### Mission & Vision

**Mission:**
Candlelighters supports, serves and advocates for children and adolescents with cancer and other blood disorders, their families, long term survivors, bereaved families, and the professionals that care for them.

**Vision:**
- To link parent to parent, family to family, group to group
- To ease frustration and fears through sharing of feelings and experiences
- To exchange information on research, treatment and community resources
- To breakdown the social isolation of families
- To provide guidance in coping with childhood cancer’s effect on a child, parents, siblings and family
- To be an emotional support system of second families for each other

### Identified Needs of Agency

- Monthly activity programming to use in the clinic at the children’s hospital
- Increase community outreach
- Funding for new website
- Improve volunteer coordination methods
- Decrease barriers to social participation and events for Candlelighters’ members

### Goals of Experiential Component

I. Assist with designing, implementing, and facilitating a pediatric oncology clinic’s activity programming

II. Coordinate a social event while limiting barriers to social participation, promote accessibility, and educate/coordinate volunteers for the event

III. Educate team members in implementing the use of social media to promote social participation and promote increased awareness of services available to members

IV. Develop the skills needed to create an event or seminar that promotes social participation and accessibility, dissemination of information, and/or elimination of social/physical barriers

V. Submit a grant focused on expanding the organization’s media outreach in an effort to break down barriers to services for members and increase volunteer participation

VI. Develop the knowledge, roles, and skills necessary to operate and work with a non-profit organization

### Outcomes

| I. Developed monthly event programming in conjunction with Candlelighters and Diamond Children’s Hospital |
| II. Coordinated a fully accessible prom for kids with cancer, other life threatening illnesses, and their siblings |
| III. Educated team members on how to utilize/implement social media to increase social participation and community outreach |
| IV. Developed online volunteer and member registration forms |
| V. Applied for an Angel Charity for Children, Inc. small grant and received $6760 to develop and maintain a new website |

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