

## Spring 2007

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## Adult Survivors Of Childhood Cancer Face Long-Term Health Problems

Children with cancer currently have survival rates approaching 80 percent -- a much better rate than adults diagnosed with the disease today, and a major improvement over survival chances for children diagnosed 20 and 30 years ago. But survivors of childhood cancer may face long-term health problems well into adulthood.

One of the co-authors of the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study is a long-standing pioneer in the field. Anna T. Meadows, M.D., and colleagues at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia were the first researchers to investigate the late effects of childhood cancer, starting in the mid-1970s. Dr. Meadows serves on the steering committee of the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS), which published the research, the largest-ever study of adult survivors of childhood cancer in the Oct. 12 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, the collaborative study drew on researchers from more than two dozen cancer centers throughout the U.S. and Canada. (You can read the full text of the NEJM article at this link:

**<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/355/15/1572?ijkey=Sn6GkR51P5ZA2&keytype=ref&siteid=nejm>**)

In comparing more than 10,000 adult survivors of pediatric cancer to approximately 3,000 of their siblings, the researchers found survivors to be more than three times as likely to have chronic health condition, and more than eight times as likely to have a severe or life-threatening condition. The incidence of these chronic conditions increased over time and did not appear to level off over the time span that was studied.

The long-term survivors, first diagnosed with cancer between 1970 and 1986, were particularly vulnerable to second cancers, heart conditions, kidney disease, severe musculoskeletal problems and endocrine abnormalities such as thyroid disease, osteoporosis and sterility. Female survivors were at higher risk than male survivors for chronic illnesses.

**One implication of the current study, said Dr. Meadows, is the need for continued medical surveillance of adult survivors of childhood cancer.** "Fewer than 20 percent of these patients are followed by an oncologist or at a cancer center, but they clearly have special medical needs and higher risks," she added. **There are currently 270,000 survivors of pediatric cancer in the U.S.**

Dr. Meadows is nationally recognized as an expert in treatment-related effects of children's cancer. Her studies in the 1970s and 1980s showed that brain radiation used to treat children with leukemia damaged the children's cognitive development and raised their risk of later brain cancer. That research helped to change medical practice, as physicians eliminated or reduced radiation doses to the head during treatment for childhood leukemia.

Because of such studies on treatment effects, and based on many clinical trials in pediatric oncology that have led to improved treatments over the years, Dr. Meadows predicts that children diagnosed with cancer since 1987 will have fewer chronic problems as survivors than the cohort analyzed in the current study.

The study was supported by a Department of Health and Human Services grant to the senior author, Leslie L. Robison, Ph.D., of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. The corresponding author of the study is Kevin C. Oeffinger, M.D., of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City.

*Note: This story was adapted from a news release issued by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and was published in a longer version at Science Daily, <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2006/10/061012184935.htm>*



## JOIN US AT THE DELITALIA booth AT FESTA Italia 2007!

McKee Farms Park, Fitchburg  
Friday, June 1 5 pm to midnight  
Saturday, June 2 11 am to midnight  
Sunday, June 3 10 am to 7 pm

DELITALIA, the Gourmet Italian Deli, 7854 Mineral Point Rd., is donating the profits from its Festa Italia booth to Capital Candlelighters. Our volunteers will be there to serve delicious Meatball Subs! Come enjoy all the sights, sounds, activities, great food & drink at the Festa!

THANKS TO DENNIS PUCCETTI AND HIS TEAM AT DELITALIA FOR SHINING THEIR LIGHT FOR KIDS WITH CANCER.

