



# Brave Young Hearts

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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## Message from Papa Bear – President



Dear Friends,

One of the joys of preparing an annual report is that it gives us the opportunity to look back and be thankful for all that has been accomplished. The past fiscal year was filled with wonderful opportunities and many challenges. Some of the highlights were:  
6 Adventures provided and 3 fund-raising events.

Brave Young Hearts grants Outdoor Adventures to children with terminal or life-threatening diseases to provide a Chance at Normal!!!

Brave Young Hearts was incorporated on March 12, 2015, and was granted 501(c)(3) status May 3, 2016.

Brave Young Hearts offers a caring, fun, and positive environment for children fighting their battle with a terminal or life-threatening disease, away from the medical facilities, which fosters a sense of accomplishment and hope, gratification, builds memories, thankfulness, and promotes/reinforces self-respect and self-esteem.

Children with terminal or life-threatening diseases, spend so much time in hospitals and clinics. As a general rule, they miss out on what other children get to do as “normal”. For instance, wheelchairs, feeding tubes, suctioning machines, dialysis, and ventilators are these kiddos’ normal. Have you ever dreamed of taking a trip to somewhere really special? You plan and dream, and dream and plan, and as the day draws near, your excitement and anticipation make you feel like you’re going to burst! Then it happens,... and it’s everything you ever hoped it would be!!! The roller coaster effect: once you start the ride, you anticipate that first really big hill...and then... You’re off in a swoosh!!!! Excitement abounds!!!! As soon as the ride is over, you want to do that again!!

So it is with children that are enduring the fight against terminal or life-threatening diseases. Maybe, just maybe...they dream and plan and plan and dream of doing something special. This is the reason Brave Young Hearts exists, to grant an adventure, a chance at normal for these kiddos. What if, a child can receive that one opportunity to do that Adventure they have dreamed of?

Thank you!  
Papa Bear (Kerry Slaven/President)



# MISSION

***Focusing on Outdoor experiences, Brave Young Hearts provides Adventures to children with terminal or life-threatening diseases....for a "Chance at Normal"***



# VALUES

## **Brave Young Hearts Values:**

The values of Brave Young Hearts include the pursuit of the following principles:

**Possibility:** A chance at normal...offering our kiddos help, hope, and believing in them that they have the ability to accomplish their envisioned Outdoor Adventure.

**Commitment:** Build relationships and partnerships. Accommodate for the special needs of the child.

**Responsibility:** Brave Young Hearts will provide the best, safest Outdoor Adventure and will always go the extra mile for the smile.





# DEDICATION

*Brave Young Hearts is dedicated  
to the memory of .....*

***Bethany (Princess Buttercup) Slaven***



*Bethany Elaine Slaven*

*December 30, 2000 - August 31, 2005*

# BOARD MEMBERS



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**BRAVE YOUNG HEARTS**

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# Adventure Impact - Raegan

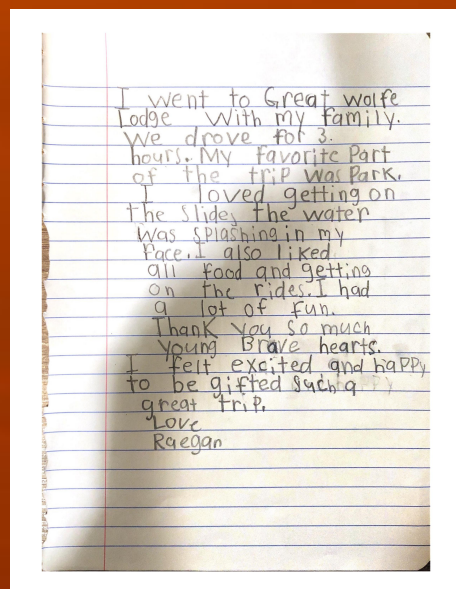
01 March to 04 March 2019

Great Wolf Lodge, Pocono Mountains, PA

10 year old Raegan, is fighting an indissoluble battle with Anaplastic ependymoma and Osteosarcoma of the skull. She lives in Maryland. Raegan wanted to go to the Great Wolf Lodge, and as it turned out, there is a Great Wolf Lodge not far from her home in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

The beginning of March and the Poconos are a winter wonderland of mountainous beauty!

