



## Fast Facts about Candlelighters

- Candlelighters is the only organization in the national capital region that provides programs and services exclusively for families of children with cancer
- 400 children will be diagnosed with cancer in the province of Ontario each year, 65 of those kids right here from our community ~ That is more than one child per week that will be diagnosed with cancer
- Only accidents will kill more children than cancer in Canada this year
- Candlelighters provided for 223 families in the year 2005 – a 64% increase over 2003
- Candlelighters provided short term financial assistance 89 times to families in crisis, through the Patient Amenities program – a 46% increase over 2004
- Patient Amenities provides funds for families in financial crisis, with assistance in covering the costs associated with funerals, caregiving, groceries and travel costs to name a few things
- The Parking Program, which provides parking passes to offset the cost of bringing their child to the hospital for cancer treatment and appointments, was utilized 225 times
- CyberKids places laptop computers with school age children to help bridge the gap between schoolwork and friends during long absences from the classroom
- 25% of children diagnosed with cancer will not survive 5 years
- YOU can help...visit [www.candlelighters.net](http://www.candlelighters.net) today!