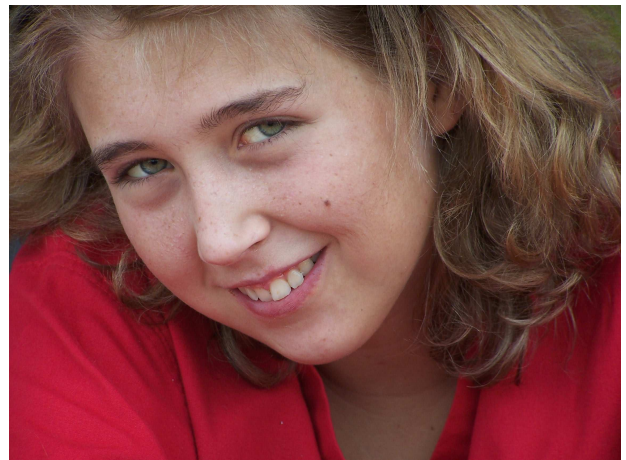


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What Does ONE MILLION Look Like?

From March 1 to 31, 2007

Capital Candlelighters will be gathering pennies.

We're going to try and collect ONE MILLION PENNIES to fund support for area kids with cancer and their families. Stores, restaurants, schools, churches and civic organizations will have penny jars out during March—and you can help!

Frequently asked questions:

Q: Will you only accept donations in pennies?

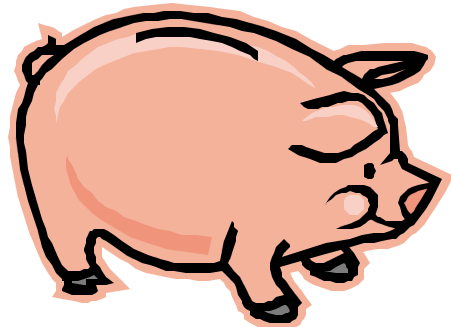
A: Heck, no! We can easily turn any size contribution into pennies!

Q: Can my school, church or business take part in the penny drive?

A: You bet! If you want to collect pennies for a day, a week or the whole month, we'll provide you with jars and fliers. We can help with incentives for schools that want to have a competition between classrooms. Call the office at 608-231-8006 to let us know what you need.

Q: Where can I bring my pennies?

A: Call or e-mail the Candlelighters' office and we can work out getting them from you, or you can bring them to the Penny Tallying Party on March 31st!



**LET'S GET THIS
PARTY STARTED!**

Million Penny Celebration!

**Saturday, Mar 31
6:00 to 8:30**

**Madison West High
School Cafeteria**

30 Ash Street (Regent and Ash)

**Dance, play games, enjoy refreshments
and help us count our pennies!**



Shining Your Light For Kids With Cancer and their Families

We are very grateful for gifts from these generous donors, October to December, 2006:

Shooting Star Donors (\$1000+)

Optimist Club of Brodhead
donated \$1810 raised at
their annual Fall Bike Tour

Italian Workmen's Club
donated \$1100 raised at
their annual golf outing


Beacon Donors (\$1000)

Abuelo's
Mike and Cynthia McKenna
Family Fund
Kristin K. Cook/KC's Designs

Torch Donors (\$500 +)

Vitense Golfland
UW Health
Jim and Kim Gilmore Family

Candelabra Donors (\$250 +)

Chad and Kristin Casey 
In honor of their wedding
Steve and Elaine Hathaway

*Ben Luskin asked friends to
celebrate his 11th birthday by
contributing to Capital Candlelighters
in lieu of gifts.
Thanks, Ben!*

Pillar Donors (\$150.00 +)

Mary R. Davidson
Karen Schlageter
Dr. Diane Puccetti
In memory of Molly Sanders
Morning Monroe Optimist Club

Illuminator Donors (\$100 +)

Scott and Kim Fredrickson
In honor of Jared Fredrickson
Tom and Sharon Lundgren
In memory of Matthew Lundgren
Peggy and Jim Possin
Boston Store West Towne

Shining Light Donors (up to \$99)

Wayne Bollinger
Alliant Energy Foundation, Inc
Matt Collins
Kicks Unlimited/Jason Huett
Kathie Thorson
Daniel Portenlanger
Vijaya Chandran Ramasami
Joyce Lee
Girl Scout Troop 810
The Burow Family
In memory of Ryan Burow
Rebekah Phillips
In memory of Alison Miller
Paul and Sherie Sondel
Jim and Marcia Egle
Barb Jacobson
In honor of Jenni Jacobson

What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do

How to help families with a child in the hospital

By the Family Advisory Board, Children's Mercy Hospital of Kansas City

Offer to run errands: get groceries to keep the perishables in date, run siblings to daycare, school or extra curricular activities, veterinarian visits, dry cleaning

Provide child care for siblings at home, or other types of sibling support such as "care packages" or special outings.

Prepare meals for freezer or for quick fixes for the family at home.

Help with household chores such as watering plants, mowing the lawn, cleaning house, walking dogs, collecting mail and laundry.

Keep info-phone-chain, if requested. Help keep the patient's extended family and friends up to date on the patient's condition so the hospitalized family isn't barraged by concerned callers.

Offer a shoulder and an ear – but not advice unless requested.

Help with seasonal activities such as holiday shopping, birthday shopping, gift wrapping, card sending.

Give parents/caretakers a "time out." Offer to sit with patient so parents can step out and have lunch, time alone, or time to clear their minds.