Raegan, her Mom, Dad and 2 sisters stayed in the Majestic Bear Suite with a Balcony, and in addition to all the waterpark activities, had a Wolf Pass for everything that Great Wolf offers! A big splash-tastic time was had by all! Raegan really went off the deep end on this one!





# Adventure Impact - Matthew

26 to 29 May, 2019  
Plattsburgh, NY to Denver, CO

14 year old Mighty Matthew, for truth, justice and the American way, fights the villains Mitochondrial Complex I & III, and Gastrointestinal Dystmotility!

Matthew and his family flew all the way from Plattsburgh, NY to Denver, CO...the longest our Superhero has used his mighty cape!!!

Mighty Matthew and his family went to both Sea Quest and the Wild Animal Sanctuary.



# Adventure Impact - Macy

27 May to 01 June, 2019  
New York City

13 year old Gotham bound girl Macy, wages a battle with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS). Last year Macy was hospitalized over a dozen times with chronic pyelonephritis due to several complications of kidney disease. It was probably one of our most challenging years since transplant in 2011. Not only was it physically challenging, but even more so mentally and emotionally. Macy needed something positive to look forward to. The night before a very upsetting and life changing surgery we found out that Brave Young Hearts was sending Macy (and family) on a New York City Adventure. Just the thought was what Macy needed to push through and now here we are!!! We are so blessed to have some time away as a family enjoying Broadway and city life.





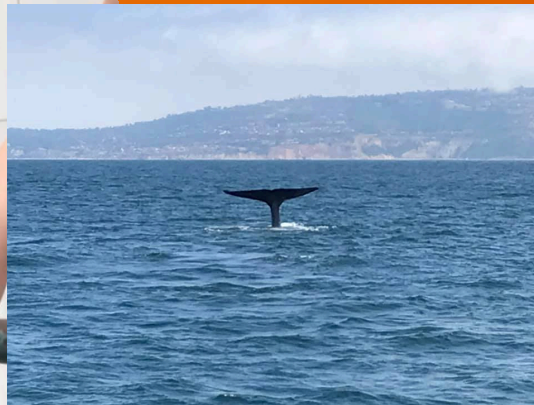
# Adventure Impact - Silas

01 June to 05 June 2019  
Whale Watching - Redondo Beach, CA

7 year old Silas, has been battling B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Silas wanted to leave North Dakota and head to California to see whales! And indeed he did!

9 Blue whales just on the first day!

Thank you, Brave Young Hearts. My Whale Watching Adventure was amazing. An experience I will always remember and cherish. My whole family loved the time together just being able to be a family, and not worry about my cancer treatments. You all rock!!  
Sincerely, Silas



# Adventure Impact - Paula

06 to 09 June, 2019

Georgia Aquarium-Great Wolf Lodge Atlanta

9 year old Paula had egregious altercations with Multiple Congenital Heart Defects and has had open heart surgery.

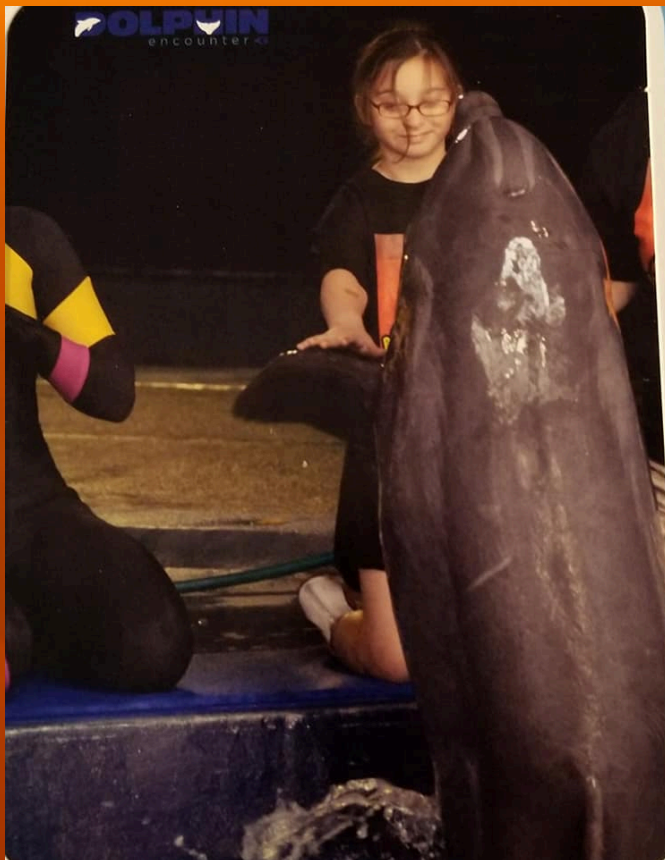
Paula and her family went to both Georgia Aquarium (Dolphin Encounter) and the Great Wolf Lodge in Atlanta.

