

BIG Thanks!



Check out all the awesome stuff we've been up to in 2023!

Teamed up with the Complex Care Clinic at Children's Hospital of Richmond to provide toys, snacks and some fun for over

290 kiddos

who see Dr. Kimbrough as their PCP.



Embraced families and kids from

18 Virginia counties

in our B2g community.

Supported a whopping

84

families

and welcomed

27 new

ones into the B2g community!



Hosted **16**

virtual support groups providing comfort and encouragement to

73 caregivers

when they needed us most.



You're Awesome!

A big thank you for your incredible generosity and ongoing support. Your donations made a huge impact for our Better2gether families.

Meet Charlie, a music-loving three-year-old who's faced many challenges in his young life. His mom, Antonia, searched online for support and connections but found it overwhelming. She's grateful for the support and understanding Better2gether provides.

Your contribution is fueling projects that connect, support, and educate families like Charlie's. Your ongoing support means everything to us. Thank you for being such an amazing supporter!



Keep reading to learn how your support is helping sick kids. We cannot do it without you!

Here's the scoop on all the cool stuff we did in 2023

Hey there! Thanks a bunch for diving into our Donor Impact Report. It's packed with inspiring stories and heaps of accomplishments, all made possible by YOU.

Your kindness shines a light on the toughest days for sick kids and overwhelmed parents seeking answers.

With your support, we're revved up and ready to turn dreams into reality. As the go-to organization in Central VA for children with serious illnesses, we're committed to doing even more for this rare disease community!

We're pumped and primed for the journey ahead as we serve more kids and families!

The ambitious plans fueled by your generosity will ensure parents have the support and resources they need to help their families flourish, while kids get to enjoy some seriously fun playtime.


Your support has brought us to this exciting point, and your ongoing dedication will help us achieve even loftier goals.

A HUGE thank you for making an enormous difference in the lives of families caring for their sick children, both in big ways and the little everyday moments!

Gratefully yours,

Stephanie

Stephanie Becker
Executive Director



Partnered up with Read To Them to donate a grand total of

482 books

to the Complex Care Clinic

for their kids and siblings.

Shoutout to our amazing community volunteers!

We had over

130 volunteers

from partners like Gayton Church, Call Federal Credit Union, Kiwanis of Midlothian, Deep Run Club and more.




And our incredible donors helped us raise over

\$261,000

to support B2g families & children.

You guys rock!




Read on for all the awesome things we accomplished in 2023!



Connecting Through Challenges

B2g fosters connections among families, events, health systems, and community organizations. Here's a prime example of two mothers' experience with connecting through Better2gether.

In the whirlwind of life's challenges, finding support and connection can be a beacon of light, especially when navigating the complexities of raising a medically complex child while juggling the demands of a small business. Courtney, a mother to Oliver and a small business owner, found herself in this very situation, seeking guidance and connection amidst the chaos.

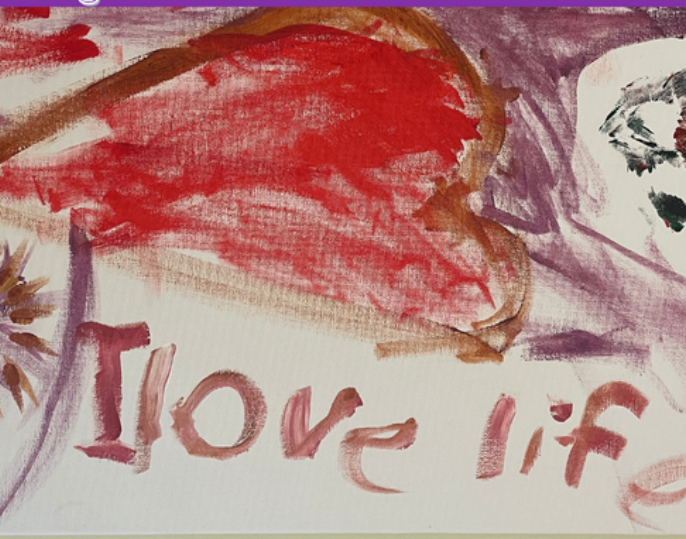
Enter Sierra, a fellow parent within the Better2gether (B2g) community, who reached out to Courtney with a gesture of understanding and support. Sierra, a mother of two young boys and also a small business owner, knew firsthand the struggles of balancing parenthood and entrepreneurship.

