

# THE Light

 Candlelighters<sup>®</sup>  
of BREVARD, INC.  
"Because kids can't fight cancer alone."

FALL/WINTER 2020





Candlelighters of Brevard, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer and their families by offering emotional support and financial assistance. Serving Brevard and Indian River Counties, we are committed to ensuring no one has to face the diagnosis of childhood cancer alone.

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## Upcoming Events

For more information visit [CandlelightersofBrevard.org](http://CandlelightersofBrevard.org)

*NOTE: All dates and events are subject to change or be canceled due to COVID19. Candlelighters will continue to prioritize the health and safety of our community*

**Candlelighter Family  
Christmas Drive-Thru**  
December 13, 2020

**Have-A-Heart Gala**  
October 23, 2021  
Eau Gallie Yacht Club

For current updates and more, please visit:

[CandlelightersofBrevard.org](http://CandlelightersofBrevard.org) or

"Like" us at  [Candlelighters of Brevard](https://www.facebook.com/CandlelightersofBrevard)

## Message of Hope & Progress

Our entire world is navigating through uncertainty regarding our physical and economic health in these challenging times facing COVID19. Our organization remains committed to delivering hope, encouragement and support to the Candlelighter families and local community. Candlelighters is fortunate to be fully functional throughout this pandemic. Most importantly, all COB families have received their full financial support during this time - with even more programming related to COVID offered. In serving such high risk populations, Candlelighters prioritizes the health and safety of our families, volunteers and community.

While most events had to be cancelled this year due to COVID, we are humbled by the community support received through our inaugural Superhero Suit Up Campaign. We are grateful to the individual donors, local businesses and community organizations that have come together to raise awareness and funds for Candlelighters totalling over \$35,000. Additionally, we are honored to partner with Rock Paper Simple to launch our new APP! This is an exciting opportunity to be among the first non-profit

organizations in Brevard to host an app for our donors, volunteers, shoppers and most importantly - our Candlelighter families. Lastly, we are thrilled to bring back by popular demand our annual Have-A-Heart Valentines Extravaganza in February of 2021 to its former home of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Our sponsors spoke and we listened to their desires in bringing back this fun-filled spectacular event. Learn more about all these happenings and more in this edition of The Light!

Our thoughts are with our local community, global neighbors in need and you - our Candlelighter family of supporters. Together, we will overcome this challenging time in our history with optimism, faith and courage as one united family.

With compassion and care,

Candlelighters Board President

*Brendan McCarthy*

# *Our Angels...Forever in Our Hearts*

## *Sarah Michelle Gillespie*

**March 29, 1993 - June 12, 2020**

It is hard to celebrate the life of someone that has been taken so young. But we must always remember the joy that this young soul brought to each day. So full of hope, dreams and aspirations for what was supposed to be their path ahead of them. We must now bravely face that path without them each day and remember to celebrate and honor them. We will love and honor you forever!!

Sarah Michelle Gillespie joined the angels on June 12th, 2020. She was a 3 time cancer warrior, fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. First at age 3, then a relapse at age 8 and most recently at age 26.

Sarah grew up in Palm Bay. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic school, then Melbourne High School. She was an avid equestrian during her cancer free days, active in her 4-H club, and the local horse show circuits. She earned her Bachelor's of Design from the University of Florida in 2015. After graduation, she spent the summer in Japan doing missionary work with the Christian Group, The Navigators. Upon returning, Sarah moved to Atlanta to work in the interior design field. Sarah loved everything the big city had to offer. She enjoyed the music festivals, art and craft shows and the small coffee shops. She returned to Florida in January 2020 after being diagnosed with Leukemia in Oct 2019 at Emory Health Care. Sarah was being treated at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and had received a STEM cell transplant on May 26, 2020 with the hope of being cancer free again.



**We would like to thank Candlelighters of Brevard for all the support they gave us when Sarah was sick. It's wonderful to have an organization like them to lean on in our local area.**

welcome to our  
**CANDLELIGHTERS  
FAMILY**

**Jovalyn...** was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia B-Cell on June 8, 2020 at the age of 10. She is currently living with her grandparents Terry & Gerardo and siblings, Jeremiah, and Elsie in Melbourne. She enjoys painting & crafts and watching movies. Jovalyn is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando.

**Ethan...** was diagnosed with Glioma Brain Tumor on May 4, 2020 at the age of 17. He lives with his mom, Michele and brother, Evan in Merritt Island. He loves music, vintage cars, The Saints, and hanging out with friends. Ethan is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando and UF Shands in Gainesville.

**Bently...** was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma on June 4, 2020 at the age of 1. He lives with his mom, Ashley, in Cocoa. He loves Mickey Mouse. Bently is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando.

**Charlotte...** was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on April 18, 2020 at the age of 5. She lives with her dad Aaron, and sister Rosalyn in Satellite Beach. She loves Disney/Frozen/Star Wars/and Peter Pan. Charlotte is being treated at Advent Health Hospital in Orlando.