Paula loves dolphins and this was the perfect beginning to what would be an amazing adventure!

Paula got to meet one on one with several of the dolphin trainers. They answered all of her questions about the dolphins as well as about the training you have to go through to become a dolphin trainer.

Finally, Paula was introduced to Sal, a 15-year-old dolphin.

He performed tricks for us, shook our hands and we got to touch him. We rewarded him with lots of fish and gelatin snacks.





# Adventure Impact - Christian

26 July to 30 July 2019

Deep Sea Fishing - Venice, FL

15 year old Christian has fought valiantly since age 9 months, against the dreaded Dark Leviathan...Sir Tumor of Brain, and wanted to go deep sea fishing.

Grouper and Mahi, some Amberjack as well. Big Fish, Great Time, and surely Christian will smell! Off to Venice to be on a boat, Not in Italy, but Florida, afloat. TNT and heavy tackle await. Hooks for the fish, they will not abrogate. Captain Tom and Trisha will treat you like a king. You'll be Deep Sea Fishing on a linguistic string!



# Adventure Impact - Chase

14 -19 August, 2019

Catfishin' & Shark Watchin' - Houston, TX

9 year old Chase, the Piscary Dude himself, is battling the monster of all fish...Acute Leukemia.

Chase and his family left North Dakota to go catfishing on Lake Conroe near Houston, TX...

Is it a cat or is it a fish?

When you catch it, does it go squish?

To Texas you'll go, where everything is big!

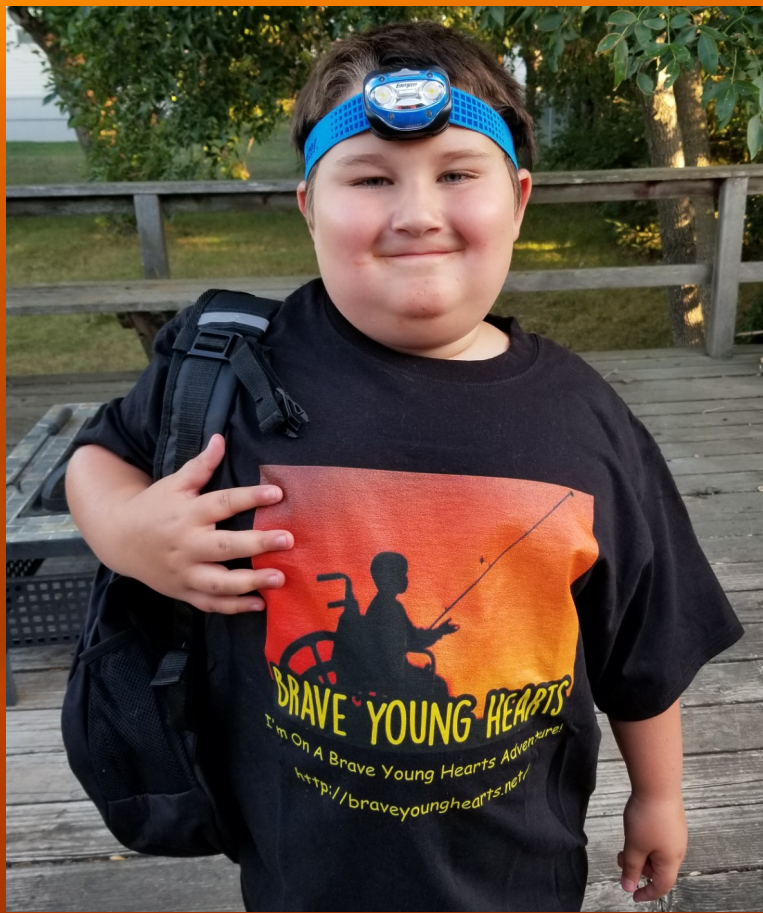
So-fish-ticated, and here's your rig!

