



*Mission: Enhancing the lives of families of children with cancer by providing education and advocacy, emotional and practical support, and most of all.....HOPE*

### **Financial Assistance Policy**

In keeping with our mission, we at Candlelighters of the DC Metro Area understand that families may struggle financially due to the high cost of their child's treatment.

#### General Guidelines for Financial Assistance

1. Candlelighters of the DC Metropolitan Area provides financial assistance for families experiencing the challenges of childhood cancer. Support is provided to families for a variety of reasons including:
  - Basic living expenses such as rent/mortgage, utilities, or car repairs
  - Travel costs related to treatment and doctor visits
  - Pharmacy expenses
  - Funeral expenses
2. Families of any child diagnosed or treated with cancer on or before his/her 21st birthday are eligible for consideration.
3. Families of children living in or receiving treatment within a 50 mile radius of Children's National Medical Center, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Hospital or Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
4. Families are eligible for up to \$500.00 in financial assistance per fiscal year (January – December).
5. A copy of the bill or bills needing payment must be attached to the application.
6. Financial assistance application must be signed by the child's social worker or doctor.
7. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Financial Assistance Committee of Candlelighters of the DC Metro Area.

After you complete the application, please forward it to:

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