**Grace...** was diagnosed with Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma on June 18, 2020 at the age of 16. She lives with her mom, Erin and 7 siblings, Verity, Caleb, Josh, Joy, Hope, Seth, and Benjamin in Palm Bay. She enjoys film editing and cosplay Marvel. Grace is being treated at Advent Health Hospital in Orlando.

**Aidan...** was diagnosed with Intracranial Myxoid Mesenchymal Brain Tumor in November 2019 at the age of 12. His tumor recently gained growth and is now receiving radiation therapy. He lives with his parents, Alexandra & Michael, and 2 brothers, Brandan and Nicholas in Melbourne. He enjoys playing video games. Aidan is being treated at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando.

**Lillian...** was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia on September 1, 2020 at the age of 1. She lives with her parents, Patricia & Stephen, and 2 brothers, Timothy and Daniel in Melbourne. She likes books, puzzles, Mickey Mouse, and dogs. Lillian is being treated at Nemours All Children's Hospital in Orlando.

**Cameron...** was diagnosed with B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia on October 10, 2020 at the age of 5. He lives with his parents, Lindsey & Danny, in Palm Bay. He enjoys reading, math, and playing board games. Cameron is being treated at Advent Health Hospital in Orlando.

**Jessica...** was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma on September 19, 2020 at the age of 17. She lives with her parents, John & Stephanie, in Cocoa. Jessica is being treated at Advent Health Hospital in Orlando.

**Curtis...** was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia on June 26, 2020 at the age of 3. He lives with his mom, Alyssa, and brothers, William and Anthony, in Cocoa. He loves Spiderman, animals and enjoys playing with trucks and nerf guns. Curtis is being treated at Nemours All Children's Hospital in Orlando.

## Candlelighters' Program & Services

Because of you - our donors, volunteers, shareholders and friends - Candlelighters of Brevard is able to provide the following programs & services to over 70 families each year! Thank you for your support that translates into financial and emotional support for children and families battling pediatric cancer in Brevard and Indian River Counties.

**Treatment Center Allotment Program  
Medical Financial Assistance Program**

**Parents Night Out Service**

**House Cleaning Service**

**Superhero Program**

**Angel Funeral Fund**

**Rebecca Wolfe Memorial Tree Fund**

**Brevard County Hyundai Dealers' The Angel Car Care Service**

**Angel Memorial Counseling Service**

**Prescription Medication Program**

**Home Away from Home Program**

**Utility Assistance Program**

**Therapeutic Wellness Massage Service Through Space Coast**

**Massage & Spa**

**Gas Cards Program**

**Meal Voucher Program**

**Medical Transport Service Through Stellar Transport**

**Brevard Zoo's Today is a Good Day Program**

**Family Engagement Events**

**GRATITUDE**  
from our  
**FAMILIES**

After a 3 times relapse of Hodgkin's Lymphoma Duncan went for Stem Cell Transplant and Radiation and all was fine. Last year, he was diagnosed with early stage Thyroid Cancer, fortunately he is/was at school at UF and they quickly treated him, and he is fine now.

Duncan has just graduated from UF with a double major in Chemistry and Biology and secured a position with the College of Medicine at the University of Florida. He will be the lead on a new research project within the Nephrology Unit in addition to doing clinicals and research for Liver & Heart Transplant.



We are all super stoked and so grateful to Candlelighters and all of those who reached out, guided us, and helped us during our difficult times over the last 6 years. We are forever grateful.

*~ The Lewis Family*



We are forever grateful to Candlelighters!

First and foremost - we thank the entire organization and supporters for all that you've done for my family these past two years. We appreciate all of you so much!

On April 7, 2018, at the age of 3, Mieka was diagnosed with high risk Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia B-cell. Throughout her chemotherapy treatment, we faced a lot of ups and downs. No matter the situation, Mieka always remained hopeful with her vibrant personality and would always end her day with a smile. This May, she celebrated her 6th birthday as well as graduating from kindergarten, and on July 14th, 2020, Mieka rang her end of



treatment bell to celebrate her victory over cancer. We are so proud of her and how strong she is. She always gave us hope no matter how scared we were.

*~ Angelica and Mieka*

## SUPERHERO SUIT UP CAMPAIGN: CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

Candlelighters was honored to witness the community joining forces to celebrate the brave children of our hometown battling cancer through participation in the Superhero Suit Up Campaign. The Operation Superhero Program was created in 2019 to provide deserving families with a superhero transformational photoshoot experience through Space Coast Living Magazine and Jason Hook Photography. Candlelighters selected the 6 most deserving children battling cancer within the organization based on specific criteria: Currently on treatment; Severity of cancer & treatment; Life-altering side effects from cancer and/or treatment; Relapse or length/longevity of time on treatment/battling cancer. The children and their families attended a Hollywood Premiere themed Reveal Party where they got to see their movie posters and movie trailer on the big screen at The Premiere Theaters Oaks 10 back in January of this year. This two-part experience was extremely empowering for the children and their families as they saw the support of the community surrounding them during their most difficult time of need.

