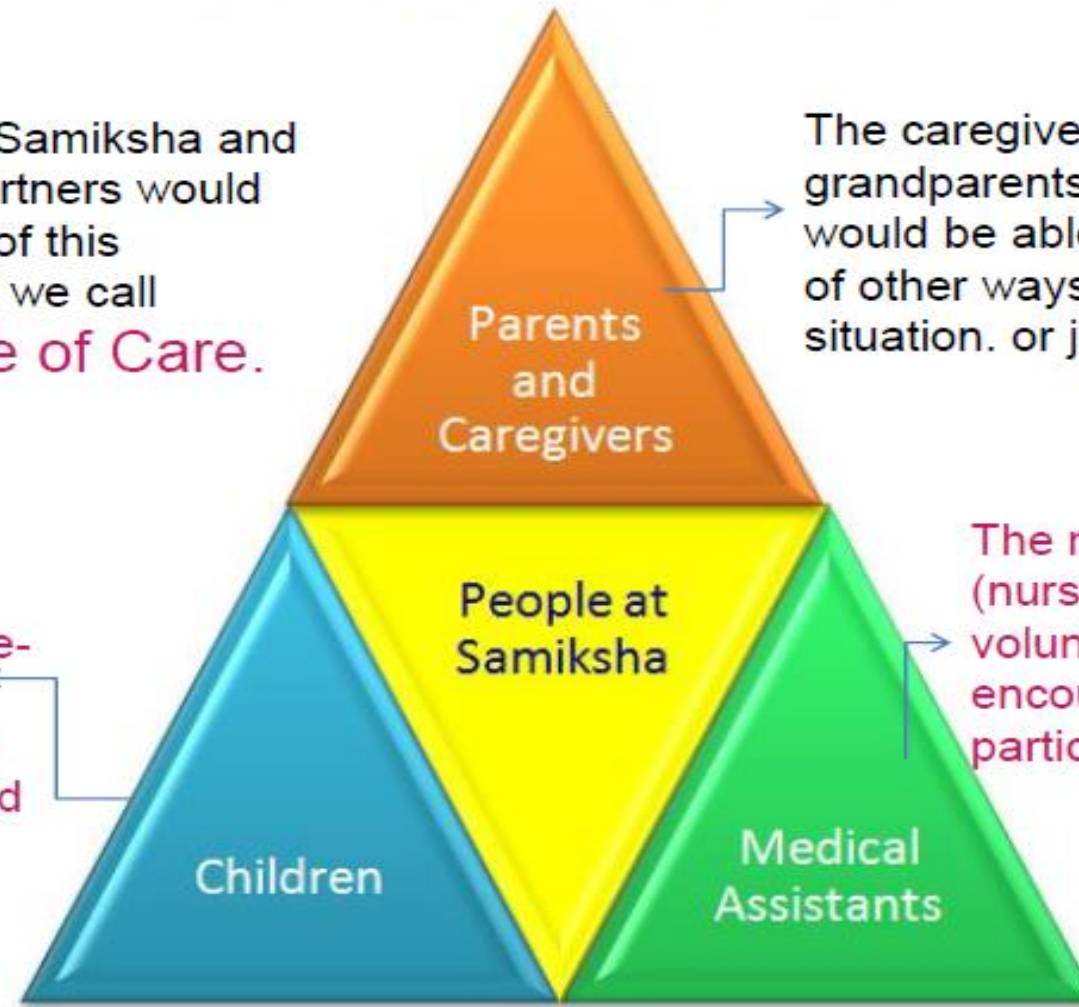
The Triangle of Care

The people at Samiksha and its resource partners would be at the core of this alliance, which we call **the Triangle of Care.**

The caregivers (parents, grandparents and siblings) would be able to engage, learn of other ways to deal with their situation. or just chill.

The children would be engaged in age-appropriate activities, both educational and recreational.

The medical assistants (nurses, assistants and volunteers) are encouraged to participate



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Mission and Belief:

Knowledge empowers and Happiness heals!

- We provide at the hospital wards
 - **Educational** support provided by trained teachers and volunteers
 - **Spiritual** support through yoga and creative visualisation
 - **Creative** play and activity
- **Focus group:** children between 4 and 16 years and women from compromised socio-economic sections of society in India affected by cancer
- **Scholarship for survivors:** Post-treatment, help the child return to school in the right grade with confidence and dignity, and support their higher education financially
- **Motivation:** Childhood cancer treatment has a high success rate: **54 to 76%** (source: oncologists)

2016 stats show 63% of all pediatric patient survivorship

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Timeline and Milestones

- 2008 Founded by Ar. Sandhya Sharad in Bengaluru, India
- 2009 **Non-profit trust registered with 2 trustees**
First learning centre at the Kapur Ward, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru
Dr. Manjari Bhatnagar joins as Director and Ms. Vidyavathi as the first teacher**
- 2017 Original 2 trustees retire, 2 new trustees on board
- 2019 Set up and started 1 new learning centre at Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Center, Narayana Health City, Bengaluru
- 2020 Covid support and Pivoted to Samiksha 2.0 - hybrid learning model, launched Samiksha USky digital learning platform (samiksha.usky.in) for children to access at any time, from centres or mobile devices and tablets
- 2022 Opened 3 new learning centres at IGICH,SSCHRC and LHCC in Bengaluru
- 2024 **Ready to reopen the first learning centre at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology**
Launched the 6th SFLC at St. John's hospital on 25th January, 2024
Now supporting Nephrology and Thalassemia children at all wards**

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