



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

BRENT ELEY FOUNDATION







Dear Friends...

The past six years at the Brent Eley Foundation (BEF) have been filled with exciting change and continued growth in our team (staff and volunteers), our programs and the number of families we have been able to serve each year. While 2015 was a continuation of that theme, it was different than the previous years because our staff and board took time from their already busy schedules to reflect on our past, take steps to ensure that we can serve more families in need coming to Denver and create a new vision for the future.

With the need for Brent's Place and our one-of-a-kind housing and program support continuing to grow each year, the Board of Directors decided to move forward with our plans to expand in Aurora and build Brent's Place Too. As you will see in the pages that follow, a dedicated group of volunteers joined our Board in raising the funds needed to double our capacity and the number of families coming in search of a medical miracle for their loved one. We are all driven by the desire to ensure that no family faces these overwhelming challenges alone, without the care that they might receive at home from friends and family. We made great progress toward our goal in 2015 and continue those efforts in hopes of opening our doors to an additional 100 families each year.

As BEF pushes to take the next big step in our organization's history, we also felt it was important to re-examine our Mission, Vision and Values to ensure that our growth does not compromise the core characteristics that have been so instrumental in creating this special home of hope and healing. The results of these discussions can also be reviewed in this report, and I believe our new vision, mission and values are a good combination of who we have become. One constant remains, and that is our dedication to families with a loved one who is severely immunocompromised.

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Elijah & RJ's stories

I have two boys, Elijah and RJ, who both have IPEX, a rare genetic disease. IPEX causes the body's immune system to attack its own tissues and organs. Early age onset of this disease causes severe enlargement of the lymphoid organs, insulin dependent diabetes, eczema, food allergies, and infections.

RJ is twelve, and Elijah (who we all call Littlefoot) is two years old. In many ways, Elijah helped save his older brother. RJ has been sick his whole life but no one could ever provide an answer. His symptoms were severe, but none of our medical team could ever put them together for a diagnosis. When Elijah was born with similar symptoms but with the addition of diabetes, the mystery was solved and both boys had a diagnosis.

IPEX is life-threatening, and the only known chance at a cure is a bone marrow transplant.

When I was first told my boys had to have a transplant, I was devastated. The doctors said it would be three to six months living away from home (per child). It was at this moment that they informed me of this great place that is provided for BMT patients. It was called Brent's Place. An apartment to call home,

while being away from home. Our stay up in Denver ended up being a year and four months. Brent's Place was amazing through it all. They provided home cooked meals to the hospital, which was so helpful since Littlefoot was inpatient for 236 days.

It was such a relief to have a Safe-Clean apartment to bring my son home to after his transplant.

Most of all, the love and support you need during a life-changing experience made the biggest difference. Not only was the staff amazing, but having the other families to bond with while going through the same experience, well that, in my book, is priceless. I have lifelong friends from our stay at Brent's Place. For that, I am eternally grateful to Brent's Place.

Unfortunately, I still have one more transplant to do with my son RJ. Although dreading it, I am grateful that I will have my Brent's Place Family to return to.

-April Sanchez, Mom to Manny, RJ, Mikey, and Elijah.



Vision That children with cancer and other severely immunocompromised patients and their families everywhere have access to a Safe-Clean Home of Hope and Healing.

Mission To provide Safe-Clean housing and improve the quality of life for children and families living with cancer and other immunocompromising conditions...one day at a time.

Values

we commit to...in everything we do, everyday:

Compassion by understanding the hopes and fears of the people we serve while striving to make their journey better.

Integrity by continually building relationships based on trust through honesty, sincerity, transparency, and accountability.

Respect by treating residents, families and other members of the community with courtesy, consideration, and sensitivity to their individual experiences and perspectives.

Responsibility by fulfilling our organizational goals through exceptional personal performance, innovation, teamwork, and sound financial stewardship.

Quality of Life by creating a culture that values life balance and fulfillment for our residents, volunteers, and staff.





Housing Data 2015

In 2015, Brent's Place was able to provide 26,418 guest nights to 116 patients.