Their initial interaction, facilitated through Carissa, B2g Resource Coordinator, sparked a connection rooted in shared experiences and a mutual desire to lend a helping hand. In the journey of parenthood, entrepreneurship, and navigating the complexities of raising medically complex children, finding kindred spirits like Courtney and Sierra can make all the difference.

Through Better2gether, they found not only a supportive network but also a testament to the resilience and compassion of the human spirit. As they continue to navigate life's twists and turns, Sierra and Courtney know that they are never alone, thanks to the bonds forged within the B2g community. This story is just one example of how Better2gether connected over 21 moms with another mom within the better2gether community of families



Your gift funds Carissa's critical resource coordination work which equips families with the necessary support, supplies and tools to care for their child. Thank you for this life-changing gift of guidance to families caring for their sick child!



This piece represents much love and hard work, and we are excited to exhibit the artwork at a local Call Federal Credit Union branch. Thank you, Michael, for sharing your gift with us and the community!

THANKS for Your SUPPORT!

Through your support, B2g can offer families assistance in various forms, including emotional, social, and financial support. For instance, through MOMENTS groups, over 41 parents and caregivers have found solace in a safe, nurturing, and supportive community. These Moments groups provide a comforting space for families to share their experiences and navigate the challenges of caring for a medically complex child together.

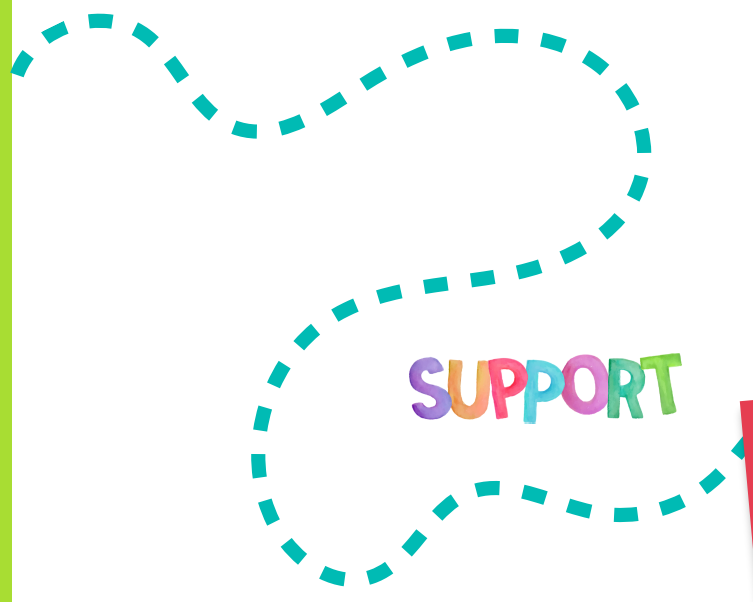
In 2023, B2g fully implemented BAND, a mobile app, which serves as a virtual hub for the B2g community, offering a wide variety of resources, event registrations, and group conversations aimed at fostering connection and support. It's not just a platform; it's a lifeline during challenging times, a source of comfort during moments of uncertainty, and a catalyst for bonding and understanding among family members.



Check out the amazing stats from our BAND app!

It's been buzzing with activity all year long, connecting families and providing invaluable support:

- ♥ 59 caregivers signed up for an account
- ♥ 48 events posted to keep everyone in the loop.
- ♥ 410 posts shared, showing the strength of our community.
- ♥ 4520 unique views, proving just how much families rely on this platform.
- ♥ 30 posts swapping free supplies, items and equipment, because sharing is caring!
- ♥ 20 posts asking for advice/feedback from fellow families, showing our tight-knit community spirit.
- ♥ 13 posts about job opportunities, because we're all about helping each other out.
- ♥ 18 posts about Medicaid and other insurance topics, ensuring everyone has access to essential resources.



