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# CandlelightersConnections

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## Families That Shine: The Stuckman-Baker Family



**Otto** Stuckman is a 5 year old who is described as hilarious, inquisitive, bright and witty, very loving, and vivacious. All characteristics that make him the incredible cancer fighting superhero he is. His energy, spark, and bright

shiny smile would never lead you to believe that he is currently fighting stage IV Neuroblastoma.

In January of 2016, life changed for the Stuckman-Baker family. Dad, Brandon, Mom, Emily, and Stepdad, Thomas, all had to

figure out a new normal. Emily says:

“When Otto was diagnosed, we were all devastated. It was incredibly frightening to think that our only child was fighting for his life just a few short weeks after he was happily enjoying the holiday season. I have given up my full-time job to be Otto’s primary caregiver, and we have had to make some changes so that we can be ready to go at a moment’s notice in the event that he becomes ill between chemo cycles. It has also changed things in interesting ways that are positive for Otto; because of his intensive care needs, we have become more of a blended family.”

After completing seven rounds of chemotherapy and undergoing two surgeries, Otto is still in the middle of his pediatric oncology journey. There are several more types of treatment on the horizon for Otto including intravenous radiation therapy, a stem cell transplant, and further radiation and antibody therapy. However, if all goes well, Otto should be finished with treatment the summer of 2017.

Here at Candlelighters, we love seeing Otto and family enjoying dinners at Doernbecher together, and can’t wait for Fridays to see



*Otto and his mom, Emily*

which snack Otto will snag off the Snack Cart. But most importantly, the strength of this family and true resilience and bravery has shown us that cancer truly won’t win. We could not agree more with what Otto’s mom, Emily said:

“We hope for Otto to come through this journey with the same sunny personality and zest for life that has always been a hallmark of who he is as a person. Otto is a fighter and we stay positive with him. He has already undergone so much and has been so brave. He takes on each challenge with determination and a cheerful disposition.”

Keep fighting, Otto!

Candlelighters For Children With Cancer publishes *CandlelightersConnections* six times a year to provide news and other information to families affected by cancer in Oregon and SW Washington.



### Our Mission:

To provide support, education, advocacy and hope to all children and their families affected by childhood cancer in Oregon and SW Washington.

# UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

For more information on these events, make sure to check our website: [www.4kidswithcancer.org](http://www.4kidswithcancer.org)

## STATEWIDE

**September 3rd – 5th**  
Candlelighters Family Camp  
Camp Harlow, Eugene

## PORTLAND METRO

**September 7th**  
Dinner at Doernbecher  
(inpatient families)  
Playroom 10S  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**September 13th**  
Lunch at Randall  
Children's Hospital  
(inpatient & clinic families)  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**September 14th**  
Parents Night Out!  
Clyde's Prime Rib  
5474 NE Sandy Blvd  
Portland OR, 97213  
6:00 p.m.

**September 21st**  
Dinner at Doernbecher  
(inpatient families)  
Playroom 10S  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**September 28th**  
Lunch at Randall  
Children's Hospital  
(inpatient & clinic families)  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**October 2nd**  
Pumpkin Patch  
21975 SW 65th Ave  
Tualatin, OR 97062  
10:00am – 11:30am (Check-In Time)

**October 5th**  
Dinner at Doernbecher  
(inpatient families)  
Playroom 10S  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**October 11th**  
Lunch at Randall  
Children's Hospital  
(inpatient & clinic families)  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**October 19th**  
Dinner at Doernbecher  
(inpatient families)  
Playroom 10S  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**October 22nd**  
14th Annual Harvest of Hope Gala  
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower  
6:00pm – 9:00pm

**October 25th**  
Lunch at Randall  
Children's Hospital  
(inpatient & clinic families)  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## MID WILLAMETTE VALLEY

**September 18th**  
Clean and Sober  
Motorcycle Fundraiser  
Boy Scout Council Office  
2525 MLK Jr. BLVD  
Eugene, OR 97401  
11:00am – 1:00pm

