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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 - Hunter

02 May - 14 May, 2022

RV'ing Colorado

10 year old Hunter is in a confrontational dogfight against PIGA Congenital Disorder of Glycosylation (PIGA CDG), Hunter and his family were stylin' in a 32 foot motorhome adventure across Colorado.

Right out of the gate the Adventure was on at the Mission Wolf Sanctuary. Next up, the Royal Gorge Bridge and the Royal Gorge Train! Then off to the Colorado Gator Reptile Park. How about a 9 hour roundtrip excursion winding through spectacular and breathtaking scenery from Durango to Silverton on the historical Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad? tTe Great Sand Dunes, a tour of the Garden of the Gods, a Gost Town too!



Adventure Impact Rize

14 June - 19 June, 2022
Pacific Deep Sea Fishing

7 year old Rize is in a piscatorial battle against Glycogen storage disease (GSD).

Rize and his family left the shadow of Pike's Peak, and headed to Californy. There he enjoyed two days deep sea fishing and caught tons of rockfish!!!

Fortunately it was all catch and release or there might not be any left in th eocean!!!

Then he enjoyed a dolphin encounter at Sea World.
Followed by lots of beach time and exploring San Diego



Adventure Impact Aaron

14 June - 19 June, 2022

Dolphin Experience

10 year old Aaron is in a strategy to divide and conquer Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD)

What did the dolphin say when it broke its neighbor's window?
"It wasn't on porpoise!!!"

Aaron and his family departed from the Rocky Mountains to the ocean of the Pacific. There he encountered his own dolphin friend and even rode Flipper across the pool!!!

Don't worry, Flipper didn't do any tricks while Aaron was on board!!!



Adventure Impact Lily

02 August - 06 August, 2022

Glacier National Park, Columbia Falls, MT

13 year old Lily is in a pugnacious skirmish with Multiple, Cardiac Repiratory, Nasalapharangeal Aspiration. Lily and her family left the outskirts of Seattle to enjoy her first camping trip in Glacier National Forest. Brave Young Hearts didn't want the camping to be super primitive (tent and sleeping on the ground) for her first outing, so she stayed in an off the grid camper with a campsite at Roam Beyond...but everything else was pimative! There she had an all day private guided hiking Adventure through the wilderness, to Virginia Falls. Lily got to check the lake out and even jump off of a high bridge into the river below! BTW, Lily is an accomplished swimmer and diver.....so no worries! Then, off to the rapids of the scenic Middle Fork of the Flathead River!



Adventure Impact Lavari

19 October - 24 October, 2022
Key Largo & Islamorada, FL

12 year old Lavari has battled over 60,000 Seizures over the past 6 years. Lavari and his family left Colorado for the Florida Keys, there he had a one on one encounter with a sea lion. At the Theater of the Sea, the lagoons and lush, tropical gardens at the facility are home to dolphins, sea lions, sea turtles, tropical and game fish, sharks, stingrays, crocodiles, alligators, and birds were all part of Lavari's Adventure! Then off the Everglades in a boat, with a personal guide More gators, manatees, birds, and maybe a glimpse of constrictor snake!



2022 FUNDRAISING

August 21, 2022

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

The 7th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 21st, 2022 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!!!



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

2022 Beginning Year Balance - \$65,919.33

2022 Total Year End Balance - \$77,026.61

2022 Contributions, Gifts - \$3,191.97

2022 Fundraising Income - \$42,095.56

2022 Less Fundraising Expenses - (\$22,773.75)

2022 Total Revenue - \$45,490.58

2022 Adventure Expenses - \$39,156.53

2022 BYH Operating Expenses - \$8,922.32

20212Total Expenses - \$48,078.85

2022 Net Income - \$-2,588.27

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 8th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction to be held on August 13th, 2023.

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.