



# Brave Young Hearts

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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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**  
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**BRAVE YOUNG HEARTS**

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

# BOARD MEMBERS



**Teryn Webster**  
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**Shiloh May**  
Trusteer



**AriAnne Gilliland**  
Trustee



**Renee Slaven**  
Trustee



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# Adventure Impact - Piper

9-13 April 2018  
San Diego, California

"On June 12, 2017, Piper was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), an inoperable and incurable tumor in her brainstem. DIPG is a rare and aggressive cancer that occurs only in children. It robs its child sufferers of their abilities to walk, talk, smile, and control all parts of their bodies before it prevents them from eating, drinking, and breathing. DIPG has always been, and continues to be, the most deadly form of cancer ever discovered. Kids with it live a median of nine months after diagnosis"

On April 9, 2018 (almost 10 months later!!!), Piper and her family went on her Adventure to San Diego!!! How's that for rockin' it as a Princess Warrior?

There was Breakfast with the Orcas at Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, Legoland...and of course...Beach Time!!!!!!





# 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.”

# Adventure Impact - Reiley

25-29 April 2018  
Disney Bahamian Cruise

11 year old Reiley, in the midst of a melee with Mitochondrial Disease and Epilepsy, toured the Caribbean on a Disney Bahamian Cruise! Miami, Key West and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island paradise), character experiences, pirates and excursions were all on the list for this Adventure!



# Adventure Impact - Will

29 April - 8 May 2018  
Western Caribbean Cruise

Will, a 14 year old going full fisticuffs with Primary Immune Deficiency/Mitochondrial Disease, went on a 7 night Western Caribbean Cruise. Stopped in Belize, Playa del Carmen, Key West had plenty of on and off vessel activities!!!



# Adventure Impact - Sasha

29 April - 8 May 2018  
Western Caribbean Cruise

Sasha, a 12 year old little Wonder Woman battles with Primary Immune Deficiency/Mitochondrial Disease, went on a 7 night Western Caribbean Cruise. Stops in Belize, Playa del Carmen, Key West had plenty of on and off vessel activities!!!



# Adventure Impact - Sean

1 -2 June 2018

Atlantic Ocean Fishing Trip - Amelia island, Florida

Sean, a 15 year old was dealt a full hand to deal with...Jokers like - Primary Immune Deficiencies, Mitochondrial Disease, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ehrlors Danlos Disease, and Neutropenia. Sean went just off of Amelia Island, Florida...



# Adventure Impact - Chris

1 -2 June 2018

Atlantic Ocean Fishing Trip - Amelia island, Florida

Christopher, a 9 year old, is a super hero against the dreaded foes - Primary Immune Deficiencies, Mitochondrial Disease, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ehrlors Danlos Disease, and Neutropenia. Christopher went fishing just off of Amelia Island, Florida...



# 2018 FUNDRAISING

May 19, 2018  
**Party with a Purpose**

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



**" A Chance at Normal "**  
Party with a Purpose to benefit Brave Young Hearts



*Silent Auction! Door Prizes!!!*

**Twisted Pine Brewery**  
3201 Walnut St.  
Boulder, CO 80301

Saturday May 19, 2018  
11:30 am 'til 10 pm

*For info, call Papa Bear - 303-518-6420*



**BEER, BAND, AND BARGAINS!**

Granting Adventures to children with terminal or life-threatening diseases!

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# 2018 FUNDRAISING

July 7, 2018

In The Zone Sports Bar & Grill

Golden, CO

A Non-Gambling Event

In The Zone Sports Bar & Grill Presents  
A Charity Poker Tournament

UP FOR SOME HOT ACTION.....IN **July?**

**July 7, 2018**

PLAYER CHECK IN: 5:30 PM  
TOURNAMENT BEGINS: 7:00 PM



IN THE ZONE SPORTS BAR & GRILL  
15600 W. 44TH AVE  
GOLDEN, CO 80401

FOR MORE INFO CALL 303-518-6420

**THIS IS A NON-GAMBLING EVENT!!!!**



Join us for a night of fun and adventure to provide  
Adventures to children with terminal or life-threatening diseases!!!!

**\$40 SUGGESTED DONATION TO PLAY  
MUST BE 21 +**

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# 2018 FUNDRAISING

August 12, 2018

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

The 2nd annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 12<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 97 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, 2018.

**2018 Beginning Year Assets - \$25,957.00**

**2018 Total Donations - \$37,504.00**

**2018 Fund Raising Donations - \$22,320.00**

**2018 Fund Raising Expenses - \$6,880.00**

**2018 Total Revenue - \$52,944.00**

**2018 Printing, Postage, & Shipping - \$738.00**

**2018 Adventure Expenses - \$13,324.05**

**2018 BYH Operating Expenses - \$6,615.84**

**2018 Total Year End Assets - \$56,568.00**

# 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 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction to be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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.*



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