The Superhero Suit Up Campaign was then launched in September of this year in conjunction with National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Local businesses, companies and private donors got involved by celebrating their inner superheroes and showing the children of Candlelighters that they are not alone in their fight. Thanks to the generosity of our community, our campaign goal was surpassed and over \$40,000 was raised! These critically needed funds go towards providing emotional support and financial assistance to over 70 children and their families right here in our own community. Facing COVID19, these donations have never been more dire.

Candlelighters is only able to provide this programming thanks to the support of Jason Hook Photography, Josh Painter, Nevin Flinchbaugh; Space Coast Living Magazine, CFL Ad Group; Acevedo Photography, Premiere Theaters Oaks 10; Nanette Ragusin, Robin Steiner; Shamika Chamberlin; Brevard County Hyundai Dealers; Candlelighters ambassadors and volunteers; and Candlelighters' Board and Executive Staff. Thank you to each participant that has embraced the Superhero Suit Up Campaign personally and through the workplace. We are humbled and thankful to share that you have made this campaign a true success!

The fight will continue after our Superhero Suit Up Campaign concludes as we stand beside our heroes battling childhood cancer every day. We encourage you to get involved with our organization to make a difference in the lives of children fighting cancer.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

**DONATE:** Support the mission of providing programs and services to local families battling pediatric cancer by making a general donation.

**FOLLOW US:** Follow Candlelighters of Brevard on social media for the chance to hear directly from our superheroes - our courageous children. Get up-to-date organizational information, inspiration and more by following us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

**CHECK OUT WEBSITE:** Check out our new website [www.candlelightersofbrevard.org](http://www.candlelightersofbrevard.org) for information on how YOU can make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer.

**ENGAGE WITH CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES:** Businesses are encouraged to work with our leadership team to develop workplace campaigns and employee giving opportunities. Simply email [information@candlelightersofbrevard.org](mailto:information@candlelightersofbrevard.org) to set up a virtual meeting.

A Justice League is formed when individual superheroes join forces for good. Our Candlelighter families - mom, dad, siblings and child with cancer are all impacted by this devastating diagnosis. It will take a Justice League coming together for good to provide these families with every resource needed to fight the villain - cancer. Thank you to the Candlelighters' Justice League for SUITING UP!





Childhood cancer is the

**#1**

disease killer of children in the U.S.

43 Children are diagnosed with Cancer in the US every day

**SUPERHERO SUIT UP CAMPAIGN:  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS**

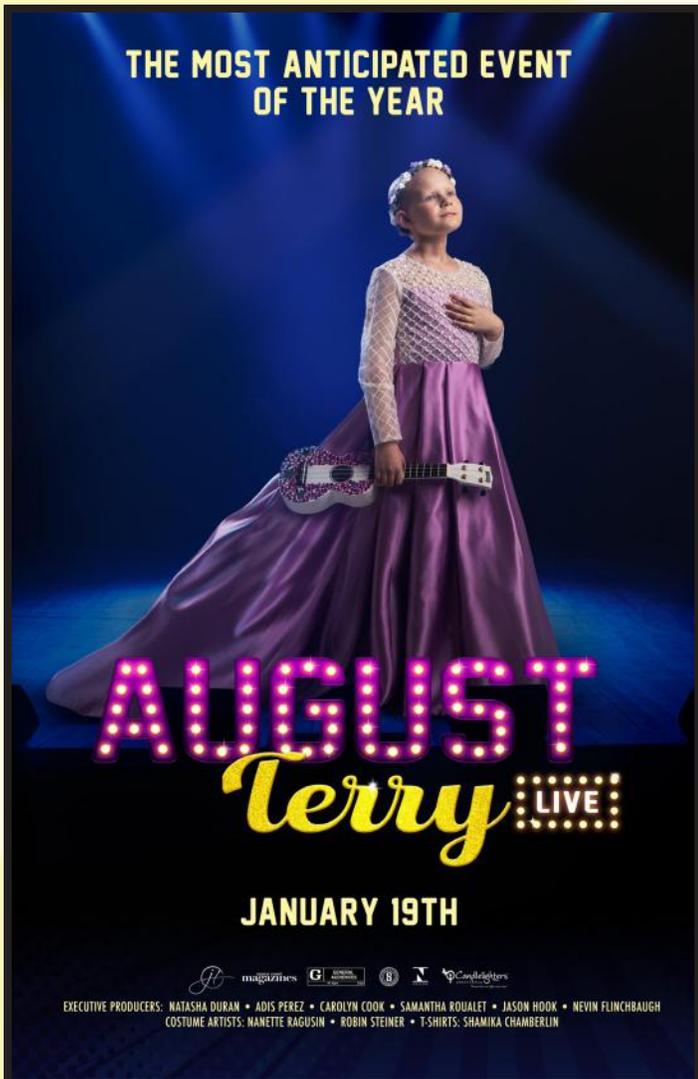
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Visit our website to donate and get involved!



