

THE Light

 Candlelighters[®]
of BREVARD, INC.
"Because kids can't fight cancer alone."

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

Because of your *smile*
you make *life* **more beautiful!**





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

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
September 2024

Operation Superhero Campaign
September 1-30, 2024

Ladies Night Out - October 5, 2024

For current updates and more visit [CandlelightersofBrevard.org](https://www.CandlelightersofBrevard.org)
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Updates from the Staff

Summer is around the corner which means we will have more time to enjoy together with family and friends! Our organization is looking forward to joining our Candlelighter families at the second annual Family Carnival presented by StrubleCohen and to hosting our newly diagnosed families for the yearly Beach Retreat event. Memories will be made and cherished for years to come thanks to the support provided by donors like you!

Our Candlelighters organization is also honored to share our latest updates with you in this edition of our Light Magazine including our most recent Family Services events where our Candlelighter families enjoyed moments to bond and spend time with each other outside of the hospital setting. These events are one of the many programs offered to help bring light and inspiration to children and their families during their battle against cancer.

Candlelighters celebrates our Have-A-Heart Gala event which raised over \$280,000 this year for our annual funding! We thank each and every participant that joined forces to support our ongoing programs and services. Check out the feature beginning on Page 12. Preparations for Candlelighters' next fundraising events, Ladies Night Out and Operation Superhero, have begun as we join together again this fall. Keep in touch with Candlelighters for current event information and announcements on our website and social media pages.

Candlelighters maintains our commitment to delivering hope, encouragement, and support to the Candlelighter families and local community as we enter into this next season. We hope that our gratitude for your kindness, compassion and support is always felt in the form of our butterfly kisses! Thank you to all of our Candlelighter donors and volunteers for joining us in the mission to ensure no child faces cancer alone!

Candlelighters Board of Directors & Executive Staff

Our Angels...Forever in Our Hearts

Emma June Kent

April 12, 2006 - October 8, 2023

Emma June will always be known as the real-life Supergirl. She was the type of person who could enter a room and immediately make everyone smile. She was a free spirit with the kindest heart, and her friends loved her because she always knew how to make the best of a tough situation. She loved all things Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran. Her family meant the world to her and she always put God first. Emma June was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma at the age of 13 and although her time on Earth was short, she will forever have a mark on everyone's heart.



Our Angels...Forever in Our Hearts

Olivia Owens

August 17, 2015 - December 16, 2023

Olivia had the best personality in any situation, her constant smile and jokes could always keep the room laughing. She loved her big sister Charlotte fiercely and lived life in the moment. Her true love for tea parties and her puppy will be remembered by everyone who knew her. Olivia was diagnosed with DIPG in 2022 and wanted the world to learn as much as they could about this diagnosis. She enrolled in a trial that will hopefully help create a cure for others diagnosed. She will be remembered as the fierce, fun-loving, and silly girl that she truly was.



welcome to our CANDLELIGHTERS FAMILY

Count...was diagnosed with Wilm's Tumor on September 21, 2023, at the age of 2. He lives in Palm Bay with his parents, Kimberly & Jay. Count loves stacking blocks, looking at books, letters and numbers, going on walks, playing outside, and watching Cocomelon and Peppa Pig. Count is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando.

Mia...was diagnosed with Optic Nerve Glioma on October 9, 2023, at the age of 6. She lives in Rockledge with her parents, Kristin and Eric. Mia loves drawing, writing, singing, dogs/cats, TMNT, Ghost Spider Gwen, Mandalorian/new Star Wars, and Halloween/spooky. Mia is being treated at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children.

Keelei...was diagnosed with Papillary Thyroid cancer on October 4, 2023, at the age of 11. She lives in Cocoa Beach with her mom, Janelle, and has 1 sibling, Kasen. Keelei loves make-up, cats, dogs, crafts, and funny movies. She is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando.

Miranda...was diagnosed with Myelin Sheath Tumor on November 30, 2023, at the age of 18. She lives in Melbourne with her parents, Natalie and Patrick, and has 1 sibling, Caitlyn. Miranda loves arts, crafts, listening to music, reading books, puzzles, and pets. She is being treated at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando.