Clip and share with family and friends!

CROP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SCRAPBOOKING FOR A CAUSE!

APRIL 14 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUN PRAIRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 North St. Sun Prairie, WI

- 8 HOURS TO CROP and STAMP! \$30 IF PAID BY APRIL 4TH OR \$35 AT THE DOOR.
- REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS with BREAKFAST PASTRIES
- 2 IDEA BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- GENEROUS WORKSPACE
- TOOL & IDEA CENTER WITH CONSULTANTS FROM CREATIVE MEMORIES (Amy Frank) & STAMPIN' UP! (Tracy Filter)
- MANY GIVEAWAYS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
- LUNCH PROVIDED
- SCRAPBOOK GARAGE SALE (Donations are greatly appreciated to make the Garage Sale fun!)

Register to assure your spot! Send your name, address, email and phone with a check (payable to Capital Candlelighters) to:

*For more information, call Jane at 837-8577
or email kahlja (at) charter.net*

**Crop Event/Kahl
626 Ruxton Ridge Dr.
Sun Prairie, WI 53590**

Scenes from the 2006 Holiday Party!



Greetings from Capital Candlelighters' President Jim Gilmore

January 24, 2007

Dear Friends:

2006 was a great year for Capital Candlelighters. Because of our generous supporters, we were able to provide information and assistance for the families that we serve. Helping these families presents itself in so many ways whether it be supplying New Diagnosis bags, gas cards or phone cards, helping a mother to buy a used car so she can bring her daughter to and from Madison for treatments, working with a school nurse to ease a child's transition back to school, helping a family with rent or car repairs, offering holiday gifts and good cheer to kids and families on the rough road of cancer treatment, providing grocery assistance, paying an overdue utility or pharmacy bill - the list goes on and on.

We have a busy 2007 planned. We will once again be hosting the HBO Golf Tournament this coming August. Because of our sponsors and over 90 participating golfers, we raised over \$16,000 in 2006! This spring we will be attempting to raise over \$10,000 with our "Million Penny Drive" when we approach local area schools to pitch in and support our cause. And finally, we are planning a Capital Candlelighters "Walk/Run" some time next fall.

In addition to this, we will be hosting nights for parents who need to get away and find support speaking to others who are facing the same challenges, and we'll be throwing a DJ party for families on March 31st as well as our traditional August summer picnic, an event that all our families enjoy year after year.

We always welcome support from those who would like to volunteer for any one of these events. Or, if you have an interest in joining our board, I would love to talk with you.

Thank you for all you do for us year after year. Because of you, we are able to provide critical assistance to these families who are going through a difficult stretch in their lives.

Here's to a great 2007!

Warmest Regards,

Jim Gilmore
President



The staff of Agracetus of Middleton dedicated their winter party fundraiser to help kids with cancer in south-central Wisconsin. They collected toys, books, gift cards and comfort items for our New Diagnosis Bags and over \$2500 in cash donations! Their parent company, Monsanto, will also match some of the monetary donations.

(We'll have a full list of contributors from Agracetus in our Spring newsletter.)

Italian Workmen's Club of Madison Raised \$1100 for Capital Candlelighters at their 2006 Golf Classic



Italian Workmen's Club
of Madison

The Italian Workmen's Club of Madison is a dedicated partner in supporting kids with cancer and their families!

Join us for Capital Candlelighters' Monthly Family Get-Togethers

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, March 7th

Vitense Golfland

Wednesday, April 11th

6 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 2nd

5501 West Beltline Hwy (at Whitney Way)

Dinner from the Green Tree Grill

Sharing and support time for parents

Games, activities, indoor miniature golf and arcade play for kids and teens

“Sharing kindness is kindness doubled; a burden shared is a burden halved”

You can 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**.



With the past, I have nothing to do; nor with the future. I live now. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Capital Candlelighters – Some Highlights of 2006

More direct assistance to families than ever before, both in dollars and in numbers of families:

Assistance to families struggling to pay for groceries, car repair, rent, utility bills, travel expenses, medicine co-pays, prescription orthotics/prosthetics,

Families served through support phone calls, help with local resources, social events, informational materials and books, retreats, emergency assistance, gas cards and phone cards from: 30 Wisconsin counties and 4 Illinois counties.

UW Pediatric Heme-Onc Hero Bead Program: Begun in May, 2006, this has been a successful collaboration between the Peds Heme-Onc Department and Capital Candlelighters. Kids and teens receive a cord with a UW Hospital bead on it and the letters of their name. They continue to collect beads while in the hospital, at outpatient clinic and in day treatment that reflect the day-to-day pokes, medications and other hurdles they face as well as the milestones of diagnosis, testing and treatment like central line placement, hair loss, CT scans, air lift or bone marrow transplant.

Grants Received in 2006: Department of Justice Grant (Operating Funds); Cure Kids Cancer Coalition Patient and Family Support Grant (Hero Beads); Prescott Family Foundation Grant (Emergency Assistance); Bryant Foundation (Emergency Assistance); Mike and Cynthia McKenna Family Fund (Operating Funds).

Biggest Holiday Party Ever! (see page 6).



Welcome Sam Shaw, CPA to the Capital Candlelighters' board!



Sam Shaw and his lovely bride, Lindsay, volunteering at our summer picnic fiesta

Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.

~Benjamin Franklin

*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 _____

***** 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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Kent Emerson

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Samuel Shaw

Kevin Straka

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