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Meet Dayson aka Batman! Dayson was diagnosed with pediatric cancer in 2015 - and has battled cancer almost the entire length of his life. While he has experienced relapse, extensive chemo, radiation treatments and challenging medications - he still beat the odds!



Meet August aka Invisible Girl! August has been battling childhood cancer since 2018. She has had to become her own superhero in experiencing extensive chemo, radiation and surgeries. She has an angelic grace about her that leaves us all in awe.



Meet Landon aka Deadpool! Landon was diagnosed in 2016 with pediatric cancer. He has undergone intensive and long-term treatments that have been extremely challenging. He and his mom have become partners in courage and have defeated the enemy - cancer!



Meet Gunner aka Spiderman! Gunner has been battling cancer since 2014. Being diagnosed with a life threatening disease and relapsing 3 times would have been enough to stop your average person but this superhero truly possesses superpowers of his own.

Meet Lily aka Captain Marvel! Lily has been bravely battling cancer since 2014 but rang the bell after finishing treatment in January of this year. Due to a brain tumor and treatments, she has had major side effects to her sight but is still always able to see the positive in every situation.



Meet Sydney aka Supergirl! Sydney has been courageously battling cancer since 2008 - that is over 12 years! More than half of her life she has overcome multiple relapses, organ involvement, countless surgeries, weekly chemo and more. It is no wonder she is such a beauty - her light shines from the inside out!

# THANK YOU CANDLELIGHTERS' JUSTICE LEAGUE!



Special thanks to Brevard County Hyundai Dealers for their involvement raising over \$8,000 during their month-long company campaign!

## 2020 Superhero Suit Up Campaign Monetary Donors

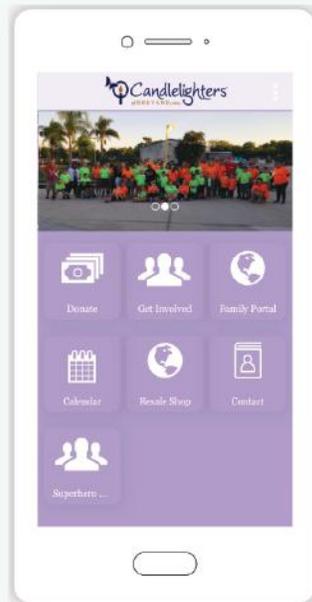
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Dale Sorensen Real Estate	Employee Gift Matching	Paul Lombardi	
David Cable - ReMax Elite	Program	Paul Savage	
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# INTRODUCING THE CANDLELIGHTERS APP

Candlelighters is honored to partner with Rock Paper Simple to launch our new APP! This is an exciting opportunity to be among the first non-profit organizations in Brevard to host an app for our donors, volunteers, shoppers and most importantly - our Candlelighter clients. Visitors can expect a more interactive and visual experience while exploring the Candlelighters' new app and website. These new elements will help promote the organization's transparency and impact on the families we serve.

Calendar  
Updates

Donate  
Quick and Easy



Resources on  
How You  
Can Help

Resale Shop  
Updates and  
Sales



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# HAVE-A-HEART

VALENTINE'S EXTRAVAGANZA

October 23, 2021 • Eau Gallie Yacht Club

TO BENEFIT:



# Dear Friends of Candlelighters,

Candlelighters of Brevard invites you to join us as we welcome back the legacy of our Have-A-Heart Valentine's Extravaganza. The Gala will make its highly anticipated return on **Saturday October 23, 2021**. We listened to you - our donors - and are thrilled to return this fun-filled spectacular event to its former home of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club! Favorite event highlights such as dinner, dancing, formal attire, baskets, cigar bar and more will be brought back by popular demand. The overall party feel of this gala experience will be felt in full force!

Candlelighters prioritizes the health and safety of our community - and will strive to provide a safe environment for guests to enjoy the event. **Our organization is nearing 30 years of providing support to local families fighting childhood cancer.** We do this by providing emotional support and financial assistance to children with cancer and their families in Brevard and Indian River Counties. To date, nearly 80 Candlelighter families benefit annually from 20 programs and services that help alleviate the financial and emotional burdens associated with childhood cancer.

By securing your event sponsorship, you can ensure this much-needed assistance continues to be provided to families in our community. This event packet includes sponsorship levels and a sponsor commitment form for your review. **Tickets and sponsorships will be limited, so be sure to contact us to reserve. For more information or questions, please call 321.728.5600 or visit <https://www.HAH2021.givesmart.com>.**

This historical night is a can't miss opportunity to celebrate together with the individuals and businesses that have made this event a tradition for 18 years!!

Sincerely,

**Candlelighters of Brevard**  
*Executive Staff & Board of Directors*





## 2020 Central Florida Shootout

Thank you Central Florida Shootout for providing an impactful donation of \$15,000 to the children of Candlelighters through the annual Fishing Tournament Fundraiser! The organizers and volunteers of the Central Florida Shootout continue to serve as ambassadors to raise awareness and donations to support families during their devastating diagnosis of cancer. To date - the tournament has raised \$50,000 in support of our programs and services!