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**In Partnership with the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Candlelighters provides copies of the following cancer books to families in financial need.**

### **Book Request Form**

Please check the one book that best applies to your child's cancer diagnosis and submit to:  
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 498, Kensington MD 20895-0498

- ☐ *Childhood Leukemia: A Guide for Families, Friends, and Caregivers*, 2nd ed., Nancy Keene.
- ☐ *Childhood Cancer: A Parent's Guide to Solid Tumor Cancers*, Janes-Hodder & Keene.
- ☐ *Childhood Brain & Spinal cord Tumors: A Guide for Families, Friends, and Caregivers*. Shiminski-Mahar, Cullen, Sansalone.
- ☐ *Childhood Cancer Survivors: A Practical Guide to Your Future*. Keene, Hobbie, Ruccione.

Please Mail book to:

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

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

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

Email (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Shining Your Light For Kids With Cancer and their Families

*We are very grateful for gifts from these generous donors, January 1 to April 15, 2007:*

### Shooting Star Donors (\$1000+)

Madison Downtown Rotary  
UW Cure Kids Cancer Patient and  
Family Support Grant  
Agracetus employees  
EAGLE School of Madison  
Carl Traeger Elementary and  
Carl Traeger Middle School  
of Oshkosh

### Torch Donors (\$500 +)

Crop to Make A Difference  
Fundraiser  
Agracetus/Monsanto company  
Students of Our Lady Queen of  
Peace School, Madison  
Students of Abundant Life  
Christian School, Madison  
Students of Mazomanie Elementary

### Illuminator Donors (\$100 +)

Sandra and Curtis Bakk  
*In memory of Carol Abernathy*  
Joseph Guastella  
*In memory of Dick Henry*  
Treva and Reggie Beckius  
*In honor of Aaron Beckius*  
Capitol Indemnity  
Residents of Elizabeth Waters Hall

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Maria Goretti  
School, Madison

Madison Police Department employees  
Monroe Morning Optimist Club  
Tender Loving Care preschool, Oshkosh  
UW Peds Heme Onc staff  
West Side Optimists of Madison

### Shining Light Donors (up to \$99)

Waste Management employees- Madison  
Floyd Duranceau  
David Lafaurie  
Mika Selin  
Aashish Majethia  
Alexis Lubensky  
Busom Buddies Support Group  
David Creager  
Families of Kids Express Learning Center  
Lori Ploetz  
Marshall High School  
Madison-Monona Lioness Club  
Anonymous  
Georgia Spurgeon

### In-Kind Donors

Mad City Quilters Guild  
Agracetus/Monsanto employees' "New  
Diagnosis Bag" gift drive  
Debi Kennedy  
Quiznos Hilldale  
Chili's Restaurant  
Rolling Pin Bake Shop

Congratulations to all of you who worked so hard on the Million Penny Drive!



We collected over 910,000 pennies! That \$9,100 is going right into supporting kids with cancer and their families through books and information, Hero Beads, financial assistance with groceries, rent, car repairs, gas, etc., New Diagnosis bags, seasonal support gatherings and other activities. THANK YOU!

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## Hero Beads

Here's the current list of Hero Beads. Need to get caught up collecting your beads? Make a list of the procedures, tests and milestones you've experienced and bring them to the Capital Candlelighters office.

### Procedure/experience

Air Lift  
Biopsy Complete  
Birthday on Treatment  
Blood Culture  
Blood Draw  
Blood Transfusion  
Bone Marrow Aspiration  
Bone Marrow Transplant  
Cast  
Central Line in / out  
Children's Hospital bead  
Course of Chemo  
CT Scan  
Day Treatment  
Diagnosis  
Echocardiogram

### End of Treatment

Finger Poke  
Hair Loss  
ICU/PICU  
I.M. Injection  
Inpatient Admission  
IV Infusion  
Lumbar Puncture  
MRI  
Nuclear Med Scan  
Oral Med, new  
PET Scan  
Platelet Transfusion  
Port Access/ IV Placement  
Radiation  
Relapse

### Remission, No Evidence of Disease

Sedation  
Shunt insertion  
Stem Cell Harvest  
Surgery  
Total Body Irradiation  
TPN (IV nutrition)  
Travel Long Distance to treatment  
Tube Insertion (NG, G-tube, Chest tube)  
Ultrasound  
X-Ray  
Wish Trip  
WOW Bead  
Years Off Treatment



## Spring Party Pictures!



### Dancing the Night Away!

1) Kids from Mazomanie Elementary raised nearly \$700 for the Million Penny Drive 2) A glow-in-the-dark tattoo on the forehead is always cool! 3) Showing off with the hula hoops 4) A beautiful girl in her party dress 5) Smile for the camera! 6) Doin' the Locomotion!