Dolphinitely scale back, and see a shark

Luckily your cat will not bark!

Houston, there is no problem you see

Chase is coming, and mighty is he!





# Adventure Impact - Austin

18 to 22 August, 2019  
Atlantic Fishing, FL

7 year old angler, Austin, wages a battle with Mitochondrial Disease

Red Fish and Flounder, and Tarpon will be  
Austin & Isaac are off to sea Captain he is, and not even a grump

Amelia Island for the likes of you  
No pirates to fear and we're not even through

To J-ville you'll head, where tigers you'll see  
Lions and leopards, that's no hyperbole!

Feeding time you will observe  
Wild animals await you at the Preserve

Austin went to Amelia Island, FL., to fish with Captain Jeff Crumpton and Amelia Island Fishing Charters.

From there off to Jacksonville, FL., to go to the Zoo and Catty Shack with a personal tiger feeding experience!!!

We know what you're thinking.....NO...Austin was NOT the dinner!!!



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# Adventure Impact - Signe

13 September to 17 September, 2019

Rocky Mountain Adventure, Estes Park, CO

13 year old Signe, is impugning an aggregation of myriad maladies, including Cerebellar Ataxia, Dysautonomia, Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood (AHC), and Retracting Epilepsy, had a desire for a wilderness horseback riding Adventure.

Away to the Rocky Mountains clear  
To see Elk and Moose and Deer  
Maybe ride a horse or two  
And see a friendly ghost say “Boo”



# Adventure Impact - Andalyn

11 to 16 October, 2019

Mountain Escape, Winter Park, CO

9 year old Andalyn, crusades against Intestinal Failure & TPN Induced Liver Disease. Andalyn's Adventure request was for activities such as: archery, rock climbing, mini-golf, swimming, arts & crafts and mostly just to get away from doctors!

The colors of fall, high up in the hills  
Off to Winter Park, can you feel the chills?  
Archery and a rock climbing wall, Andalyn will do  
Maybe see some wildlife, it's better than a zoo

A visit to Snow Mountain, sans all that pesky snow  
Bring your coat, warm you'll be, even aglow  
And yet this autumn, don't fret, you can swim  
You'll be so excited, you'll sing out a hymn

Enjoy your time away, your mountain retreat  
Lovely colors will be, on your hands and your feet!  
A mani, a pedi, oh the things that await you  
The eminence of hinterland, it's a hullabaloo!





# Adventure Impact - On Deck

Early 2020

Sammy - Dogsledding - Leavenworth, WA  
Jesse - Snow Tubing - Poconos Mountains, PA  
Ella Joy - Wild Boar Hunt - Cook Station, MO



# 2019 FUNDRAISING

March 16, 2019  
**"A Chance At Normal"**

Twisted Pine Brewery donated 10% of all sales  
**+ Silent Auction**

## "A Chance at Normal"

Party with a Purpose to benefit Brave Young Hearts

**Beer, Bluegrass and Bargains!!!**

BRAVE YOUNG HEARTS PROVIDES OUTDOOR ADVENTURES TO  
CHILDREN WITH TERMINAL OR LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES....  
FOR A "CHANCE AT NORMAL"

**Twisted Pine Brewery**

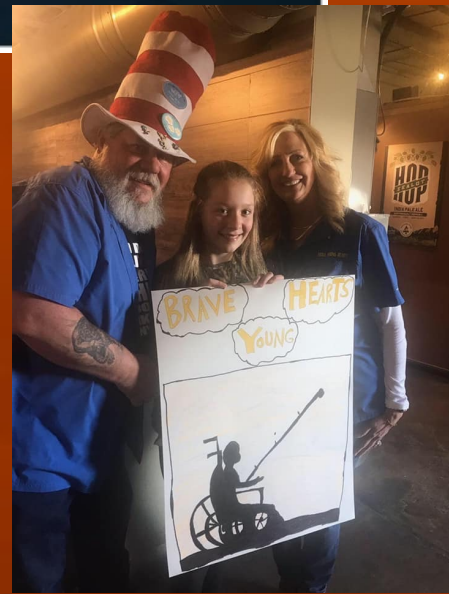
3201 Walnut St.  
Boulder, CO 80301



**Silent Auction! Door Prizes!!!**

**Saturday March 16, 2019**  
11:30 am 'til 10 pm

[www.braveyounghearts.net](http://www.braveyounghearts.net)  
For info, call 303-518-6420





# 2019 FUNDRAISING

June 16, 2019  
A Chance At Normal

Infected Racing Car Show



# 2019 FUNDRAISING

August 11, 2019

**Side By Side Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction**  
Great Guns – Nunn, CO

The 4th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Great Guns Sporting Clays, in Nunn, CO.

