

It's time for Sweater Weather and Pumpkin Spice Lattes.

To the over 200 volunteers that came out to help with putting together and executing Halloween Bash and the 81 sponsors that purchased parking spaces for Trunk or Treat, we want to extend a huge THANK YOU! Halloween Bash is one of our Candlelighters families' most beloved events and we could not have done this without our amazing volunteers. Thanks to you all, set up, event execution, and tear down were smooth and families had an amazing time! We celebrated the spookiest season with 688 Candlelighters family members and raised \$215,950 dollars to support the families!



Spotlight Volunteer:

Jeff Helvin

Volunteering Since: 2011

Jeff is a regular face during the month of July. He began volunteering in 2011 when a young family member was diagnosed with cancer. He continues to volunteer every year in her memory. You can find Jeff at the fireworks booth every day, under the hot summer sun, inside of a hot plywood booth, fundraising for the Superhero 5k under Team Kenzie! This year the booth raised a little over \$11,000 and the entire time Jeff and Team Kenzie have been volunteering, they have raised around \$79,000 to provide families with crucial assistance such as medical expenses, assistance with rent/mortgage and counseling.

Share a meaningful memory from volunteering: It's always amazing to connect with families that Candlelighters has helped.

Anything to tell the world OR two fun facts about yourself: Being a dad of three beautiful girls, myself, I absolutely love to contribute to children in need, and organizations that serve the families.



▼ Let's take a look at what November has in store! ▼

Flexible November Opportunities

Toy Drive:

Candlelighters is hosting a Toy Drive for our kiddos for the Holidays! You can purchase toys through our Amazon Gift Registry as well as bring them into the office. Toys should be brand new and in unopened packaging if they come packaged. Take a look at the links below for our Amazon, Target and Walmart registries!

[Amazon Registry](#)

[Walmart Registry](#)

[Target Registry](#)

Holiday Helpers:

We will be getting toys into the Candlelighters office throughout the later half of November and all of December. Help is needed to sort, organize, and wrap toys. Shifts will be available on the Volunteer Portal. If you would like to be on standby for different days of the week, please reply back to this email to notify the Volunteer Manager.

Hospital Goodie Bags:

Being admitted into the hospital is never fun. Help our kiddos pass the time by creating different themed goodie bags that we deliver to the hospital during our Family Services visits! Bags must follow the chosen theme and be dropped off at the office by the specified date.

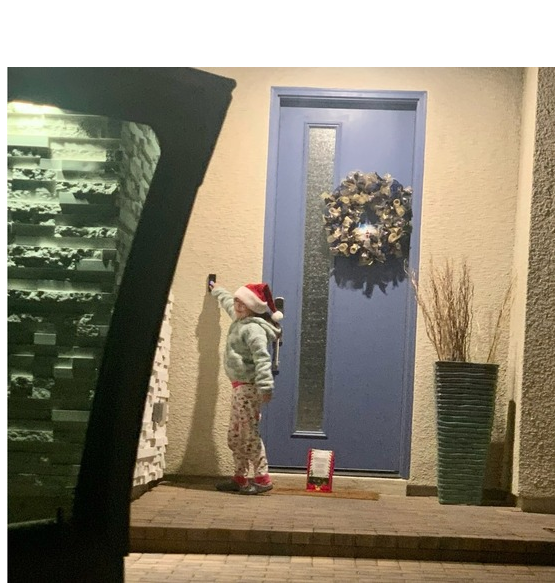
- December 15 - Winter
- December 30 - New Years

Birthday Card Club:

This is one of our popular monthly positions. You can pick up cards from our office, write birthday messages, attach labels and then return them to our office for shipping. Sign up on the portal, but if you do not see an orange help wanted flag, it generally means the position has been filled.

Angel Cards:

We also celebrate the lives of our angel children by sending a card to their family during their birthday month. Like the birthday club, these can be picked up from the office, completed at home at returned. Sign up available on the portal.



12 Days of Cheer

December 13 - 24

12 Days of Cheer is a way for us to spread some simple joy to families that are in need of a little more cheer this holiday season. The selected families get a small gift delivered to them for 12 days starting on the 13th of December and ending on the 24th. This is one of our most popular programs for volunteers, so those that have done this previously have first rite of refusal before we move onto the waitlist.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Pick up the gift items for their assigned family/families from the office (one time) and deliver a gift each day, with the first delivery being December 13 and the last being December 24.
- Those who are interested MUST be able to commit to making a delivery each day. They do not have to happen at the same time each day, but they have to get done!

Volunteers MUST pass a background check and complete a driver waiver.

Please email the Volunteer Manager if you would like to be considered for any open spots! You will be notified in the next few weeks if you are being pulled for an open position so we can begin the background check process.

[Email the Volunteer Manager](#)

Adopt a Family Delivery Drivers

Dec 12-24 | Standby

Adopt-a-Family is another popular program for the holidays! Adopters who filled out the application are given a description of their assigned family so they can choose gifts to give them. Often these adopters elect to remain anonymous, so we ask for volunteers to help with getting the goods to the Families.



We are looking for a handful of volunteers that have any availability from the 12th to the 24th to pick up a family's gifts from the office and make the delivery. Unlike 12 Days of Cheer, this is only a one time drop.

Volunteers MUST pass a Background Check and complete a driver waiver.

Please email the Volunteer Manager that you would like to be a standby driver so we can begin the background check process. You can be both a 12 Days of Cheer delivery driver and an Adopt-a-Family standby driver if you wish!

[Email the Volunteer Manager](#)



Quote of the Month:

"If I can't do great things, I can do small things in great ways."

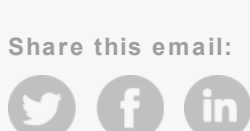
- Martin Luther King Jr.

[Access the Volunteer Portal](#)

[Apply to Become A Volunteer](#)

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