



# 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 quarantine 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!**









# 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



**DONATE OR JOIN  
TEAM CARSON!**

**60 DAYS AWAY** **HELP US REACH  
OUR FUNDRAISING  
GOALS TO HELP  
FAMILIES LIKE  
THESE!**



**REGISTER HERE**





# MEMORIES



## MADE AT CAMP

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.

**A GIVE-BACK NIGHT FOR**



**FRI, AUG 11TH**

**LAS VEGAS  
AVIATORS**



**PRESENTED BY:**

**AbsoluteDental**

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USE THIS LINK TO PURCHASE AND \$5 PER TICKET SUPPORTS CANDLELIGHTERS!



**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!**

As the first and oldest local organization solely focused on children diagnosed with childhood cancer and their families, Candlelighters has been a beacon of light for families in southern Nevada for more than 40 years. Candlelighters is proud to serve approximately 400 families and 1,200 children, both siblings and diagnosed children, each year. In the last decade alone, it has provided nearly \$13 million in financial assistance, emotional support and quality of life programs and services to families in our community in order to help with the significant costs of childhood cancer including medical expenses, rent and mortgage, and travel for treatment.

**For more information, please visit [candlelightersnv.org](http://candlelightersnv.org).**



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