

# Summer 2022 Newsletter

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## **The Inaugural Take a Swing at Childhood Cancer was a hit!**

Baseball fans and childhood cancer advocates joined together at Greater Nevada Field on June 22nd for an evening baseball extravaganza! Supporters played catch on the field where the Reno Aces play, got to shake hands and hear baseball stories from Mike Krukow, enjoyed an elevated ballpark dinner, and helped raise funds for northern Nevada's youngest cancer warriors. The homerun derby wowed spectators as local legends battled it out, and we ended the night with a spectacular fireworks show.

Local childhood cancer dad and Nevada Baseball Alum, Don Price, competed in the homerun derby and also took the stage to share his family's experience after his son, Brady, was diagnosed with leukemia and received support from NNCCF. It was an honor to have Brady in the house to help shag balls during the derby and even autograph a bat for our winner, Blake Lalli, who hit eight homeruns!



*Special thanks to Emcees Kirsten Moran and Chris Payne, Greater Nevada Field and the Reno Aces, our talented Homerun Derby participants, Mike Krukow, The Roberts Family, Washoe County Commission Chair Hartung, our amazing volunteers, and many community businesses and individuals who donated auction items.*

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## Jayden is on to new adventures!



Jayden is a funny and charismatic young man who beat cancer in 2019! He stopped by the NNCCF office for a visit recently to tell us all about his new adventures. He is a recipient of the Inspire Scholarship and is attending Western Nevada College for a degree in Fire Science. This summer he is volunteering as a rookie fire fighter for Carson City District BLM. We are so proud of Jayden and can't wait to see what fun lies ahead for him!

## Did you know about these ways to give?



AmazonSmile is a way to give to your favorite charitable organization every time you shop with Amazon. When you shop using AmazonSmile, you'll find the same Amazon storefront you know and love, with the added bonus that they will donate a portion of every purchase to the charity of your choice at no additional cost. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to get registered and select NNCCF!

The Smith's Inspiring Donations program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day; all you have to do is shop at Smith's and swipe your Shopper's Card. Visit [smithsfoodanddrug.com](https://smithsfoodanddrug.com) and sign in to select NNCCF under 'Inspiring Donations'!



## We hit a huge milestone!

NNCCF is dedicated to serving each family individually and strives to alleviate the financial and emotional strain that follows a cancer diagnosis. Since inception, the foundation has helped northern Nevada families with \$7 million in direct financial assistance.

We thank our community for your unwavering support of our youngest cancer warriors!



To view NNCCF's 2021 Annual Report, scan here!



## Community Partner Spotlight



On May 25th, the North Lyon County Firefighters put on a different uniform. The team took over as servers at the Black Bear Diner in Fernley, NV and graciously donated tips earned during the dinner rush! It was a blast to watch the community show up and put them to work.

When asked what they thought of the event they said, "We had so much fun working with NNCCF. It was our pleasure helping local children and their families in need during the worst times of their life. We look forward to making this an annual event! "

## "3, 2, 1, Ring that Bell Amelia!"

Amelia is a kind little girl who was diagnosed with leukemia at age four. She loves playing with her brothers and sisters, and especially loves dolls and playing dress-up. This little warrior princess endured three years of treatment and in July of 2022 she conquered her battle with cancer and rang the No More Chemo Bell surrounded by friends and family!

The Bell Ringing pays tribute to the hard journey Amelia has faced and is an important milestone signifying the end of treatment for her and her family.



## Thank you to our 2022 Annual Sponsors

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It's not too late to get signed up for one of our Signature Fundraising Events!

Email [jessicalee@nvchildrenscancer.org](mailto:jessicalee@nvchildrenscancer.org) to get registered today!

## Highlighting our Hero, Brooklynn

Brooklynn is a creative, kind 16-year-old girl diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma. Brooklynn, her mother, and her sister live in rural Nevada and travel to Reno for her weekly chemotherapy treatments. She recently had surgery to remove a tumor and is recovering with poise. Another year of chemo treatment and this beautiful soul will kick this cancer to the curb! This young lady is close with her family and is always wearing the prettiest earrings and outfits. She doesn't let her diagnosis get in the way of her fashion or positive attitude. She is always a joy to be around, and it's hard not to feel the warmth of her heart when she is near. This family has a difficult road ahead, but this young lady continues to battle cancer with grace and optimism.



## Staff Updates



Please help us congratulate Holly Aycock as she takes on the roll of Executive Director, we are thrilled to have her expertise and leadership. Holly joined NNCCF in 2021 after retiring from a 20 year career at the University of Nevada, Reno in the Athletics Department.

Also, please help us welcome back Brigette Cole as she returns to her role as Programs & Services/Assistant Executive Director after a year-long sabbatical full of travel and time spent with family- ask her about Italy next time you see her!



### **Save The Date!**

#### **Tournament of Hope**

August 29, 2022  
Montreux Golf and Country Club

#### **Arch Lighting Ceremony**

September 1, 2022, 6pm  
Reno Arch, 345 N. Virginia St.

#### **Dozers & Dirt**

September 24, 2022  
Rilite Aggregate Pit

#### **Natalia's Night**

September 28, 2022  
Various Locations