It was a great day for beginners and expert shooters alike!!! We had 105 shooters, with their families, and plenty of door prizes for everyone, shooting prizes, BBQ, and silent auction!!!





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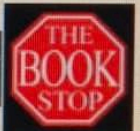
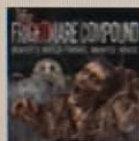
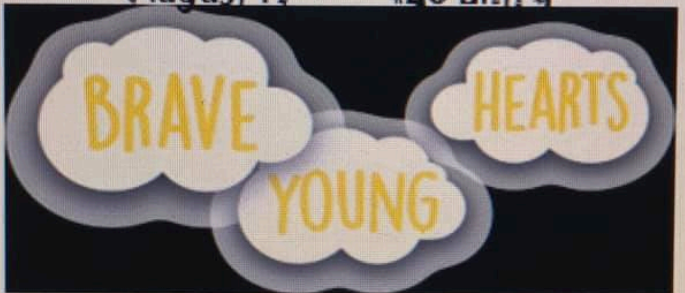
August 17, 2019

Infected Racing Poker Run



Start Time 12:00 pm At 10798 Yukon St. Westminster

August 17<sup>th</sup> \$20 Entry





# 2019 FUNDRAISING

September 28, 2019  
Pints With A Purpose





# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is an overview of Brave Young Hearts income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

**2019 Beginning Year Balance - \$56,568.16**

**2019 Total Year End Balance - \$41,921.07**

**2019 Contributions, Gifts - \$12,358.00**

**2019 Fundraising Income - \$31,849.83**

**2019 Less Fundraising Expenses - (\$12,256.85)**

**2019 Total Revenue - \$31,950.98**

**2019 Printing, Postage, & Shipping - \$524.76**

**2019 Adventure Expenses - \$52,608.68**

**2019 BYH Operating Expenses - \$4,534.53**

**2019 Total Expenses - \$57,667.97**

**2019 Net Income (Loss) - \$25,716.99**

# Funding Request

“When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.”

-Henri Nouwen

Would you please consider partnering as a sponsorship or making a donation?

Donations, sponsorships and grants help sustain our organization and benefit the community which we serve!!!

Brave Young Hearts will continue to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the community of children with terminal or life-threatening diseases. We hope that you will be able to take part in one or more of the many exciting events that we are offering this year and experience firsthand the pride we take in supporting our cause.

In order to meet our mission and provide services in our community, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals just like you, we wouldn't be able to serve those in our community each year.

Brave Young Hearts is seeking \$10,000 as a sponsorship or any portion underwritten for the 5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction to be held on August 23rd, 2020.

Brave Young Hearts is seeking grants that will help sustain us from \$25,000 - \$100,000.

Brave Young Hearts is also in need of quality in-kind items for the silent auction, door prizes, and of course....cash donations are always accepted!!!!

All funds will be used to provide Adventures, and donors will receive branding/positioning opportunities, recognition and the perception as a brand that gives back!!!!

**Is there an adventure that will be.... because of you?**

**Will there be a smile on a child's face and a memory created because of your partnering with Brave Young Hearts?**

It is with the greatest of gratitude, that I thank you in advance for joining with Brave Young Hearts!!!!

Sincerely,  
Papa Bear (Kerry Slaven/President, Brave Young Hearts)





**Brave Young Hearts is tax-exempt under section  
501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.  
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*Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

# In Memory

**Piper Liesel Waneka**  
**12/18/2013 - 10/19/2018**



“Then the child opened its eyes, and looked up into the angel's beautiful face, which beamed with happiness, and at the same moment they were in heaven, where joy and bliss reigned. The child received wings like the other angel, and they flew about together, hand in hand.”