



Brave Young Hearts

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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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Adventure Impact - Sammy

09 January to 13 January 2010

Dogsledding -Leavenworth, WA

12 year old Samantha “Sammy”, isn’t going to tap out or be held in submission by any Complex IV Mitochondrial Disease or Mycolconus! Sammy wanted to go on a Dogsled Adventure!!

If you have ever thought about what it would be like to be part of the Iditarod or dreamed of what it would be like to be on a sled behind a team of well trained and experienced dogs, this was it!

The 8 mile experience was like flying through the mountains!

Sammy also got the VIP tour at the Leavenworth Reindeer Farm.

Sammy and her family, got to feed, pet, and take pictures with these beautiful reindeer! (Woodland Caribou).

But wait, that’s not all! Then came the carriage ride with the giant draft horse!



Adventure Impact - Jesse

11 January to 19 January, 2010
Snow Tubing - Poconos, PA

9 year old Jesse, has affrayed against the two-headed tarragon, also known as open heart surgeries, throwing down the gauntlet with that dreaded Knight Tetralogy of Fallot!

Up, up, up, from the warmth and sunshine of Florida, to see snow for the first time in the Poconos!

And snow he got to see!!!!

Jesse enjoyed his Adventure at the Camelback Resort!!



Adventure Impact - Ella Joy

14 February to 17 February, 2020
Wild Boar Hunt, Cook Station MO

10 year old Ella Joy, from Illinois, is in a Corps-à-corps against Stage 4 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, had a wild boar hunt Adventure in mind as her special experience! Ella Joy had never even held or shot a gun before, so her aspirations were grandeur!

Shooting lessons needed to be accomplished before heading into the woods then!

Three personal tutoring classes later, Ella Joy had built a familiarity with a rifle and hitting the bullseye!

So off to Missouri she went with her family, on her wild boar hunt!

For the girl with no experience, all it took was one shot, and she had her bacon!!!!



Adventure Impact - Haddie

18 November to 19 December 2020
Motorhome/RV Adventure, Southwest US

15 month old Hadley (Haddie) is in the midst of a Brainstem Glioblastoma dissension.

Haddie's Adventure was 30 days traveling across the desert Southwest, Southern California and Texas in a motorhome!
What (in the depths of the Covid pandemic) did her Adventure include?

Oh...not much.....

Only the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park , Mesa Verde National Park , Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Petrified Forest National Park, Grand Canyon National Park , Lake Havasu, London Bridge, Joshua Tree National Park, San Diego Zoo - Wild Animal Park, Sea World and the Beach, Kartchner Caverns, Natural Bridge Caverns, The Alamo, San Antonio Riverwalk, Corpus Christi Beach, Kickapoo Cavern State Park, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park , Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, Great Sand Dunes National Park, and the Garden of the Gods....Other than that she was pretty bored...NOT!



Adventure Impact - Covid

2020

2020 was a tough year for Brave Young Hearts, our Adventures and fundraising.

So getting 4 Adventures completed was a big accomplishment!



2020 FUNDRAISING

March 14, 2020
Chance At Normal
Online Event

The annual event usually held live at the Twisted Pine Brewery in Boulder, was moved to an online auction only due to the outbreak of Covid-19.



2020 FUNDRAISING

August 23, 2020

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

The 5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 23rd, 2020 at Great Guns Sporting Clays, in Nunn, CO.

It was a great day for beginners and expert shooters alike!!! We had 89 shooters, with their families, and plenty of door prizes for everyone, shooting prizes, BBQ, and silent auction!!!



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is an overview of Brave Young Hearts income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

2020 Beginning Year Balance - \$41,921.07

2020 Total Year End Balance - \$52,311.04

2020 Contributions, Gifts - \$11,250.72

2020 Fundraising Income - \$29,984.00

2020 Less Fundraising Expenses - (\$13,917.36)

2020 Total Revenue - \$27,459.28

2020 Printing, Postage, & Shipping - \$418.36

2020 Adventure Expenses - \$13,206.94

2020 BYH Operating Expenses - \$4,945.55

2020 Total Expenses - \$18,570.85

2020 Net Income - \$8,888.43

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 6th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction to be held on August 22nd, 2021.

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)



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501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
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