Event participants successfully raised \$35,000 for charity in 2020 - overcoming event postponements and adjustments. Candlelighters is honored to be one of three local beneficiaries. The hard work and dedication that were invested into this event by sponsors, participants, and organizers, especially in respect to the COVID19 restrictions, speaks volumes of the love and care this group provides to the Brevard community.

Thank you for continuing your support to provide our local families with the much-needed resources to battle pediatric cancer! Visit [www.centralfloridashootout.com](http://www.centralfloridashootout.com) for complete information on this rewarding community event.





## VISIT THE CANDLELIGHTERS RESALE SHOP

Candlelighters is honored to provide a space for our community to shop for a cause. Whether you are looking for an evening gown, heels, furniture, household items or decorations – Candlelighters offers one of a kind pieces. Proceeds from our Resale Shop provide income to support Candlelighters' mission to serve families in Brevard and Indian River Counties who have children battling pediatric cancer.

### VISIT OUR SHOP!

Location: 436 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1 Indialantic, FL 32903

Hours of Operation: Please contact us for up-to-date operational schedule.

**NOTE: Schedule is subject to change due to COVID19 and volunteer availability. Candlelighters will continue to prioritize the health and safety of our community.**

### CAN'T STOP BY THE SHOP?

Candlelighters of Brevard is registered at smile.amazon.com. Select us on the site and for your everyday purchases, Amazon will donate a portion of the sale back to our organization! More information is provided below.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR RESALE SHOP?

Contact our Resale Shop Manager

Email: [information@candlelightersofbrevard.org](mailto:information@candlelightersofbrevard.org)

Phone Number: 321-728-5600

Like Us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/COBresaleshop](https://www.facebook.com/COBresaleshop)



## Always Remember to SMILE: AmazonSmile

Support Candlelighters while shopping online at AmazonSmile by selecting Candlelighters of Brevard as your charity of choice:

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3068501> to register Candlelighters as your charity of choice!
- AmazonSmile customers can now support Candlelighters of Brevard Inc in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Tap Settings in the mobile app, then tap "Amazon Smile" and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

**Support  
Candlelighters of  
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When you shop at  
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# Thank You's!

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## Mimi and Charlie Quincy

On behalf of Candlelighters of Brevard's Board of Directors and Executive Staff, we want to recognize and thank Myriam (Mimi) and Charles Quincy for their financial support of nearly \$15,000 over the past two years alone. Mimi and Charles have been top Candlelighter supporters through the gifting of their event sponsorships, direct contributions, campaign initiatives and more.

The generosity that they both have shown our organization over the years is inspiring and they are a dynamic part of our Candlelighter family of donors. Their thoughtfulness, humility, dedication and compassion to the families of Candlelighters is deeply valued and appreciated. Mimi and Charles - please know how grateful we are for all that you share and give to Candlelighters.



## Myers Inc

Myers Incorporated led the charge in supporting National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month throughout September in countless ways! From sale promotions to company emails and mass texts - they are always creative in how they educate their customer base about pediatric cancer and how our community can support Candlelighters. Tim Myers works diligently on a monthly basis to create inroads for Candlelighters to grow in the areas of inkind services; event sponsorships; community contacts and monetary donations. These efforts have totaled over \$44,000 in monetary and inkind values.

The Myers know first hand what it takes to raise a little superhero themselves. The owner's warrior princess - daughter - courageously battled and won! Candlelighters would like to also congratulate Myers Inc on their new store opening and on their large business expansion. They are a FORCE in their industry and in our community! Thank you Tim, Danielle and the entire Myers Inc family for your tireless support year round!



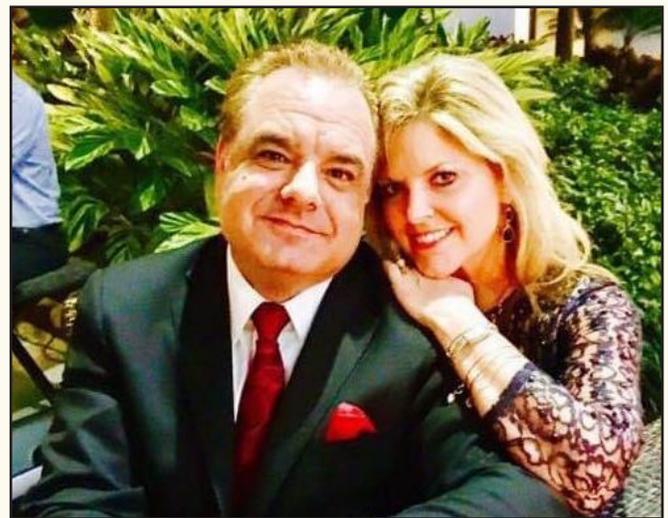
# Thank You's!

