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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 - Lionel

10 June - 15 June, 2023

Deep Sea Fishing - Venice, FL

16 year old Lionel is in a dogfight with the bandit Myxopapillary ependymoma (MEPN) Stage 2 Spinal Cancer. First up for the family, was the Mangrove Tunnel Kayak Tour on Lido Key. Now for the five star shipshape stuff!!! Deep Sea fishing!!!

Before his trip, Lionel mentioned to his Mom that he would love to get baptized in the ocean. Surprise!!! After a hard day of fishing..Captain Tom baptized Lionel!!!

Praise the Lord for Lionel's faith in Jesus Christ!



Adventure Impact Rhen

19 August - 25 August, 2023
Elk Hunt, Pleasant Grove, UT

13 year old Rhen is working to elude the dread, and the ventry, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). Rhen and his family left Oklahoma for the mountains of Utah. Rhen has his own "Trax" chair...perfect for the rough terrain of an elk hunt! Once in Utah, Rhen met his guide Kelly Hymas, who took him and his family out on 5600 acres of prime elk habitat (The Royal Rut Ranch). While scouting and spotting, it didn't take long and our dead eye hunter to lock on to his prey!
Boom! Rhen had a 300 bull!! Nothing like elk backstraps, steaks, roasts and burgers to take home!!! Rhen decided that he wanted a European mount for his wall at home .



Adventure Impact Huntlee

25 September - 26 September 2023
Lake Granby, CO

6 year old Huntlee, from Claremore, OK, is angling against Moyamoya and Neurofibromatosis 1. Huntlee and his Mom, Kaitlin left the confines of the Ronald McDonald House, where he is nearly a full time resident, and headed to the mountains of Colorado to catch his first fish!!

His first day on the water was with Guide Randy Hall and Get Hooked Fishing on Williams Fork Reservoir, there Huntlee did indeed... catch his first fish, a nice trout!

Huntlee even got the opportunity to Captain the boat!!
Day 2 off to Lake Granby and Guide Sam Hochevar



Adventure Impact Owen

01 December - 04 December, 2023

SeaQuest - Littleton, CO

9 year old Owen is in an all out melee with Gangliglioma (brain tumor) and Autism. Originally scheduled to go to the Florida Keys to Swim With The Sharks in October of 2023, just before his “Ginglymostoma (nurse shark)” adventure, his doctor said no traveling because Owen’s brain tumors were augmenting.

Not to lose out completely....

Piper the Alligator (a famous Reptilian Floridian artist) from the Theater of the Sea in Islamorada, painted a personal picture and sent it to Owen.

Scrambling, Brave Young Hearts contacted SeaQuest in Littleton, Colorado, and came through for Owen with an Epic Quest for him and his family! Animal interactions of all kinds were completed! There were sharks and rays, sloths and otters, pythons and turtles, parrots and porcupines!



2023 FUNDRAISING

August 13, 2023

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

The 8th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot & Silent Auction was held August 13th, 2023 at Great Guns Sporting Clays, in Nunn, CO.

It was a great day for beginners and expert shooters alike!!! We had 154 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, 2023.

2023 Contributions, Gifts - \$6,933.37

2023 Fundraising Income - \$32,868.55

2023 Fundraising Expenses - (\$15,069.97)

2023 Total Revenue - \$39,801.92

2022 Adventure Expenses - \$12,696.79

2023 Operating Expenses - \$11,519.76

2023 Total Expenses - \$39,286.52

2023 Net Income - \$515.40

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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