Kolton...was diagnosed with B-Cell Leukemia on November 8, 2023, at the age of 4. He lives in Cocoa with his parents, Stormy and Charles, and has a twin brother Jackson. Kolton loves dirt bikes. He is being treated at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando.

Arianys...was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma on November 30, 2023, at the age of 16. She lives in Melbourne with her parents, Oscar and Valerie. and has 4 siblings, Santiago, Valentina, Mia, and Camila. Arianys loves painting, listening to music, and learning new things. She is being treated at Advent Health for Children in Orlando.

Emely...was diagnosed with Leukemia ALL on December 22, 2023, at the age of 3 years old. She lives in Palm Bay with her parents, Claudia and Edelio. Emely loves to play and watch cartoons. She is being treated at Advent Health for Children in Orlando.

Reef...was diagnosed with AML on February 5, 2024, at the age of 2 years old. He lives in Satellite Beach with his parents, Jessica and Zach; and has a sister, Rainah. Reef loves riding his scooter and balance bike, throwing balls to the dog, painting, and coloring. He is being treated at Advent Hospital for Children in Orlando.

Lukas...was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia on November 29, 2023, at the age of 3 years old. He lives in Titusville with his parents, Diana and Shawn. Lukas loves books, arts, and construction vehicles. He is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando.

Danvonte...was diagnosed with Germ Cell Tumor on January 11, 2024, at the age of 2 years old. He lives in Cape Canaveral with his Mom, Trinity. Danvonte loves to play with toys and watch television. He is being treated at Advent Health for Children in Orlando.

Rylee...was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on February 23, 2024, at the age of 3 years old. She lives in Palm Bay with her parents, Kelsey and Gary; and has 2 siblings, Arianna and Chase. Rylee loves Paw Patrol and coloring. She is being treated at Advent Health for Children in Orlando.

Susanna...was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma on April 8, 2024, at the age of 17 years old. She lives in West Melbourne with her parents, Katie and James; and has 2 siblings, Ann Marie and Braden. Susanna loves music and reading. She is being treated at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando.

GRATITUDE
from our
FAMILIES

We would like to express our immense gratitude for the help Candlelighters has given our family while our son was being treated for cancer. In August 2022, our son Lance was diagnosed with ALCL alk+

just 2 weeks after he began 11th grade at Satellite High School. Unfortunately, like all COB Families, we had to drive out-of-county for treatments. This organization and the help of the amazing people who donated allowed us to breathe a little easier with one less thing to worry about as we tackled endless stays, setbacks, and scans.

I cannot tell you how very much we appreciate your generosity! The gift cards for food, gas and tolls, financial assistance

with our bills and utilities, Christmas gifts, get-well cards in the mail - the list goes on...It's all been appreciated! We will forever be grateful to Candlelighters and all who support them. As I write this, Lance is now ONE YEAR in remission and is looking & feeling great!

Sincere Gratitude,
~ Green Family



Christmas Party 2023

Christmas is made most special by providing love and hope to our Candlelighter families. Our annual Christmas party was held in December at Wickham Park. The families enjoyed face painting, balloon art, music, time with Santa, and catered lunch donated by Pappagallos. We are truly grateful for our volunteers and vendors who continue to make this event possible year after year. To our generous elves, we THANK YOU for your donation of gifts. To our volunteers who show up year after year, we thank you for helping make this event beautiful and fun. Our kids really enjoy the magic of the day. As one child stated, "How did Santa know exactly what I was wishing for."



Christmas Event Donors 2023

Thank you to our Christmas Donors!

DONATIONS OF \$1,000+

Dr. Langston - Viera Oral Surgery
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IN-KIND DONATIONS

Andretti Thrill Park
Bounce Around Brevard
Frank Duran - DJ Frank Moda

Jeff & Susie Kendall (Santa
and his beautiful helper)
Joshua's Sweet Treats
Latex Arts and More
Melbourne Fire Department
#77
Nanette Ragusin
Pappagallo's
Premiere Theaters at the Oaks
Robin Steiner
Seaside Piecemakers Quilt
Club
Sun Stitchers
Tarzan Miller
Tommi Guess

SANTA'S HELPERS:

Provided gifts directly
to Santa to deliver at the
Christmas Party Event

Amanda Quigley
Bill and Debbie Klein
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Joan Read
Lennar Title: Kara and
Felisha
Linda Martin
NSI
Precise Title: Shelia, Emma
and Karen
Southern Capital Title:
Shannon and Tiffany



Family Testimony:

We loved attending our first Candlelighters event in December. My daughter had a wonderful time at the Christmas picnic & couldn't believe Santa knew just what she wanted! My husband and I have been blown away by the support we have received from Candlelighters. While no one wants to be on this journey, knowing we have such an amazing community supporting us has made our journey easier. Thank you Candlelighters Community

~ McBenton Family



Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program 2023

Candlelighters would like to express our sincere gratitude to our 2023 Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program Sponsors! These spirited individuals and company teams provided a complete wish list of gifts to the child with cancer, siblings, and parents for our newly diagnosed families living in Brevard and Indian River counties. Sponsors spend weeks personalizing gifts and creating a spectacular gift experience for their adopted family. This program replaces the overwhelming fear of the new diagnosis of childhood cancer with a renewed sense of hope and humanity - knowing that their community cares for their needs, especially during the holidays! Our Candlelighter families often share that what they imagined would be their family's most difficult time of the year was actually transformed into the most joy-filled and magical time thanks to the generosity of these sponsors.

2023 Donors:

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- Drake Family
- Flemming Family
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- Jack & Cathie Platt
- Kathy & Bruce Feron
- Myers & Pitts Family
- Nardone Family
- Nathan Hammond & his big group of elves
- Nicolas Biddix
- Ross & Cathy Whitley
- Rowe Family
- Sandy & Doug Emerick
- The Knight Kids
- Three Bridges Planning
- Tiziani Family
- Wadsworth Family



SeaWorld Family Outing

Candlelighters' Annual Family Outing to SeaWorld sponsored by Mr. John Genoni was held in November. We are grateful for this experience that allows families to have a day out for a brief reprieve from the reality of diagnosis. The families start the day enjoying lunch, catching up with each other, and welcoming new families. The kids then have the opportunity to explore SeaWorld for the day. It is the greatest joy watching them laugh as they watch the shows, ride on rides, and play in the water. The parents enjoy seeing their children play outside of the hospital setting. Some families even stay together to allow their kids to enjoy the day together. This day truly brings light that shines for the entire year!



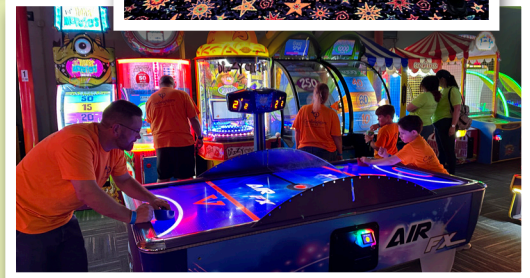
SeaWorld in November was the first event that we were able to attend as a Candlelighter family and we finally got to meet the amazing group of people who helped us so much! This family day was Colton's first big outing since his diagnosis and it was a great way of celebrating his remission status! It was heartwarming just watching all of these kids (who have already fought bigger battles than most people ever will) get to "be kids" playing and having a great time! Meeting the other local families who are a part of this "club" that nobody ever wants to be a part of was bittersweet, but knowing that we are all in it together and not fighting alone brings some comfort and hope. We are looking forward to being able to participate in more of these family days and continuing to help raise awareness about the reality of childhood cancer and the support that is needed. We are so thankful and blessed to be a part of the Candlelighters family!

- Osburn Family



Andretti Family Outing 2024

Candlelighters hosted over 80 attendees this year at our annual Andretti Thrill Park Outing! This event continues to provide a source of light and hope for our families when battling pediatric cancer. This event gives families a night out to enjoy family time away from the hospital setting. We are honored to thank Ed Velazquez and Lauren Stelmacki from Moe's Southwest Grill Catering for their generous donation in providing catering. Thank you to our friends from Kona Ice for the donation of shaved ice. Lastly, thank you to Andretti Thrill Park, Daniela Rojas, and the park staff for giving us a night of fun that will be treasured forever!



