



## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023 | QUICK FACTS

- The American Childhood Cancer Organization estimates 15,780 children ages 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer each year in the U.S. That's about 1 in 285 children diagnosed with cancer before their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- About 20% of children diagnosed with cancer will not survive it. It is the leading cause of death by disease for children in the U.S.
- Most – about 95% of survivors of childhood cancer – will experience a significant side effect by the time they are 45 years old.
  - Children who have had chemo are 15% more likely to suffer congestive heart failure later in life.
  - Additional physical problems including secondary cancers; lung, dental, vision, hearing, and digestive problems; challenges with memory and learning; growth and development problems; and problems with reproductive and sexual health and fertility.
  - Emotional effects including anxiety and depression are common.
- Childhood cancer affects an entire family, with emotions such as anger and guilt impacting self-esteem, social interaction and overall functioning. Financial strain is also common.

### LOCAL RESOURCES

- Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation - <https://www.nvchildrenscancer.org/>
- Cure 4 The Kids Foundation - <https://cure4thekids.org/>
- Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation - <https://nvccf.org/>
- Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada - <https://www.candlelightersnv.org/>
- American Childhood Cancer Organization - <https://www.acco.org/>