

Candlelighters
Childhood Cancer Family Alliance

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Dear Ashley:


On behalf of the entire Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance I would like to express our most sincere appreciation for your involvement in our 2004 *Adopt A Family for the Holidays* program.

This year we had 109 families (nearly 500 individuals!) adopted by a 60 sponsors. Unfortunately, each year the number of families needing adoption grows. As I am sure you realize, this is a program that is not only significant for the adopted family but also for the sponsor. Once again 2004 sponsors included schools, church groups, companies, Candlelighters' families' off-treatment, and individuals. For so many families, the items provided by the sponsors were their only holiday gifts. Please know how grateful we and the families are for this support in the midst of trying times.

Candlelighters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. Our mission is to provide emotional, educational, and practical support to children with cancer and their families. We provide the majority of our emotional support through our Parent Consultant program. This is a unique program where Parent Consultants – all parents who have had a child with cancer – have daily, one-on-one interaction with families whose child is receiving treatment for cancer. We provide educational assistance through a quarterly newsletter, family teaching conferences, and workshops. Our practical support is provided in the form of parking expense assistance, meal passes to the hospital cafeterias, grocery gift certificates, and funeral expense assistance.

Thank you again for participating in our program and we hope that you will be able to participate in *Adopt A Family 2005*.

Sincerely,



Kathryn T. Jones
Interim Administrator

"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."