



# Brave Young Hearts

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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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



**Papa Bear/Kerry Slaven**  
President



**Chris DeArment**  
Vice President



**Diane Slaven**  
Treasurer



**Jen DeArment**  
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**Keith Gardner**  
Trustee



**Kevin Lester**  
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**AriAnne Gilliland**  
Trustee



**Katie Arpin**  
Trustee



**Greg Arpin**  
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# Adventure Impact - Ava

17 July - 22 July, 2021

Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, WY

Confrontationally affrayed against Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), 12 year old Ava, from Medina, OH went to Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Parks in Wyoming.

An Adventure it was, from her cabin in the woods at the Grand Teton Lodge...horseback riding from Colter Bay Village on Jackson Lake up to the heights of the Grand Tetons was conquered!

Moose, wolf, elk, and bison ...to name a few Gushing geysers, waterfalls, volcanic pools, the Grand Prismatic....

Ava and her family were given shooting lessons... Starting out with an AR-15, Ava progressed the the big gun....a .50 Cal





# Adventure Impact - Madison

22 December - 26 December, 2021  
Dude Ranch/Desert 4-Wheeling -  
Wickenburg, AZ

12 year old Madison is in a pugnacious skirmish with Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD)

Madison's Brave Young Hearts Adventure begins in the Old West (sort of), She and her family traveled from Colorado to Wickenburg, Arizona.

There, she stayed at the Flying E Ranch...an actual working (dude) ranch.

While there....during Christmas week, Madison got to go horseback riding, and was initiated as an official cowgirl by receiving a Flying E brand on each of her boots! Yes, Madison even got to drive a Jeep through the Sonoran Desert!!!



# Adventure Impact - Covid

2021

2021 was a tough year for Brave Young Hearts, our Adventures and fundraising.

So getting 2 Adventures completed was a big accomplishment!



# 2021 FUNDRAISING

August 22, 2021

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

The 6th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 22nd, 2021 at Great Guns Sporting Clays, in Nunn, CO.

It was a great day for beginners and expert shooters alike!!! We had 170 shooters, with their families, and plenty of door prizes for everyone, shooting prizes, BBQ, and silent auction!!!

**Congratulations to Dan Callahan, for shooting a perfect 100!**



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is an overview of Brave Young Hearts income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

**2021 Beginning Year Balance - \$48,029.43**

**2021 Total Year End Balance - \$65,919.33**

**2021 Contributions, Gifts - \$18,249.48**

**2021 Fundraising Income - \$53,898.08**

**2021 Less Fundraising Expenses - (\$15,531.44)**

**2021 Total Revenue - \$56,898.50**

**2021 Adventure Expenses - \$14,557.82**

**2021 BYH Operating Expenses - \$3,899.74**

**2021 Total Expenses - \$18,457.56**

**202 Net Income - \$38,440.94**

# 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 7th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction to be held on August 21st, 2022.

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.**