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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:
2 Adventures provided and 1 philanthropic opportunity, and 2 fund-raising events.

Brave Young Hearts grants 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

Our mission at Brave Young Hearts is to grant Adventures to children with terminal or life-threatening diseases to provide a Chance at Normal!.



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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 Adventure.

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

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



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DEDICATION

*Brave Young Hearts is dedicated
to the memory of
Bethany (Princess Buttercup) Slaven.*



*Bethany Elaine Slaven
December 30, 2000 - August 31, 2005*



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BOARD MEMBERS



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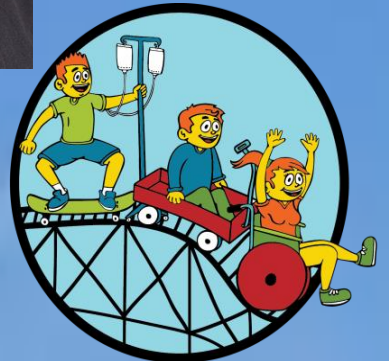
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All Board Members are volunteers.
No one is paid a salary in Brave Young Hearts

IMPACT STORY 1

27 September to 1 October 2016
Estes Park, Colorado

Brave Young Hearts is excited to announce our first Adventure!!!! Our young lady's name is Charisma, and she just turned 15 years old on her Adventure!!! Charisma is bravely battling Brain Tumors, Epilepsy, and Chromosomal abnormality. Our young lady and her family went to the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park. The YMCA through Dan DeBlasio and Courtney Hill, donated a 4 bedroom vacation home for the whole family to stay in, covered all meals, and offered a \$150 voucher for the family to enjoy all of the activities that the Camp has to offer!!! Charisma enjoyed doing arts and crafts, sight-seeing hikes, shopping in Estes Park, viewing wildlife in Rocky Mountain National Park, and horseback riding at Jackson Stables!!! In the midst of all of the excitement, Charisma celebrated her 15th Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday To You!!!

Charisma and her family had a great and awesome time!!! A gargantuan thanks to Dan, Courtney, the YMCA, Allen and Julie Jackson, and Jackson Stables for making this Adventure happen, and partnering with Brave Young Hearts!!

What an Adventure!!!



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IMPACT STORY 2

7 to 9 December 2016

Salina, Kansas

7 year old Carter, was born with a rare spinal condition called Caudal Regression Syndrome. His spine ends at partial lumbar 3 and there is no connection to his pelvic bones. This has caused many issues belly button down. He has had 31 surgeries for various things such as knees, feet, bowels, bladder, stomach, kidney, spine and port placements. Additional anomalies of the gastrointestinal tract, kidneys, heart, respiratory system, upper limbs and upper portions of the spine can also occur. Right now the biggest issues for Carter are his kidney and bowels. He has chronic kidney disease and his kidney has been having a rough time recently. His family also just found out that his colon is not working. Right now he gets his nutrition through his G-tube and can take liquids by mouth.

Carter had a bucket list request to go to Salina Kansas on December 8th to see the Newsboys (A Christian Band) in concert and to get to meet them backstage. He changed the term to an Adventure list once he met with board members from Brave Young Hearts.

Carter's Mom –"thanks to Brave Young Hearts for granting our child the experience of a lifetime!!! Thank you for seeing in him a boy needing an adventure to help him continue pushing on through the hard days ahead. Thank you for thinking ahead to all the details, so that we didn't have to think of it ourselves. This is a blessing beyond explanation. We will forever carry these memories close to our heart! Memories were made this weekend that we will forever treasure in our hearts"



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Philanthropic Activity

IMPACT STORY 3

Jaxon is a 7 year old who is suffering from multiple tumors and has been fighting Neurofibromatosis for most of his life. This disease has caused a large tumor in his leg; which starts at the sciatic nerve, runs through his pelvic area and spreads throughout his thigh and stops at his knee. He also suffers from a tumor on the hypothalamus of his brain, which effects his sleep and eating habits. Jaxon has under gone 9 months of chemo, with little results. Recently a third small tumor was discovered on his knee, along with small growths in his mouth and is waiting for biopsy results.

Jaxon was accepted into a clinical trial in Maryland, but lives in British Columbia. To help alleviate travel expenses for the family, **Brave Young Hearts donated \$1,000.**



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2016 FUNDRAISING

June 24, 2016

Pints with a Purpose

Twisted Pine Brewery, Boulder, CO

Twisted Pine Brewery donated \$1 to Brave Young Hearts for every pint of beer sold.

With the Brewery donation and cash donations from Customers

\$1,522 was raised.



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2016 FUNDRAISING

August 14, 2016

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

The first annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 14th, 2016 at Great Guns Sporting Clays, in Nunn, CO. It was a great day for beginners and expert shooters alike!!! We had 103 shooters, with their families, and plenty of door prizes for everyone, shooting prizes, BBQ, and a great silent auction!!! Alana Lynn and K99 Country Radio did a live remote broadcast from the shoot.

Cash raised - \$20,264.93 minus expenses (\$8,742.54)
Net: \$ 11522.39



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INCOME & EXPENSES

The following is an overview of Brave Young Hearts income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Pints With A Purpose Fundraising Event

Funds Raised - \$1,522.00

Expenses - \$320.34

Net - \$1,201.66

Side By Side Shoot/Silent Auction Fundraising Event

Funds Raised - \$20,264.13

Expenses – \$8,864.57

Net – \$11,399.56



2016 Other Donations – \$3,391.97

Adventure 1 Expenses – \$1,375.99

Adventure 2 Expenses – \$1,506.15

Philanthropic Expenses - \$1,000

2016 BYH Operating Expenses - \$4,299.88

2016 Total Donations – \$23,656.90

2016 – Total Expenses – \$17,366.93

2016 Total Net - \$6,289.97



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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 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction to be held on August 13th, 2017.

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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Brave Young Hearts is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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