These engagement numbers highlight the significant role BAND plays in fostering a sense of community and providing valuable resources for our families.



We've Got Answers and Tools to Share

At B2g, we're all about empowering parents with the tools and resources they need to navigate their child's medical journey like pros! Whether it's finding answers to those tricky medical questions, accessing therapeutic resources, or simply needing a shoulder to lean on, B2g is here for families every step of the way. And guess what? Your support has made all of this possible!

Here's a peek at some of the awesome things we've accomplished together:

Hosted 4 speakers at our support groups and held 4 informative education sessions based on caregiver needs.

Brought in 7 fantastic speakers for our virtual speaker education series.

Offered educational guidance to 27 individuals and 9 families through our virtual speaker series.

Provided crucial information on Medicaid Waiver to 17 families, including how to apply

Kept families in the loop with 7 mental health newsletters and 12 monthly newsletters.

Gathered valuable feedback from 10 families through 3 focus groups to make our services even better!



Unleashing the Power of our Community Partners!

Our partnerships bring together businesses, schools, churches, and all kinds of awesome people to tackle big challenges together. With our powers combined, we do some serious good.

And let's not forget the fun part – collaboration! Our partners share resources, swap ideas, and throw epic events that bring the whole community together. Whether it's our golf Classic tournament, a Summer Picnic at a local park and Holiday Party for B2g families, the Halloween Hustle 5K all for a good cause, these folks know how to show their passion with a purpose.

But wait, there's more! Our community partners aren't just about throwing awesome events... they're also about making real change happen. Through advocacy, grassroots organizing, financial support and good old-fashioned teamwork, they're shaking things up and making the world a fairer, more inclusive place for our B2g families.

So here's to our community partners – the heroes of our community. With their amazing work, B2g keeps spreading the love and making our world a little brighter, one special collaboration at a time!

Call Federal Credit Union
Remix Market
Gayton Church
Read To Them

Kiwanis of Midlothian-Chesterfield
Deep Run High School Better2gether Club
Synapse
Reveille United Methodist Church.



With your ongoing support, we're making a real difference in the lives of families facing medical challenges. Thank you for being a part of our journey!

Hey there, fabulous supporters of Better2gether!



Better2gether is proud to team up with the Complex Care Clinic at The Children's Hospital of Richmond, offering crucial non-medical services to complement the Clinic's top-notch medical care. It's all part of our journey together, supporting families through every twist and turn.

So, what exactly does your support make possible? Let's break it down:

Specialized Support

At Better2gether, we believe that every family deserves the support they need, no matter their child's diagnosis. Whether it's navigating resource coordination, finding community connections, or seeking answers, we're right there by their side. Because together, we're Better2gether!

Comprehensive Care

The Complex Care Clinic is a lifeline for children requiring extensive specialist care or medical technology. Alongside medical services, we provide vital non-medical support as an official partner of the Clinic, ensuring holistic care for children and families.

Caring for the Whole Child

Since 2017, Better2gether has been dedicated to supporting families of children with complex medical needs. Through our partnership, we empower families with the tools and resources they need to care for their child's overall well-being. Because every child deserves to thrive.

But wait, there's more! Thanks to your support, in partnership with Children's Hospital of Richmond, we're able to offer MOMENTS, our monthly online support group session for caregivers. It's a place for community, bonding, and understanding during challenging times.

Plus, your generosity allows us to provide essential support to families, like meals during hospital stays and toys, books, and snacks at the Complex Care Clinic. And now, we're taking things to the next level by funding a dedicated dietitian position at the Clinic, thanks to your ongoing support.

Your contributions are fueling projects that connect, support, and educate families. From snacks to specialized care, your support makes all the difference. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being such incredible supporters!

We're immensely grateful for all the support you've provided, and we're excited to continue our partnership into the future to meet the growing demand and expand the scope of our support. You, our donors, are a vital partner, making big things happen for those who need it most.

 **Together, we're making a real difference in the lives of children and families facing complex medical challenges. And that's something to celebrate!** 