



## NEVADA CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION EDUCATION SERVICES

The Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation (NCCF) Education Services Program gives children diagnosed with cancer, sickle cell, HIV/AIDS, hemophilia, renal and immunologic diseases the opportunity to continue their education during their fight against disease. Services include direct, bedside, and classroom instruction and provide hope and normalcy in the lives of students facing the challenges that follow a life-threatening diagnosis.



### **NCCF IN-PATIENT CLASSROOM**

NCCF created the first in-patient classroom in the state of Nevada and the only one that is facilitated by a non-profit organization. The classroom is located at Sunrise Children's Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit and provides children, grades kindergarten through 12th, with direct instruction in a classroom setting. These education services are also provided to in-patient children at University Medical Center (UMC).

### **C.A.P.S. PROGRAM**

The Annual C.A.P.S. Ceremony celebrates students who have shown Courage, Achievement, Perseverance, and Success in the NCCF and Torino Foundation Education Services Program. This memorable event includes a presentation of honors and awards highlighting special achievements as well as a celebration with students, families, teachers, tutors and participants.

### **LEAN ON ME: KIDZ SUPPORTING KIDZ**

Shane and Valerie, our large puppets mastered by volunteers, visit area schools educating classmates and teachers regarding the challenges of a life threatening or chronic illness that their ill classmate faces each day.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL IN STYLE**

School supplies and new school clothes highlight the first day back in the classroom after missing 30 days or more of school due to illness.

### **NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING**

NCCF coordinates the services of a local neuropsychologist to identify cognitive and affective deficits caused by disease and/or treatment. The evaluation assesses memory, learning, language, social skills, behavioral and emotion functioning and more.

### **TUTORING PROGRAM**

Private and group tutoring is provided for all ill children and their siblings who need extra help with school work due to diagnosis and its ramifications.

### **ADVOCACY**

Advocacy is led by the Director of Educational Services who supports and facilitates school meetings (504, IEP, and parent/teacher conferences) to educate school staff on a child's medical, social and emotional needs to ensure a successful school setting.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

NCCF offers a variety of volunteer opportunities within the education program including volunteer tutors, teachers, hospital classroom activity specialists, and C.A.P.S. committee volunteers.

### **DONATIONS**

Please contact NCCF if you would like to donate back packs, gift cards (\$5 - \$25), computers, and school supplies for this program. Donations are needed and appreciated year round.

**Please call the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation at 702.735.8434 or visit [www.nvccf.org](http://www.nvccf.org)**

*Established in 1993, the Mission of the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation is to provide social, emotional, educational, and psychological support services and programs to families of ALL children diagnosed with life threatening or critical illnesses such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, sickle cell, hemophilia, renal disorders, and immunologic diseases and provide healing arts and wellness programs to adults touched by cancer.*