#### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH





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Since 1978, our founders believed that families could find strength, knowledge, and comfort by banding together during their most difficult times. They wanted to use their experience of having children with cancer and little rescources to navigate the journey to lessen the burden of those they knew would follow. Since that time, thousands of children in Nevada have been diagnosed with cancer.

# **GLOBAL NUMBERS**

42 FAMILIES LEARN THAT THEIR CHILD HAS CANCER EVERY DAY.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER IS EIGHT YEARS OLD.

THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDHOOD CANCER CASES WORLDWIDE ARE NEVER DIAGNOSED.

THE NUMBER OF DRUGS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER IN THE PAST 3 DECADES.

FAMILIES LOSE MORE THAN 40% OF THEIR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS A RESULT OF CHILDHOOD CANCER TREATMENT-RELATED WORK DISRUPTION.

COLD IN SEPTEMBER

GET INVOLVED

Our vision is to alleviate the isolation many families feel at the time their child is diagnosed. We offer our love, care, encouragement, and understanding so that nobody will face the uncertain world of childhood cancer alone.

### BECAUSE KIDS CAN'T FIGHT CANCER ALONE



## HOW FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTED

Candlelighters provides family-centered care in which programs and services are available not only to the diagnosed child but their siblings and parents, as well as bereavement support to families who have lost a child to cancer.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE





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## MEET OUR AMBASSADORS!

OUR SUPER AND ANGEL AMBASSADORS PROVIDE A SPOTLIGHT ON REAL FAMILIES IN ALL PHASES OF THE CHILDHOOD CANCER JOURNEY.

THEY SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH OTHERS TO HELP CREATE AWARENESS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND HOW THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY CANDLELIGHTERS' QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.

### SUPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!







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SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!





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.** 





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