# Capital Candlelighters' Monthly Family Get-Togethers



## Support for Families of Children with Cancer

All families who have had a child on treatment  
are welcome to participate, free of charge

### *Upcoming Meetings:*

**Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Vitense Golfland**

**6 – 7:30 PM**

**Beltline Hwy at Whitney Way**

*Dinner served by the Green Tree Grill*

Come to the beautiful new facilities at Vitense Golfland

**\* Sharing and support time for parents**

**\* Volunteer-led games, activities, miniature golf and  
arcade play for kids and teens**

Capital Candlelighters . . . because kids can't fight cancer alone!

*Announcing. . .*  
**1st Annual Suzy Favor Hamilton Walk/Run to benefit  
Capital Candlelighters!**

**Sunday, October 14 9AM Warner Park - Madison  
5K, 10K Run and 5K Walk**

Hit the road with Suzy to support local kids with cancer!



Suzy Favor Hamilton

Grandparents, friends, church groups and school classmates can walk or run to show their support for kids with cancer!

- 3 time U.S. Olympian
- 7 time U.S. National Championships
- 14 All-American Awards

All runners and walkers will have the opportunity to raise pledges and form teams in honor of a child with cancer. Registration materials will be available through the Capital Candlelighters' office, or you can register online through Active.com.

**More Details Available Soon!**

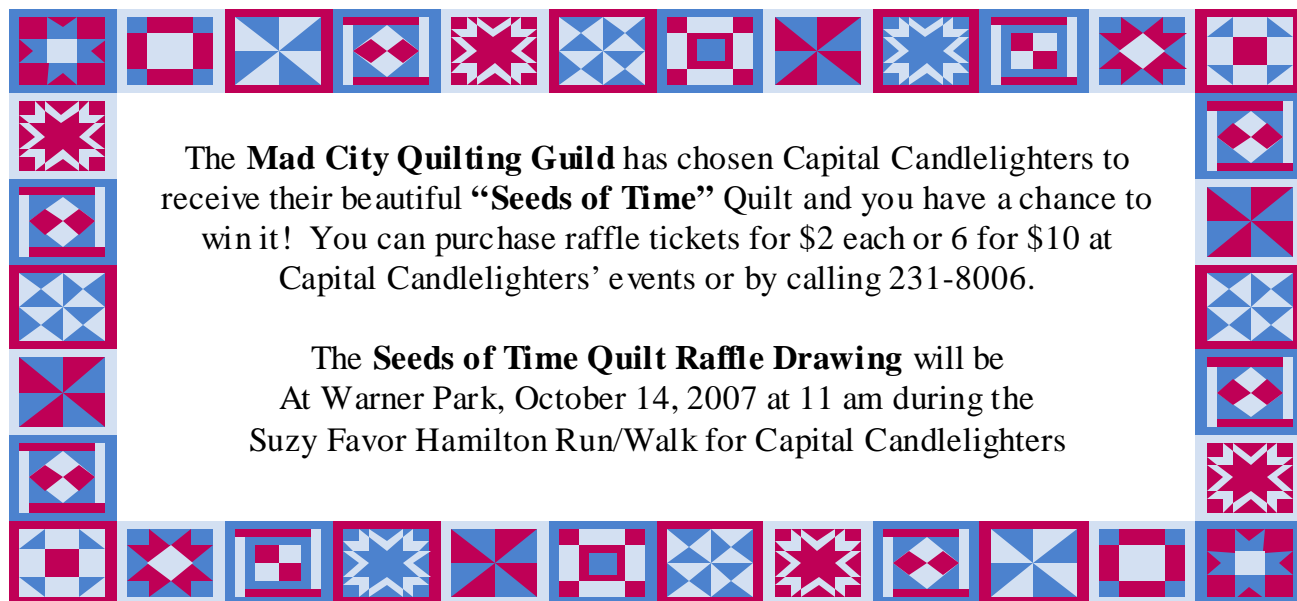
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**Support Candlelighters through your workplace giving program!**

