



The Brett Torino Foundation Education Services, a program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, has developed a number of education services designed to meet the educational needs of every child diagnosed with a life-threatening or chronic illness in Southern Nevada. The program provides a way for chronically-ill children to continue their education while receiving treatment and return to school with equal opportunity and any necessary accommodations required by law to aid them in the pursuit of their success in education and future goals.

Introduced in 2021, NVCCF's LEARNING POD is a service of The Brett Torino Education Services Program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation. In partnership with CCSD, this IN-PERSON learning program is facilitated by Nicki Klein-Richter, MA, M.Ed., full-time and multilingual NVCCF Education Supervisor, who is a licensed teacher with CCSD along with 26 years of classroom experience. The "pod" was created to support children who are in current treatment, experiencing effects from treatment, immune compromised, and unable to return to in-person or hybrid learning due to their diagnosis. The LEARNING POD operates MON – THUR, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants must be registered clients of NVCCF and must confirm their participation with NVCCF's instructor. Please contact "Mrs. K" at 702.735.8434 or at nicki@

nvccf.org for more information on this and other support services.

Named after its donor, the programs and services include the Brett Torino In-Patient Classroom, located at Sunrise Children's Hospital, tutoring, advocacy, transition services and more. Through these programs, licensed professional staff members work to ensure that each child is given the opportunity and support to succeed in their education.

How the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation Helps:

- Provide direct and bedside instruction in The Brett Torino Foundation In-Patient Classroom for students in-patient at Sunrise Children's Hospital
- Provide tutoring for school age critically ill children, their siblings, and for children whose parents are diagnosed with cancer
- Offer tutoring at several locations throughout the Las Vegas valley for students in need of supplementary instruction
- Attend school meetings to provide teachers and administrative staff with the facts on diagnosis and treatment and ensure accommodations and interventions are implemented and followed
- Support students as they re-enter the school setting: performing a puppet show designed to educate peers and teachers on the facts of diagnosis and treatment, the importance of embracing differences, and messages of anti-bullying

diagnosed with cancer as well as their caregivers. An oasis away from medical facilities, The Caring Place Program provides no-cost programs and services to support, educate and empower those who have or have had cancer as well as their direct caregivers.

Services are intended to assist in healing mind, body, and soul and are not a replacement for medical care. We are committed to improving your quality of life and helping you experience joy and peace.

Go to: nvccf.org for more



A Program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation

The Caring Place, an adult services program of NVCCF, is dedicated to easing the journey of those adults

Social Security (from page 4)

prepare for their financial future by signing in to their secure my Social Security account. If they don't have an account, they can create one at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO TELL US ABOUT CHANGES WHEN YOU GET SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

If you receive Social Security, you can help to make sure we pay you the right benefit each month. You can do that by telling us about relationship or other life changes that could affect your eligibility for retirement, survivors, or disability benefits – or the benefit amount.

You and your family may miss out on additional payments you may be due if you don't report changes to us in a timely manner. Or you may be overpaid benefits and have to pay us back.

What you need to tell us

To make sure you are paid correctly and receive the payments for which you are eligible, let us know right away if:

- You get married or divorced.
- Your spouse or former spouse dies.
- You become the parent of a child (including an adopted child).
- The child (or stepchild) who gets benefits on your record gets married.

- The child (or stepchild) who gets benefits on your record no longer lives with you.

Note: We will need the name and address of the person with whom the child is living.

How to report changes

We offer several ways to report changes:

Call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call your local Social Security office. Fax, mail, or deliver your updates to your local office.

You can use our office locator at www.ssa.gov/locator to find your local office.

If you get retirement, survivors, or disability benefits and need to update your address, phone number, or direct deposit, it's easy to make those changes using your personal my Social Security account www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Or you can use our automated telephone services at www.ssa.gov/agency/contact/phone.

Get the right check, in the right amount, at the right time, by reporting changes right away!

Please share this information with those who need it.

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knows only love, joy, and bliss. Your soul will help you to live with joy, especially if you understand that your attitude determines how you experience the world.

An attitude that creates joy is one in which you interpret what happens to you through the filter of joy. Your attitude is expressed in the words you use when you talk to yourself. Your thoughts and the way you see the world around you will determine your joyful life and your healing journey.

In conclusion, you might choose your nutrition wisely, exercise and do all the right things to favor your physical body health.

but, unless you treat your spirit by working on your self-esteem, reducing your judgment, and increasing your acceptance of people and situations, you are more likely to struggle to accomplish true healing.