My family has been with Candlelighters of Brevard for over one year. This year, we had the pleasure of attending the event they hosted at the Andretti Thrill Park in Melbourne FL. This was such a fun event. The event provided a 2 hr pass for our family to use the facility and free food and drinks catered by Moe's Southwest Grill. For my family, 2 of us are vegan, and Jessica always remembers to provide food for us. We are truly grateful for that.

4 of us attended the event. We had a great time. We used the daylight to do the thrill rides outside and then after sunset, we went inside for laser tag and arcade games. It's so great watching all the kids at the event play with each other, laugh, and have a good time. Candlelighters of Brevard provided joy to the kids and all the family members during this time. It was special to be a part of.

Regards,

- The Potter Family

Dear Friends of Candlelighters,



Candlelighters of Brevard thanks our community for their generous support of the 2024 Have-A-Heart Gala! Sponsorships and donations for the event on March 23 raised over \$280,000 for the children and families of Candlelighters. This impact results in funding 20 programs and services offered to our families annually.

Our organization could not provide the emotional support and financial assistance needed by our precious children battling pediatric cancer without our valued donors! The success of our event will help us provide a haven for families that don't know where to seek help after diagnosis. It will provide a light in the darkness for parents facing the most difficult time of their lives as they walk beside their children during cancer treatment. Candlelighters' supporters make it possible for our organization to be the source of comfort for so many in need.

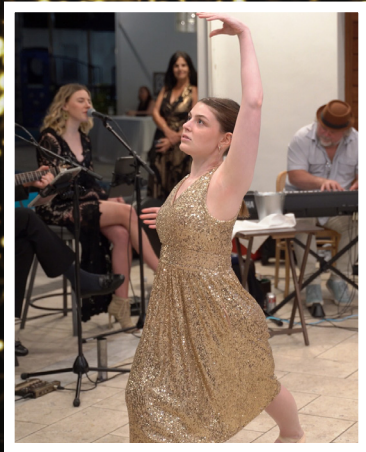
Candlelighters continues to be a light for families through their battle against childhood cancer. The need for our programs is growing as Candlelighters continues to serve a record number of 95 families this year. If you missed joining us for the Gala, please save the date of March 1, 2025 for next year's celebration! Our community can also support COB by sponsoring our next event - Ladies Night Out - on October 5, 2024 at the Hilton Rialto. By saying YES to Candlelighters you ensure no child faces cancer alone!

Sincere Appreciation,

~ Candlelighters Executive Staff & Board







THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SPONSORS!

GOLD HEART SPONSOR \$20,000

Bill and Stephanie Brown
Brevard County Hyundai Dealers

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Hell 'n Blazes Brewing Company
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Thank You's!

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Bill and Stephanie Brown

Candlelighters of Brevard is humbled by the generosity of Bill and Stephanie Brown for their financial support in creating the Bereavement Angel Fund. This fund was founded in 2022 with the personal desire of the Browns to provide bereavement programming for families suffering the unimaginable loss of a child to pediatric cancer. The Bill and Stephanie Brown Angel Fund continues to meet the most requested need of families losing a child to cancer - Funeral Cost Support. The fund grew from a \$1,000 disbursement per family in 2021 to a \$5,000 disbursement beginning in 2024. The Fund also encompasses many other financial and emotional support programs which were provided to 12 bereavement families in 2023 alone. We remain incredibly grateful to the Browns for granting this compassionate support to help families experiencing the loss of a child to cancer. The Browns continue to stand beside our Candlelighter families!



Community Foundation for Brevard

Candlelighters of Brevard thanks the Community Foundation for Brevard for awarding our Treatment Center Allotment Fund a \$7,500 donation through the 2023 Competitive Grant cycle. Candlelighters benefits from donations in the form of annual grants from several of their fund holders. Additionally, an endowment for Candlelighters is managed by the Community Foundation and aides in our long term planning and sustainability. Since 1981, the Community Foundation for Brevard (cfbrevard.org) has helped charitably minded donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, nonprofits serve the region effectively, and inspired people to make the community a better place.

Note: 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 instituted 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 for Brevard manages all endowment gifts. For more information or to give towards the COB endowment, please email information@candlelightersofbrevard.org.



