

Integration after overcoming childhood cancer with the help of an association

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'27"

SUMMARY: When the disease is cured parents believe that the nightmare has finished. However, the treatments received by children with cancer have associated complications that cause physical and psychological sequels that must be treated by specialist before children go back to their normal lives. The Spanish Association for the Effects of Cancer Treatment was created in Seville to fulfil this task and guarantee that these children receive the assistance they need to be able to fully integrate into society.

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Alejandro likes soccer, paddle and skateboarding. When he was 10 years old, a tumour changed his life and the lives of his family. It was successfully removed, but the complications associated with it are delaying his full recovery.

MARTA NÚÑEZ
Alejandro's mother

"Later he suffered all the complications possible. He had a brain haemorrhage; a tracheotomy, a gastrostomy button..."

Before he was diagnosed, Saúl was a remarkable student. Currently, the hospital is a thing of the past, but school is much harder now.

DANIEL CRUZ
Saúl's father

"He is as perseverant as always. He is a good student but he feels limited."

GLORIA ÁLVAREZ
Dir. Assoc. Effects of Cancer Treatment

"We observed that children behaved differently after the treatment. They had difficulty in remembering things. Sometimes they had short-memory issues and other times they couldn't remember the words they wanted to say."

Just a few years ago, only 20 % of the diagnosed children overcame cancer, but now this figure has risen to 80%. The Spanish Association for the Effects of Cancer Treatment helps these survivors to go back to normal.

MACARENA TALERO
Psychologist

"It is something that can be prevented. We can find a solution before the child begins to feel bad at school and we have to deal with it later."

These children are too mature for their age. The reason is that a stage of their childhood was stolen from them. Recovering it is the work of this Sevillian association that offers assistance to around 60 kids, using tools such as Skype to reach children from all around Andalusia.

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