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## Anthony and Michelle Diana - GMRS

Under the leadership of Anthony Diana as President, Global Marketing Research Services, has been an outstanding supporter and sponsor of our programs, services, signature fundraisers and growth initiatives for several years investing over \$58,000 since 2015. Global Marketing Research Services is a market research and political polling firm that has been serving clients for more than 20 years.

Tony proudly serves as a current member of Candlelighters' Board of Directors. Candlelighters would like to congratulate Tony and Michelle on their recent wedding in Italy. As a couple, they are the model of generosity, humility, grace, beauty and family. Tony and Michelle bring so much passion to the organization.



## Space Coast Music Project



Candlelighters of Brevard is grateful for the relationship built with the Space Coast Music Project. In the past 3 years alone, Candlelighters has received consistent donations from SCMP from their virtual concert series and past musical concerts. The young professionals leading this organization leave the staff in awe of their professionalism, passion to serve, and commitment to excellence. They stay involved with Candlelighters year-round and have been a tremendous asset to our organization even more this year. We congratulate them on their organizational growth and development and feel honored to be a beneficiary of their

selfless sacrifices for the betterment of the community. SCMP is a non-profit arts organization in Brevard County, FL that is dedicated to giving back to the community through music. Founded in 2017 by three music students at Florida State University, they have donated thousands to local charities by hosting three annual concerts. SCMP gives performers an opportunity to make a tangible impact through music, hone their craft before an audience, and share their music with the Space Coast community and beyond!

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## CARES Act Grant

Candlelighters was a recipient of the 2020 Brevard County Small Business and Non-Profit Economic Relief Program. This grant was made possible thanks to the amazing work of the Brevard County Commissioners and the generous support of the Brevard CARES Act Team. The \$10,000 grant was provided to aid Candlelighters in recovering from emergency closures during the COVID19 pandemic. We sincerely thank these entities for providing critical funds to local businesses and nonprofits in need.



## Tony & Denise Rowell

Candlelighters sincerely thanks Tony and Denise Rowell for their continued support! Through the years, the entire Rowell family has volunteered in various ways and regularly makes monetary donations to help other families who share their experience with pediatric cancer.

Tony and Denise became a Candlelighter family in 2010 when their daughter Kayla was diagnosed with Lymphoma at the age of 15. This beautiful family of nine knew at the time that they needed assistance. Each act of kindness provided by the Candlelighters' staff and family of donors was valued and remembered, and they proudly serve as part of that support system today. Kayla is now 25 years old and striving in school. She's currently enrolled in an accelerated 1-year bachelor's program for nursing and aspires to help other childhood cancer patients through her work in Pediatric Oncology when she graduates in 2021.



## Dino & Robin Martin

Robin Martin became a Candlelighter family in 2003 when her granddaughter Haley was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 5 months old. Since then, she has generously supported COB in various ways. Robin has continued to donate her time, talents and treasure through volunteering, serving in leadership roles, and sponsoring various initiatives throughout the year. She is forever grateful for the support her family received while Haley was in treatment for over 4 years. Her beautiful granddaughter, Haley, is now 17 years old and doing well. Robin and her husband Dino continue to pay it forward knowing and understanding the dire need facing our COB families during their battle. We thank Robin and Dino Martin for their exemplary service and contribution to our organization.



## ERC

A special thank you to Engineering Research & Consulting (ERC) for remaining committed to supporting families battling childhood cancer. The generous donations from their Helping Hands Funds and employee contributions have provided nearly \$20,000 to our Candlelighter families over the past 3 years. ERC strongly believes in our mission statement to offer financial assistance and emotional support to children with cancer and their families in Brevard and Indian River Counties. Brett Raulerson, ERC Project Manager, is a proud grandfather to Caleb who fought courageously and won the battle against cancer.

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## Indian River County Support

Nearly two decades ago, Candlelighters recognized that Indian River County families, like those in Brevard, did not have access to treatment centers in their communities. Since 2004, Candlelighters has provided families living in Indian River County with financial and emotional support services on an "as needed" basis. However, in November of 2016, the board and executive staff began researching expansion efforts into Indian River County.



Our full strategic growth plan launched in early 2018 and we have served a total of 29 Indian River County families. We would like to sincerely thank all our current and future IRC donors and volunteers that support our mission.



## Ladies Golf Association

The Ladies Nine Hole Golf Association of Cocoa Beach graciously raises funds during their Children's Cancer Fund Golf Tournament. Candlelighters has been the beneficiary of this tournament for the last 2 years. Thank you to all the inspiring ladies that paired their passion for our community with their passion for the sport to raise over \$1,500 to help our families in their battle against pediatric cancer.



## Margaret Binz Foundation

The Margaret R. Binz Foundation provides annual grants to our local community. Candlelighters is honored to be a yearly recipient of this grant totaling nearly \$30,000 over the past decade. The grant allows for Candlelighters to provide financial assistance through our most utilized program - The Treatment Center Allotment Fund. Donors and organizations that serve our mission throughout multiple years make it possible for our light to shine bright for the families of COB as the legacy of love and community giving shines brightly through the Margaret R. Binz Foundation. Candlelighters is sincerely grateful for the continued support provided through the annual grant!



