

Children's Health

Online Support For Children With Cancer

(NAPSA)—Parents of children with cancer let their fingers do the talking, due to an Internet support network created by The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS), called *Care to Share Cancer Connection*. The site allows families from all over the country to be connected with just the click of a mouse, so they can share their stories and support one another.

It's estimated that 8,000 new cases of childhood cancer will be diagnosed each year. Some children have to undergo treatment on a continual basis for as long as three years. During this time they often endure lengthy hospitalizations.

It is these demands of treatment, new financial obligations and the emotional effects of the child's diagnosis on the other family members that may contribute to the family's need for support. The *Care to Share Cancer Connection* provides an online community that is accessible 24 hours a day in the comfort of their home and fosters open discussions with individuals touched by cancer from all over the nation. This free Internet service is moderated by families who have been helped by the NCCS to ensure a safe and compassionate environment for



Tina Haygood, pictured with Kenton, is a member and moderator of the *Care to Share Cancer Connection*.

families to share their experiences, offer encouragement, and learn from each other.

Anyone who has a connection to childhood cancer, or knows someone who has been touched by childhood cancer, can visit www.children-cancer.org, and click on the message board to join the *Care to Share Cancer Connection*.

The National Children's Cancer Society was created to improve the quality of life for children with cancer by promoting children's health through financial assistance, advocacy, and support services.

More information is available at www.children-cancer.org.