## **Constituent of the Week**



## Our Constituent of the Week is Mr. Jason Hook

Mr. Hook is a professional photographer and the owner of a successful small business, <u>Jason Hook Photography</u>.

For the last four years, he has partnered with the non-profit Candlelighters of Brevard, an organization which provides emotional support and financial assistance to Brevard County and Indian River County children and families suffering with childhood cancer.

Working with Candlelighters' executive staff, Mr. Hook created the Operation Superhero Photoshoot Experience and Campaign to capture the most precious moments and memories for families navigating their child's diagnosis.

Operation Superhero provides cancer-stricken children with an opportunity to briefly escape the disease and transform into the superhero of their choice. Mr. Hook provides the children with a unique experience of an exclusive photoshoot and celebration as they power through treatments.

Mr. Hook has been donating his time, talents, and compassionate professionalism to create a temporary life changing experience for over 20 Candlelighter children and their families since 2019. He has donated more than 350 hours over the past four years photographing inspirational memories and producing cherished family pictures.

Mr. Hook recently stated that working with Candlelighters has been an incredibly rewarding experience, which has provided him a greater opportunity to reach more children and families that he may not have been able to achieve on his own.

Natasha Duran, Executive Director of Candlelighters of Brevard stated, "Our organization is deeply grateful to Jason Hook for his years of passion and professionalism invested into creating this once-in-a-lifetime transformational experience allowing children to recognize their superhero strength within as cancer fighters.

To be a candidate for the Operation Superhero program, all Candlelighter children are considered including those dealing with life-altering side effects from treatment, children experiencing a relapse, and those enduring an extraordinary amount of years or intensity of treatment due to their diagnosis.

As champions for the program, Mr. Hook and the Candlelighters team have inspired local vendors to join forces to create Superhero parties throughout the year for children in treatment. Their primary focus is empowering families to 'find their inner superpower' while supporting their child's battle to beat cancer.

For more information about Candlelighters of Brevard and how you can support the Operation Superheroes Campaign, please click here.

District 19 is pleased to recognize Jason Hook and the Candlelighters of Brevard for shining a bright and inspiring light on those suffering through the darkness of childhood cancer.