## Knights of Columbus

Candlelighters would like to honor and recognize the Knights of Columbus for their 5 years of support! This civic organization has successfully raised over \$6,000 to ensure that our family programs and services have the funding needed. The Knights of Columbus #4826 of Cape Canaveral and Cocoa Beach have proven to be community champions for children in the battle against pediatric cancer. We can only provide the level of support we do thanks to generous and impactful donations from our community. Candlelighters thanks you!

# Fall/Winter 2020 Donors...Thanks for

**Note: Please note that this list consists of general donations made to Candlelighters from June 2020 - September 2020. For event sponsorship and campaign recognition please see corresponding event pages**

## **ARCH ANGEL PATRON \$1,000+**

Brevard County CARES Act  
Brevard County Hyundai Dealers  
Brevard County Hyundai - Employees of Coastal Hyundai  
Brevard County Hyundai - Employees of Cocoa Hyundai  
Brian Rowe  
Central Florida Shootout  
Community Foundation for Brevard  
    Dillen Charitable Fund Grant  
    John K. and Julia R. Roach Fund Grant  
Delta Dental Employee Giving Program  
    Leigh Solazzo  
H.H. Peterson & H.G. "Cockey" Peterson Foundation Donation  
In Honor of Kayla Rowell  
    Tony & Denise Rowell  
In Memory of Mikey Goodwin  
    Allen Dukes  
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    Hunter Conway  
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Dan & Deb Munsey  
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Janice Berens  
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Joan Morse  
John Widere  
Kevin Hanson  
Linda Trickey  
Michael Linden  
Mike Muehleck  
Millie Gillespie  
Patricia Berens  
Ralph Gillespie  
Rebecca Fiedler  
Sandy & Tom  
Sean & Christine McNunn  
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Kathy and Bruce Feron  
Sandy Burge

## **GUARDIAN ANGEL PATRON - \$500.00+**

Carlo Mayer  
In Honor of Haley Carroll  
    Dino & Robin Martin  
In Memory of Lena Hernandez  
    Ken & Chrissy Guzman  
    David & Susan Ulsh  
    Kris & Tracey Latshaw  
    Michael Diaferio  
Kay Shaw  
Knights of Columbus Council #4826  
Ladies Nine Hole Golf Association  
Patricia Geissler  
Space Coast Music Project  
Steven & Kathryn Lepper Charitable Fund

## **CUPID PATRON - \$100.00+**

Andrea Pelecki  
Carrie Cerve  
Cita Bandy  
David and Eileen Franco  
Doug & Linda Nitch  
Dr. Lee Sheldon - Solid Bite Dentistry  
Eric Bienvenu  
Ilene Scharf  
In Honor of Breanna Green  
    James & Patti Bryant  
In Honor of Lillian Ponthieux  
    Leah Santo-Tomas Facebook Birthday Campaign  
In Honor of Maddie Goode  
    Paige Goode Facebook Birthday Campaign  
In Honor of Orion Little  
    Beth Tiziani Facebook Birthday Campaign  
In Memory of Paige Hobbs  
    Kim Hendricks  
James Torpey  
Kerry and Karen Speed  
Nicole Hymel  
Lazaredes Charity Fund  
Patsy Cole  
SunTrust United Way Giving Program  
Todd and Jessica Crouse  
United Way of Brevard Employee Giving Program  
Vanessa Curtis

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## **IN-KIND**

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Barbara Struttmann  
Brendan McCarthy  
Bruce Nelson, Jr.  
Carol Ferrazzano  
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Cheryl Lynch  
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Cindy Kane  
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Denise Rowell & Family  
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Kim Downs  
Linda Gash  
Linda Parker  
Lisa Davidson  
Lynn Burnette  
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Nancy Dyer  
Nanette Ragusin  
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Noble Awards  
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Robin Steiner  
Rock Paper Simple  
Ross Whitley  
Sandra Burge  
Shamika Chamberlin  
Shelley Benac  
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Stand Out Printing  
Stephanie Brown  
Sue Hepburn Holt  
Sue Neville  
Sue Rivenbark  
Susan McKeown  
Therese' Nelson  
Timmy Vee  
Tommie Edwards  
Tracey & Kris Latshaw  
The Premiere Theaters Oaks 10



## **CANDLELIGHTERS THANKS ALL DONORS, VOLUNTEERS & FAMILIES**

Candlelighters appreciates all the donors, volunteers and families that have given so much over the years - but especially this year. This has been a challenging time for all. We appreciate the flexibility of our volunteers - the openness of our families - the generosity of our donors - the guidance of our board members - and the strength of our community. The executive staff would not be able to serve the mission if it were not for all of these individuals and businesses coming together to serve the children of our counties battling pediatric cancer. Thank you for every dollar, every hour, every treasure invested into our organization this year!