**September 21st**  
Mom's Night Out  
Chapala's Mexican Restaurant  
6:30pm

**October 1st**  
Horseback Riding  
Pacific Equestrian Center  
Springfield

**October 12th**  
Mom's Night Out  
Olive Garden for Never Ending Pasta  
6:30pm

**October 23rd**  
Pumpkin Patch  
Thistledown Farm  
TBD

## CENTRAL OREGON

**September 1st – 30th**  
Scavenger Hunt

**September 30th – October 1st**  
Civil War on Odell Lake  
Odell Lake, Oregon

**October 8th**  
Pumpkin Patch  
3836 NE Smith Rock Way  
Terrebonne, OR 97760

## SOUTHERN OREGON

**September 10th -17th**  
Ride for a Child  
Visit Cycle Oregon for Rider Schedule

**September 16th**  
Ride for A Child "Ride Out"  
All honored kids will be there  
Glendale, OR  
TBD Info coming soon

**September 24th**  
To Light The Way Lantern Walk  
6:00pm

## Candlelighters Welcomes Ben Tallman to our Board of Directors



**Ben Tallman** is a Serial Technology Entrepreneur, who began training for his career as a successful father of three when he and a friend launched a technology consulting firm in Portland more than 20 years

ago. Later he was instrumental in starting eVineyard, which became wine.com, which lead into the world of Enterprise Consulting, life as a CIO, and more. When he isn't busy chasing his three kids from one event to another, he enjoys spending time with his family, skiing, boating and cooking. These days he handles Strategic Projects and focuses on Information Management for Apigee Corporation.

Ben and his family had a family friend who was touched by childhood cancer, and this is their way of giving back.

## CANDLELIGHTERS STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Jackie Groah  
503.719.4244 / [Jackie@CandlelightersOregon.org](mailto:Jackie@CandlelightersOregon.org)

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## Pumpkin Patch

### Come and join us at the Pumpkin Patch!!

We will be hosting a fun day for Candlelighters families at Lee Farms in Tualatin. There are lots of fun activities to do, baby animals to see, and yummy treats to be tried!

#### Sunday, October 2nd

10:00 p.m- 11:30 a.m  
Lee Farms  
21975 SW 65th ave  
Tualatin, OR 97062

and a homemade doughnut in the tent right behind the barn and hang out. We will be gathering from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., so make sure you stop by!

Check in will be at 10:00 am and will be done at 11:30 am, so make sure you check in within that time frame or we will not be able to get you an activity bracelet and voucher. Look for the Candlelighters check-in outside of the admissions gate!

We also have a party space this year! Come grab some apple cider

**To register, please contact Karsen at 503.719.4244 ext. 3 or Karsen@CandlelightersOregon.Org and provide the first and last names of adults/guardians, and the names and ages of each child attending.**

**\*THIS EVENT IS FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY!**



## Family Camp

**Family Camp is happening in September!**

We are happy to host around 300 family members from all over Oregon and SW Washington in a fun filled Family Camp weekend. Check back to our website for upcoming photos of all the fun!



**To RSVP for events in the Portland Metro, please contact:**  
Program Director—  
Karsen O'Bryan  
503.719.4244 ext. 3  
Karsen@CandlelightersOregon.org

### Please provide the following information:

- Parent/Guardian's first and last name (spell last name if leaving a phone message)
- Name, and age of each child attending from your immediate family
- Contact number in case we need to reach you

## Parents Night Out!

### Wednesday, September 14th

Clyde's Prime Rib  
5474 NE Sandy Blvd  
Portland, OR 97213  
6:00 p.m.

for a meal free of worry and stress and connect with other parents. This night is for PARENTS ONLY, so please arrange childcare for your night out!