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Brevard County Dog Training Club

Thank you to Brevard County Dog Training Club for including Candlelighters of Brevard as the beneficiary of their lure course event. Funds were raised through store sales at Tails at the Barkery and during the public event. This fundraiser held special meaning as the group remembered COB Angel, Emma June Kent, and her love of animals. We thank you for all you do in support of our Brevard community!



Gemini Elementary

Thank you to Gemini Elementary and the PTO for their incredible contribution to Candlelighters in honor of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month! The students at Gemini raised over \$3,800 during Penny Wars to support our many programs and services. This donation was extra special as one of our own Candlelighter children, Declan, represented the school and presented the funds raised to our COB Staff!



Eastwind Pentecostal Church

Eastwind Pentecostal Church has created a legacy of support through their donations each holiday season. Since 2019, they have donated over \$3,000 in support of our organization and Christmas Party event for the families of Candlelighters! We appreciate the ongoing support from this amazing organization!



Mikey Strong Golf Tournament

Candlelighters attended the Mikey Strong Golf Tournament and we were honored to receive a \$5,000 donation in support of our current families facing pediatric cancer. We sincerely appreciate and thank the Mikey Strong Foundation for their ongoing support of our mission! We stand beside them to remember and honor COB Angel, Mikey.

The foundation was created in honor of Mikey Goodwin - Son, Brother, Friend, Athlete. Mikey was taken too young by Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) a deadly brain cancer with no cure. This amazing community of supporters raises money to fund research, assist warriors battling it, and CRUSH DIPG!

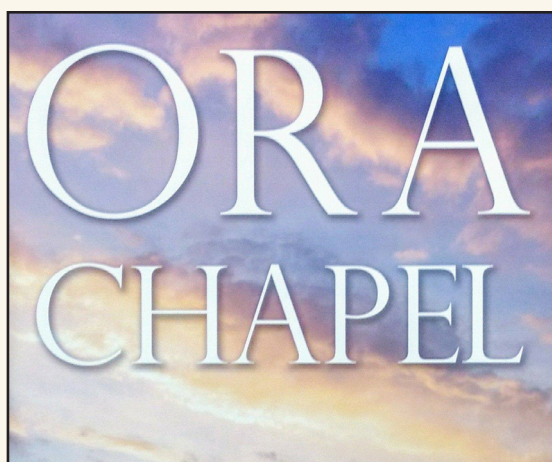


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Chapel at ORA

We share our appreciation to The Chapel At ORA Melbourne Beach for the generous and impactful donations received over the past 7 years in honor of the children of Candlelighters! This generous group of donors has truly built a legacy of love within our organization and we greatly value the recurring annual donation provided by the members.



Space Coast Education Center

We send our gratitude to Space Coast Education Center for their recent donation of \$2,000 to Candlelighters! The students, under the leadership of Jody Stork, continue to give back to the families of our organization through financial contributions and their support of our Wellness Program. Thank you for your ongoing love and support for our families!

Texas Roadhouse

Thank you to the team at Texas Roadhouse in Melbourne for spotlighting Candlelighters of Brevard during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month! Generous customers added a donation to their meal throughout September which was provided directly to our families through Texas Roadhouse gift cards. Thank you for shining a light on our organization!



UPS Melbourne

UPS Melbourne recently gathered for a fun-filled employee cookout to raise funds for Candlelighters of Brevard. This event was supported by a current COB parent making this event even more special in giving back to others walking the same journey against childhood cancer. Thank you to our local UPS organization for joining together with Candlelighters in our mission to ensure no child fights alone!





Ladies NIGHT
OUT
GRAMMY'S EDITION

OCTOBER

5

6:30 - 11:00 PM

HILTON MELBOURNE RIALTO

Candlelighters of Brevard, Inc. is a non-profit organization offering emotional support and financial assistance to children with cancer and their families in Brevard and Indian River counties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT <https://LadiesNight24.givesmart.com>

TEXT LadiesNight24 TO 76278, OR CALL 321-728-5800



Thank you to our donors.