## Corporate & Community Partnerships Opportunities

*There are many ways you can help Candlelighters of Brevard, a 501(c)3, to provide programs and services to children with cancer and their families. Your donations directly impact our local children and their families, so they have the support and resources they need to fight back. Candlelighters of Brevard is dedicated to children with cancer and their families by offering emotional support and financial assistance. Your support is crucial to our mission. If you are interested in helping to advance our mission, see all the ways you can support below!*

### WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS

Research has shown that employees prefer to work for a socially responsible company that cares and gives back to the community. Workplace giving campaigns account for a large percentage of our donations. There are many popular workplace giving programs that corporations can use, including giving through automatic payroll deductions, employee matching gifts, internal employee fundraising campaigns, and annual giving campaigns.

### GRANTS

Candlelighters of Brevard relies on grant funding and is always looking for new grant opportunities. We urge you to contact us to discuss potential grant opportunities through your employer, community organization, civic group, or charitable fund.

### ENDOWMENTS

An endowment is a perpetual gift that can be designated for Candlelighters of Brevard either towards general services or a specific program. The original gift remains intact, and the income is used toward the designated area of service. An endowment can be established in memory of a loved one, or a donation can be added to an existing fund that will contribute to the organization indefinitely. The Community Foundation of Brevard manages all endowment gifts.

### COLLABORATE

Candlelighters welcomes all companies, civic organizations, community groups and more to collaborate year-round! You can make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer by donating your talents and treasures as a group, team or staff. Many local businesses donate funds and/or in-kind services year-round to Candlelighters. Additionally, many organizations and groups have held workplace campaigns and funding initiatives; Civic group external fundraisers; online giving initiatives; club member donations; and more! Candlelighters strives to provide all collaborators with a spotlight post on social media; inclusion in our public newsletter distribution of 3000+ nation-wide; tax letters; and more.

### EDUCATION & AWARENESS

The Candlelighters of Brevard's Education & Awareness Program is designed to share our organizational mission, childhood cancer realities and empowerment opportunities with our local community. It's as simple as businesses and organizations inviting our staff and/or ambassadors to present at a meeting for their employees, civic groups, corporate organizations, religious groups, rotary clubs, and more. Education is key and compassion stems from an awareness of the needs of our neighbors – especially our youth battling cancer. To schedule or inquire more information, please email [information@candlelightersofbrevard.org](mailto:information@candlelightersofbrevard.org).

### VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers are the heart and foundation of our organization. As a volunteer, you can help in many essential ways. Volunteers can dedicate their time through either our Resale Shop or during any number of events throughout the year.

### PLANNED GIVING & LEGACY GIFTS

Planned gifts take many forms, providing additional income for you and your heirs, reducing income and estate taxes, relieving you and your heirs of complicated financial management responsibilities, and helping to fulfill your personal, humanitarian, and charitable objectives. Planned gifts can be made in cash, real estate, stocks, bonds, personal property, or life insurance. A legacy gift is a planned future gift that will designate some part of an individual's estate to Candlelighters of Brevard. Consider leaving a legacy, so your cherished values live on. The most common legacy gifts are:

A bequest in a will or trust.

Beneficiary designations in a retirement fund [e.g., IRA, 401(k), 403(b)].

Beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy.

An outright gift of life insurance cash value [e.g., a policy that's no longer needed].

### GENERAL DONATIONS

- Consider making a financial donation to support our programs and services.
- Make a financial donation in honor or memory of a loved one.
- Donate gently used furniture, designer bags, jewelry & gowns, and home decor to our Resale Shop.
- Donate through your employer, civic group, community organization, or charitable fund.
- Checks or money orders can be mailed to: Candlelighters of Brevard, Inc. 436 Fifth Ave. Suite 1 Indialantic, FL 32903

*Please call (321) 728-5600 or email [information@candlelightersofbrevard.org](mailto:information@candlelightersofbrevard.org) to set up a conference call to discuss the best fit for you and/or your organization. Candlelighters is committed to developing relationships with donors, businesses and employers that would be value added, strategic and rewarding.*

# Christmas Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Event

This year we will celebrate Christmas with a "Christmas Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru" for our Candlelighter families. This memorable holiday drive-thru event will feature a dazzling light spectacle, Christmas music, Santa with gifts for the kids, and much more!



## Yes, I would like to Help....

- I would like to sponsor a gift for 1 child - \$30
- I would like to sponsor gifts for 1 family - \$150
- I would like to donate towards the event - \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a check payable to: Candlelighters of Brevard  
Mail to: 436 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1, Indialantic, FL 32903  
Website donation: [Candlelightersofbrevard.org](http://Candlelightersofbrevard.org) | Questions, please call 321-728-5600

*(Excess funds from the event will be used to support our programs and services)*



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- Guardian Angel Patron ..... \$500.00 +
- Cupid Patron ..... \$100.00 +
- Cherub Patron ..... \$1.00 +

Make checks or money orders payable to: Candlelighters of Brevard, Inc.

OR: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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