**To register, please contact Karsen at 503.719.4244 ext. 3 or Karsen@CandlelightersOregon.Org. If you RSVP but are not able to make it, please let us know so we can coordinate appropriately. We hope to see you there!**

Enjoy a night out on us! We're hosting a free dinner for parents of children actively in treatment, up to 7 years in remission and 7 years bereaved. Candlelighters will pay for a non-alcoholic beverage and a main course. Join us

**To RSVP for events in the Mid-Willamette Valley, please contact:**

Mid-Willamette Valley Co-Chairs –  
Mary Lou Bradley: 541.687.0697  
email: mloubradley@comcast.net  
or

Robyn Thompson: 541.343.4528  
email: adome45@q.com

**Please provide the following information:**

- Parent/Guardian's first and last name (please spell last name if leaving a phone message)
- Name, age, and gender of each child who will be attending from your immediate family
- Contact number in case we need to reach you



## Relay for Life

The Relay for Life was earlier this year so we missed some families, but those that were there had a great time. Once again, our families were treated to a pizza dinner courtesy of **Delta Delta Delta sorority's alumnae group**. They have supported us for years at the Relay. Thank you **Sue Douglas** and **Karen Pritchard** for making the arrangements and delivering the pizza. Thank you **Garry Weber** and **Roaring Rapids Pizza** for providing the pizza. Much

to the kids delight, we were joined at the Survivors Lap by many Super Heroes. The kids were cheered and applauded as they proudly carried our banner around the track. Families made an evening of it as there was much going on at the Relay.

A huge thank you to **Bert Harrison** and his son **LB** for helping set up our site at the Relay. As always, our site highlighted our kids, with a lot of people stopping by to take a look.

## Fishing on the McKenzie River

For the 5th year, many of our kids got to spend a day on the McKenzie River fishing. The day began with a warm breakfast, prepared by the **Northwest Steelheaders**. They got up before the sun to be sure we had a good breakfast before spending the day on the river.

Again this year, athletes from the **University of Oregon's "O Heroes"** program and **Oregon State University players** from the **"Beyond Football"** program were there to spend their day with the kids! Any rivalry between the two schools was set-aside for this day. For the athletes, this day was never about them, it was all about the kids, and they made sure the kids knew that. They really spent time getting to know the kids and their story. **Thanks goes out to the many athletes from OSU, representing football, baseball, women's rowing, swimming and basketball. From the UO, we had athletes representing football, women's basketball and soccer. Kudos to these student/athletes for being some of the classiest young people I know and really making this all about our kids!**

Each child was paired up with their very special athlete and an expert

river guide from the **McKenzie River Guides Association**. This year we had guides from outside the organization also join us on the river. These guides donated their time and expertise to ensure each child was safe, along with sharing their tips for catching fish.

Once in the drift boats, we were off and it didn't take long to get the lines in the water! It took 20 boats to carry us all down the river. While it was fun to spend time on the river, catching fish delighted the kids. It became a bit of a competition by the end of the day to see who caught the most fish. But most importantly... everyone had fun!

Thank you **Mark Stafford** and **Marv Leake** of **Stafford Video** for keeping the cameras rolling all day long! When Mark is finished, each child will get a video to remember this special day. We were also joined by a local news team from **KVAL news** and there was a great story on the news that night.

But, lastly, I must thank **Jim Martin** and **Don Adams** once again for making this trip possible. Without their hard work and hours and hours of time spent putting this all together, it wouldn't have happened. THANK YOU!





# MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### September 18th

#### Clean and Sober Motorcycle Fundraiser

Boy Scout Council Office

2525 MLK Jr. BLVD

Eugene, OR 97401

11.00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This will be the 2nd annual fundraiser for our local group. Last year they

raised \$2000.00 for us! Come out for a fun day of games, barbecue, raffle and motorcycle rides! Support them as they raise money to support us!

### September 21st

#### Mom's Night Out

6:30 p.m.

Join us at Chapala's Mexican

Restaurant for our first MNO following summer off!

### October 1st

#### Horseback riding at Pacific Equestrian Center in Springfield

Join us for a fun afternoon riding horses. The stable has some wonderful horses to ride.

### October 12th

#### Mom's Night Out

6:30 p.m.

Olive Garden for Never Ending Pasta

### October 23rd

#### Pumpkin Patch

Thistledown Farm

2 p.m.

# CENTRAL OREGON

## Month of September

### September Scavenger Hunt - Contest

**ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we are having a Scavenger Hunt!**

For those of you who do not remember this event we introduced last year, don't worry, it is super simple. You just follow these steps...