--Write in "**Capital Candlelighters**" to support local kids with cancer through your **United Way donation**.

--**Federal employees:** Support childhood cancer advocacy and research by contributing to our national parent organization, **Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation**, through your donation to the **Combined Federal Campaign**.





## May Day at Chili’s To benefit Capital Candlelighters!

Clip the voucher to the right and present it at Chili’s East Towne or Chili’s West Towne on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Capital Candlelighters will receive 10% of your purchase to help kids with cancer in our area! An easy, fun and delicious way to give your support!

You may reprint as many of these certificates as you want and give them to family and friends.



Thank the folks at Chili’s while  
you’re there!



## Pepper Profit Program

Bring this voucher when you visit the **Chili’s** locations identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

### Capital Candlelighters

Group/Charity

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili’s restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

**7301 Mineral Point Road**

**608-833-8851**

**4344 East Towne Blvd.**

**608-242-9300**

Chili’s Location/Telephone

## News From the Capital Candlelighters' Office

***Planning for Summer Picnic, 2007!*** Make plans to come to Elver Park on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> for our annual Summer Picnic! There will be food, fun and foolishness from Noon to 3 pm and we want YOU to be part of it!

***Madison Rotary Foundation Grant:*** Our request for funding for emergency financial assistance for families of children and teens with cancer has been approved by the Madison Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. The Foundation will reimburse Capital Candlelighters for \$2,800 of direct assistance we provide to families during 2007. We expect to help families with urgent expenses of at least \$23,000 this year.

### ***Outside Fundraisers Planned to benefit Capital Candlelighters:***

- September 29, 2007    **Sugar River Bike Tour** sponsored by the Optimist Club of Brodhead. This wonderful fall tour is a great chance to get out on your bike in the beautiful hills of Green County. Proceeds benefit Capital Candlelighters and the UWHC Cancer Center. Visit [www.sugarriverbiketour.org](http://www.sugarriverbiketour.org)
- September 30, 2007    **Italian Golf Classic** at the Sun Prairie Country Club, sponsored by the Italian Workmen's Club of Madison. A great lunch and dinner, a fun day of golf, raffle prizes and more! Find out more at [www.iwcmadison.com](http://www.iwcmadison.com)
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*My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.*

~Mark Twain

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.  
If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

~HH The Dalai Lama

You don't choose your family.  
They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.

~Desmond Tutu

*Please help us help kids with cancer and their families!  
Gifts to Capital Candlelighters are fully tax-deductible*

## Donation Form

\*\* Please type or print legibly. We want to make sure we have your correct information. \*\*

### Your Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Please include me in mailings for other Candlelighters activities: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(NOTE: Capital Candlelighters does not sell or share mailing lists or other personal information.)

### Support Levels and Payment Options

☐ Shooting Star – Greater Than \$1000.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Beacon - \$1000.00 ☐ Torch - \$500.00 ☐ Candelabra - \$250.00

☐ Pillar - \$150.00 ☐ Illuminator - \$100.00 ☐ Shining Light - \$5 to \$99 \_\_\_\_\_

Gift made In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Options

☐ Personal check or money order. payable to Capital Candlelighters

☐ Cash

☐ MasterCard or Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail the completed form with donation to:  
Capital Candlelighters, 517 N. Segoe Rd, PO Box 258133, Madison, WI 53725  
Please do not mail cash.*

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