

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

MEET OUR 2023 AMBASSADORS!

Each year, we select a few families to help amplify their journey with childhood cancer. While each story is different, the support, community, and love never change.

Our Super Ambassadors are shining example why we run.

With each new diagnosis, our extended family grows, but it never shrinks. Our community is built on love, support, and awareness. The Superhero 5K is one of our largest fundraising events every year. Please read more about our Ambassadors and our other families on our registration page! You can join their team, donate to a team, or create your own! Every dollar raised directly supports families like Carson, Jada, and Enzo's. Be a superhero and help save the day!

Amplifying the stories of our childhood cancer warriors

JADA



LORENZO



CARSON





JADA

SUPER AMBASSADOR

Jada went from being a happy, "healthy," energetic kid running her school's fun run to being hospitalized, diagnosed with cancer, and starting chemo within a matter of 2 days. Jada was diagnosed with B-cell ALL on January 15th, 2020, when Jada was 5. Jada began her cancer journey at Summerlin Hospital with her oncologist from Cure 4 the Kids.

Jada went several days a week to receive chemo infusions and took daily chemo pills at home. Once the pandemic hit, we immediately felt paralyzed. Children undergoing cancer treatment are highly immunocompromised. Something as simple as the common cold can cause catastrophic damage to their bodies. We lived in a strict guarantine state for over a year. Jada shined through two and a half years of rigorous treatment, which included daily chemo, Surgery for a PICC line, port surgery, IV chemo, daily oral chemo, steroids, lumbar punctures, bone marrow biopsies, immunotherapy, blood and platelet transfusions, countless blood draws, weekly antibiotics, and many unplanned emergency hospital stays due to illnesses or low counts. Through it all, Jada has shown us what true grit and a hopeful outlook can do. While we still have a long road ahead of us and many long-term issues as a side effect of chemo, we are so incredibly grateful that Jada gets to share her infectious laugh and smile for many more years!





"WE HAVE HAD SOME OF THE **MOST PRECIOUS MOMENTS CONNECTING WITH OTHER CANCER FAMILIES WHO HAVE BECOME LESS LIKE FRIENDS AND** MORE LIKE FAMILY. "

"BEATING CANCER TAKES A VILLAGE, AND WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US THROUGH JADA'S FIGHT! THROUGH IT ALL, JADA HAS SHOWN TRUE GRIT, DETERMINATION AND TENACITY! SHE'S OUR SUNSHINE GIRL, BRINGING SMILES AND LAUGHTER EVERYWHERE SHE GOES." - JADA'S FAMILY



DONATE OR JOIN TEAM JADA!



LORENZO

SUPER AMBASSADOR

Enzo was born in June of 2018, and as the youngest of four, he seemed to always be sick with some cold or virus. Still, his family attributed it to him being the youngest in the family, unsuspecting anything more serious.



"CANCER SUCKS, AND
I WOULD NEVER WISH IT ON
ANYONE. IT HAS AFFECTED OUR
FAMILY MORE THAN I HAVE
WORDS TO EXPLAIN, BUT WE ARE
HEALING AND RECOVERING AS
THE DAYS GO BY."



In the coming months, he started having cyclical fevers followed by unexplained rashes and skin discolorations. After multiple emergency room and hospital visits, a pediatrician ordered bloodwork, thinking it might be arthritis or an autoimmune disease. And only two days later, Enzo received a blood transfusion. "We think it might be Leukemia." He was diagnosed with Standard Risk B-cell acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on April 13th, 2020, and started treatment by getting a PICC line placed on April 14th, 2020.

After almost two and a half years of treatment with his older siblings, completing online school from home, and trying to balance challenges through COVID, it was all a roller coaster for Enzo and his family - from financial strain, a mental strain to a relationship strain on all of them. But they persevered with the help of Candlelighters. Enzo and his family are on a full road to recovery with support for therapy services, housing assistance, and gifts through the holidays!

WE HAVE BEEN INSANELY BLESSED BY OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ALSO BY AMAZING ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CANDLELIGHTERS, WHO WERE THERE TO HELP US WITH THE THINGS WE DIDN'T KNOW WE NEEDED HELP WITH UNTIL THEY SAID "HEY, WE CAN HELP WITH THAT." WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH AMAZING PEOPLE WHO HELPED US GET THROUGH THOSE TOUGH TIMES". - ENZO'S FAMILY



DONATE OR JOIN TEAM ENZO!





CARSON

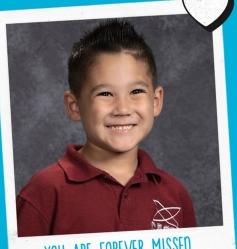
ANGEL AMBASSADOR

At age 6, Carson was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia on May 15, 2016. After 3 difficult days, Carson gained his angel wings on May 18, 2016.

"CARSON WAS SHINING LIGHT WITH A HEART OF GOLD. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE IN A BAD MOOD AROUND HIM.

CANDLELIGHTERS REACHED OUT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CARSON'S PASSING. THEY CAME TO THE FUNERAL AND HELPED PAY FOR A PORTION OF THE BURIAL COSTS AND GRIEF COUNSELING WAS GIVEN TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

WHAT AN AMAZING ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS LOCAL FAMILIES WHO ARE IN THE GRIPS OF THIS HORRIFIC DISEASE. THEY ARE TRULY A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS." - CARSON'S FAMILY



YOU ARE FOREVER MISSED, CARSON

DONATE OR JOIN TO TEAM CARSON!

60 DAYS AWAY NELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING



OUR FUNDRAISING GOALS TO HELP FAMILIES LIKE THESE!

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MEMORIES















JOE AT CAN

As school starts and Summer ends, we can't help but look back on the extraordinary times at Camp Firefly! Camp is a crucial time when kids can be kids and a place to help create memorable moments for our kiddos as they fight back against childhood cancer.

We're so thankful to all who supported us at this year's Camp Firefly and our attendees at our first annual Glamp Out in May. Because of our generous donors and fundraising events like Glamp Out, we can provide quality-of-life programming for families on one of life's most difficult journeys.







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SAVE THE DATE MAY 3, 2024

S'more fun is on the way! Experience all the luxuries of glamping without having to leave the city!

Our annual Glamp Out event helps support programs like Camp Firefly!

CLICK FOR MORE INFO!

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For more information, please visit candlelightersnv.org.











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