- Find our posters that



amazing businesses have hung in their locations

- Take a selfie with the poster
- Friend us on Facebook
- Share your selfie with the location to be entered for the prize at that location.

Prizes may vary but will ALL be worth it! First person to post their picture at the location will be

entered twice for that location, so be watching!!! Follow our Facebook page to get tips and notices! HAVE FUN AND SPREAD THE WORD!!!

\*\*Scavenger Hunt will begin on Thursday, September 1st and will end on Friday, September 30th. All winners will be contacted by October 7th and will be given instructions how to redeem their prize. and SO MUCH FUN! Fair dates are August 3rd -7th.

**To RSVP for events in the Central Oregon Chapter, please contact:**

Central Oregon Chair –  
Angie Jeppsen  
541.233.8213  
CentralOregonCandlelighters@gmail.com

**Please provide the following information:**

- Parent/Guardian's first and last name (please spell last name if leaving a phone message)
- Name, age, and gender of each child who will be attending from your immediate family
- Contact number in case we need to reach you

## September 30th- October 1st

### Civil War on Odell Lake

ODELL LAKE, OREGON

Ducks kids VS Beavers kids, fishing contest! Love to fish? This is for you. Want to learn how to fish? This is for you! Like to say the word fish? This is for you!!! This is for everyone!

Prepare yourself for fishing, relaxing and SO MUCH FUN at the Odell Lake Lodge & Resort. An absolutely gorgeous location that

is reserved specifically for this event, EXCLUSIVELY for our families. Bring your camera... YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!

Lodging and ALL meals are provided! Be looking for your Evite (Online invitation).

THIS IS A FCFS EVENT. It is critical to RSVP in a timely manner. If you do not have an email or would like to receive information on this event



in another method, please let us know!



## FAMILY DAY AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Saturday, October 8th  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

DD Ranch  
3836 NE Smith Rock Way  
Terrebonne, OR 97760

It's that time of the year again and we have a great way to celebrate! DD Ranch, once again is opening their doors to our group and making Fall season a great one. Included in this event is 1 pumpkin per child, petting zoo, play area/obstacle course, lunch on location and unlimited fun!



**To RSVP for events in the Southern Oregon Chapter, please contact:**

Southern Oregon Chair –  
Ruth Staten  
541.301.8532  
SouthernOregonCandlelighters@gmail.com



## Game Day

The back to school Game Day on August 14th at the New Far East was a huge success!!

We had a packed banquet

room and everyone had time to talk and catch up before school starts back again. It was so nice to meet some of our new members and to assure them they aren't fighting alone!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24th, starting at 6:00PM, we will be hosting with Oncology Massage Alliance To LIGHT THE WAY LANTERN WALK. The walk will help shine a light on Childhood Cancer. Only non-open flame lights are allowed. The cost to walk is \$10, with 100% of the proceeds to be split between the two groups. Contact Ruth with any questions.

## Please provide the following information:

- Parent/Guardian's first and last name (please spell last name if leaving a phone message)
- Name, age, and gender of each child attending from your immediate family
- Contact number in case we need to reach you

# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES / FUNDRAISERS

## Ride For A Child

Ride For A Child celebrates the lives of children and families affected by childhood cancer, raising needed funds and awareness for Candlelighters For Children With Cancer for our 15th year! To date, our cyclists have raised over \$1.56 million dollars!

The 2016 Cycle Oregon ride, dubbed Go For Gold, takes cyclists along Oregon's Southern coastline.

Visit Cycle Oregon's website to see the 7-day route.

You are welcome to come out and cheer our riders or come out to the camp sites where our riders are staying each night.



Our riders support Candlelighters' honored children and their families. Honored children are currently undergoing treatment or have had cancer.

**RFAC "Ride Out"**  
Please plan to join us for our annual

Candlelighters Ride For A Child "Ride Out," where our Honored Children join the cyclists along the Cycle Oregon. The RFAC team and their honored child ride out together on a symbolic lap around the grounds celebrating our Honored Children and giving all the kids a chance to be part of Cycle Oregon. More information coming soon.

