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RUE'S STORY

Rue is a vibrant, 7-year-old who enjoys playing soccer and creating art. She's also a cancer survivor.

A few months before Rue turned 3 years old, her mom noticed she wasn't eating well, and she was pale. They visited the pediatrician not expecting to spend the entire week in the hospital.

“Rue was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia,” says her mom, Casey. “I was terrified and didn't know how I would get through it.”

When she met her Nemours oncology team, Casey knew she wasn't alone. “They were there for us from the beginning, outlining the treatment roadmap and helping us understand what to expect,” she adds.

What Casey didn't expect was her experience at Nemours. “I've lived in Jacksonville all my life and I didn't realize what an amazing place this was,” says Casey. “I know it sounds crazy, but Rue actually looks forward to coming here!”

During her cancer treatment, Rue especially enjoyed art and music therapy at Nemours. She loved making bracelets, painting and listening to the guitar. In fact, Rue's mom, like many others, scheduled appointments when she knew our music therapist would be here.

“With so many things to do, and people who know her and truly care for her, the experience was a little easier for us,” says Casey. She adds, “Today Rue walks in saying hello to everyone, almost like she owns the place!”

Music therapy for our hematology and oncology patients is provided by First Coast Music Therapy through the Kent Lindsey Music Therapy Program. Kids enjoy listening to the guitar and interacting with our therapist—a much needed distraction during often stressful times. Music therapy at Nemours is 100% funded by donations from our gracious community.

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