**Note: Please note that this list consists of general donations made to Candlelighters from November 2023 - April 2024.
For event sponsorship recognition please see the corresponding event pages.**

ANGEL DONOR \$20,000+

Bill & Stephanie Brown
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Watson Family Fund

GOLD RIBBON DONOR

\$10,000+

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BUTTERFLY DONOR

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CANDLELIGHT DONOR

\$1,000+

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Matthew & Blanc Moran
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Steve & Kristin Kelly
In Memory of Phillip Caputo
Cathy Savage-Dunn
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\$1,000+ cont.

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Tina Mooney

thank you



CANDLELIGHTERS

2023 RECAP

★ **96** ★
FAMILIES

Served by
Candlelighters in 2023



2022 - 2023

- Increase of 15 additional families served annually
- Increase of \$70,000 in spending through the top 3 utilized programs and services

MOST UTILIZED PROGRAMS & SERVICES

1

Treatment Center Allotment Fund

The most utilized program by our families. Distributed \$175,600 in reimbursements to COB families for their inpatient and clinic visits.

2

Utility Assistance Program

This program provided funds for utility bills for families on treatment – including water, gas, and power bills. Qualified families received \$77,000 in support.

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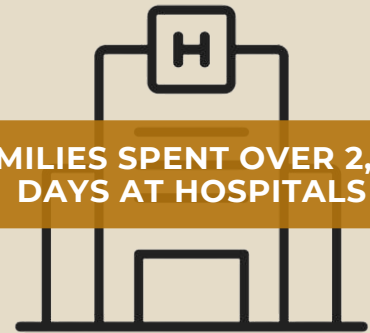
Food Support Program

This program provided funding for meals to families admitted to the hospital more than 7 days per month. Families qualified over 63 times for this program due to the increase in hospital stays.



Candlelighters hosted 7 family events throughout the year to allow families to come together, interact, form meaningful relationships, and inspire their children to fight pediatric cancer with the support of other children in our community.

FAMILIES SPENT OVER 2,517 DAYS AT HOSPITALS



383,537

Candlelighter families traveled over 380,000 miles back and forth to treatment. The majority of patients take daily or weekly trips to Orlando area hospitals because there are no pediatric oncology services in Brevard or Indian River Counties.



Candlelighters serves the entire family unit. Over 385 individuals benefit from services each year.



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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: Tues. - Thurs. 11 AM - 4 PM | Fri. - Sat. 11 AM - 3 PM

NOTE: The Candlelighters Resale Shop is 100% volunteer-run and hours are based on volunteer availability.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Candlelighters is honored to thank our wonderful Shop volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to organizing and operating the Resale Shop. Their passion is evident, and we are so grateful for their support for our mission!

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR RESALE SHOP?

Contact our Resale Shop Manager

Email: information@candlelightersofbrevard.org

Phone Number: 321-728-5600

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

Candlelighters accepts donations of gently used furniture, home décor, gowns/ dresses, dress shoes, and handbags. We do not accept electronics or clothes other than dresses. Volunteer opportunities available!



Support Candlelighters through our Walmart Wishlist!

Support Candlelighters by purchasing items from our Toy Box wishlist. Wishlist items support our Family Services throughout the year! Customers can also select Candlelighters of Brevard as their charity of choice at Walmart.com and round up purchases to donate to our mission.

Scan our Gift Registry
QR code to view our
Toy Box wishlist!



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Wishlist

Our Angels...Forever in Our Hearts

The reality of battling a life-threatening disease like cancer is that for some patients their healing comes in the form of angel wings. Candlelighters honors these courageous warriors who have passed too soon. Our community will preserve their memories by living out a legacy of love and service to children battling childhood cancer.



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Their legacy of courage and love will live on forever.



Because kids can't fight cancer alone...



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Address Service Requested



HELP US Help Kids with Cancer

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COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Gift made in honor of _____

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Please send notice to _____

- Angel Donor.....\$20,000
- Gold Ribbon Donor\$10,000
- Butterfly Donor.....\$5,000
- Candlelight Donor\$1,000
- Victory Donor.....\$500
- Champion Donor\$100

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

 CREDIT CARD # _____ \$AMOUNT _____

 EXPIRATION DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

SIGNATURE

Please mail completed form to:
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phone: 321.728.5600 | fax: 321.802.9707

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