## Ride For A Child 2016 Honored Kids



# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES / FUNDRAISERS

## Superhero 5K Recap



Batman, Wonder Woman, Ironman, and Superman were just some of the many superheroes that showed up to support the SUPERHERO 5K at Cook Park.

With nearly 450 in attendance and perfect weather, fun was had by all on the course. After the race, the festivities continued with visits from therapy animals, an obstacle course, fire and police and photos with the Superhero Coalition. **The Old Spaghetti Factory** gave gift certificates to race winners and to every child who participated in the first-ever SUPERHERO Villain Chase.

A special thanks to our vendors: **City of Tigard, Kona Ice, Brenda Carlson, Haley Childers Photography, Columbia River Pet Partners, Mountain Peaks**

**Therapy Llamas, Portland Superhero Coalition, Willner Properties LLC at RE/Max Equity Group, TopGolf, Play.Fit.Fun, Road Runner Sports, Suja, Qdoba, Jamba Juice, The Bull - 98.7 KUPL, KOIN 6, Uberthons, Beth & Bethany Hope, ivivva, MediaWorks, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Dream Drives for Kids.**

And, a big thanks to our event donors: **Arctic Glacier** for donating water, **Bowery Bagels** and **Starbucks** for volunteer food and drinks, **Cosmos Creations** for puffed corn, **United Salad** for bananas and apples, and **Sarah's Cookies** for superhero cutout cookies and individually packaged chocolate chip cookies.

*The generosity of the following businesses made it possible to put on this year's event:*



CANDLELIGHTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

HARVEST OF HOPE

OCTOBER 22ND • HILTON PORTLAND & EXECUTIVE TOWER

## Looking for a simple way to give back to Candlelighters?

The 14th annual Harvest of Hope is scheduled for October 22nd at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower. This is our signature fundraising gala and we need your help to make it a success. Here are 10 simple ways:

- 10 Share the event on Facebook.
- 9 Ask your hairdresser, favorite restaurant or grocery store to donate to the auction. Print out a donation form from the website or call the office and we will send them out.
- 8 Volunteer 1-2 hours to help set up the silent auction event on October 22nd from Noon - 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Volunteer at Harvest of Hope. We need people to help with registration, during the silent and live auction, and at check out from 4:30 - 11:00 p.m.
- 6 Attend the event. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased online.
- 5 Spread the word! Tell your friends and family how meaningful Candlelighters is to your family.
- 4 Ask your employer to attend the event or support Candlelighters through sponsorship or a donation.
- 3 Thank the current sponsors for their support. Our goal of helping every child and every family battling pediatric cancer in Oregon and SW Washington starts with their INCREDIBLE support.
- 2 Give your newsletter to your doctor, physical therapist, and dentist so they can see all the programs and services we offer to families.
- 1 Continue coming to our events. We love to see our families supporting each other!

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## Yes! I want to make life a little brighter for a child with cancer!

Candlelighters For Children With Cancer is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extend allowed by law.

**Enclosed is my gift of:**

\$500     \$200     \$100     \$50     \$25     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:** Candlelighters For Children With Cancer.

**Send to:** 5440 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 125, Portland, OR 97221

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# Thank You!

Please cut and mail completed form to: 5440 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 125, Portland, OR 97221



## Volunteer With Us!

**We have so many opportunities available, please reach out if you're interested!**

*Please email:*

[Volunteers@CandlelightersOregon.org](mailto:Volunteers@CandlelightersOregon.org)

*or call:* 503.719.4244



## GOOD NEWS

**Do you have good news to share?**

**Let us know!**

*Please email:*

[Communications@CandlelightersOregon.org](mailto:Communications@CandlelightersOregon.org)

*or call:* 503.719.4244

**Remember to shop at Amazon Smile or credit your Fred Meyer Rewards to Candlelighters for an easy way to donate.**

## Update your contact information:

Send to:

[phil@candlelightersoregon.org](mailto:phil@candlelightersoregon.org)

if you have recently moved or changed email addresses.