### MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

CANDLELIGHTERS









# THE MOST INSPIRING Real of the year!

On March 1st, we held our 4th Annual Extraordinary Breakfast at the Dollar Loan Center Arena.

It was a magical morning of celebration and inspiration, showcasing the stories of children and families affected by childhood cancer and honoring our selfless community partners who are a bright light during what can be one of the darkest moments in life.

THANK YOU FOR BEING EXTRAORDINARY! You brighten our day and inspire so many to do extraordinary things!

### THANK YOU TO OUR

<u>Thank You To Our Extraordinary Sponsors</u>









### HELP US MEET OUR \$30K MATCH



Comprehensive Cancer Centers has graciously donated \$15,000 as a maximum match for any additional donations to reach a total of \$30,000!

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#### THE GIAMANCO FAMILY

Candlelighters first met the Giamanco family when their youngest child, Preston, was diagnosed at age two and underwent 21 weeks of chemo and a kidney removal. Preston and his older sisters participated in Candlelighters events. In the Fall of 2019, their middle child Emilee was diagnosed with DIPG - which has less than a 1% survival rate, and sadly Emilee gained her angel wings in 2021. Emily's light continues to shine through a special "I'll always be there for you" Fund used for other families on their childhood cancer journey. We honor their strength, courage, and resilience as we remember Emilee's love and light.

#### THE DERBY FAMILY

Zariya was diagnosed at 18 months old with cancer of the liver, a 1 in a million diagnosis that affects children three and younger. Candlelighters met the Derby family shortly after Zariya's diagnosis. We help support with hospital visits, gift cards, and emotionally supportive events for families to connect. Because of the generous donations from our supporters and sponsors, we can help families like the Derby's.



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#### **VIVIANA MORENO**

Candlelighters first met Viviana when she was diagnosed with childhood cancer at age 11. After eight months of treatment, Viviana was healing. She participated in Candlelighters' social events and Camp Firefly with her siblings. She now serves as a volunteer at Camp Firefly to be able to further connect with others on their childhood cancer journey and be a friend with a relatable experience.

#### MOVE 4 LESS



It all started with a email in 2020 from More 4 Less offering to help with deliveries during Covid. As a result, Move 4 Less drivers made deliveries to 28 happy Camp Firefly virtual campers and delivered gifts of hope and joy to Candlelighters families in a safe, contactless way during the holidays. From being a major sponsor at our Superhero 5K to donating dozens of boxes to create a magical camp activity, and always saying "Yes," when a need arises, Move 4 Less is undoubtedly one of our lucky stars.





#### ABSOLUTE DENTAL Absolute

Absolute Dental has been part of the Candlelighters Family since 2019. From offering free cleaning and clinic days for Candlelighters' children and holding Absolute Dental Care Days, with proceeds benefitting Candlelighters, Absolute Dental is truly a force for good. As sponsors for the 2022 Superhero 5K, they inspired their staff and customers at 10 locations to raise the highest amount of donation of any corporate team, coming in number 1 among 47 companies valleywide. We hold their support close to our hearts.

#### NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE GREEN VALLEY

Totaling over 1,000 volunteer hours, this heroic mother-and-daughter service group brings light to an otherwise dark time for many of our families. We admire their enthusiastic energy at our events, including Day of Remembrance, the Superhero 5K, and arranging cool gift baskets for Teens undergoing treatment. We can always count on this group of unsung heroes.

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#### **ENGELSTAD FOUNDATION**

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The Engelstad Foundation's investment in changing the lives of those in Southern Nevada is vast. Their commitment to making our community a better, brighter, and kinder place is the Gold Standard. Their generosity can be felt in every essential program and service Candlelighters offers. We wouldn't be where we are today without their tremendous support.



### BECAUSE KIDS CAN'T FIGHT CANCER ALONE

WE'RE HIRING STAFF SUPERHEROES

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CEO
RECEPTIONIST- BILINGUAL (PART-TIME)



## • SUPPLIES NEEDED

Our monthly wishlists help us provide hospital snacks, toys, and event supplies to support our diagnosed youth, their siblings and their families. This month we are looking for Build-A-Bear gift cards for our No More Chemo parties!

#### VISIT WISHLIST

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 contact us at:

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