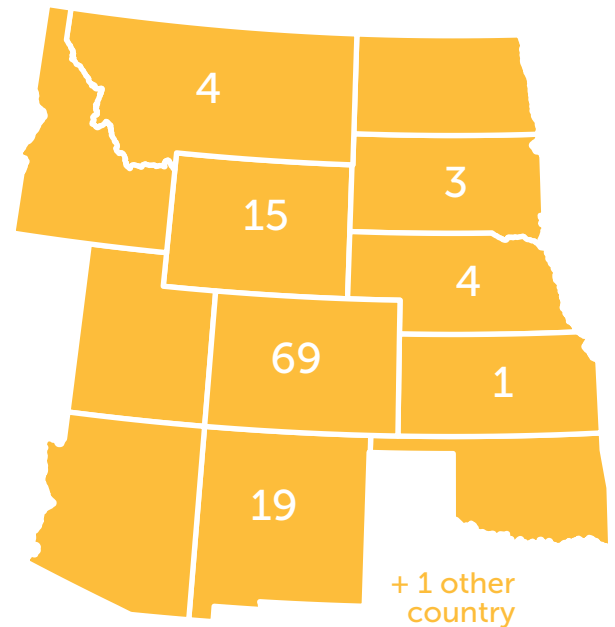
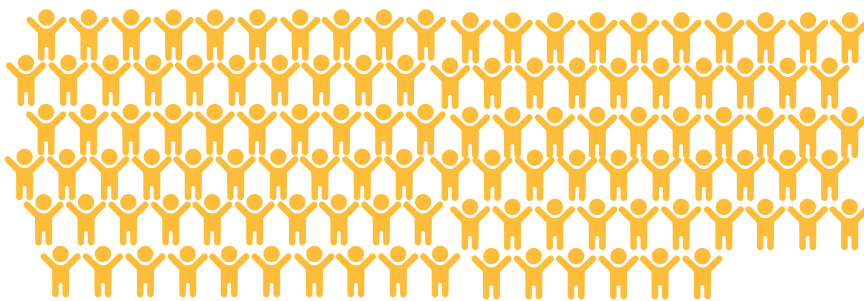


Average Length of Stay in Days



Number of Visits

116 Patients Served



State of Residence

Brent Eley Foundation 2015 Staff

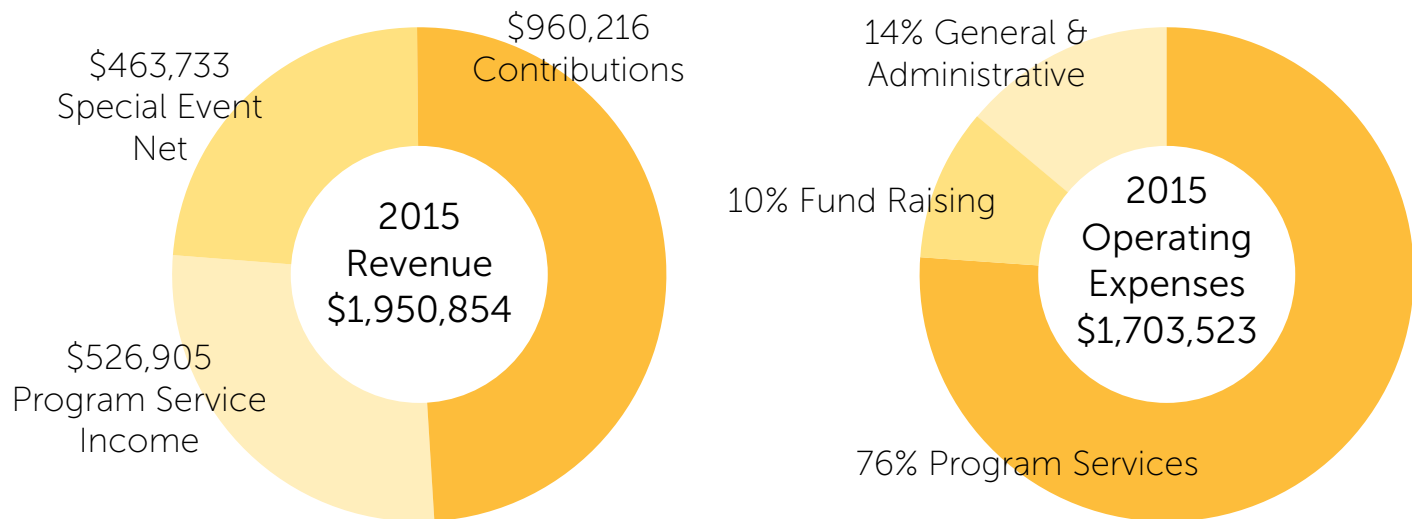
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Devin Traxler	Intern
Anthony Wubben	Intern

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Brittany Schoede	Program Chair
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2015 Financial Highlights

Brent Eley Foundation
2015 Consolidated Operating Revenue and Expenses



The Brent Eley Foundation and the Brent Eley Center are nonprofit organizations located in Aurora, Colorado. The Brent Eley Foundation ID #84-1387528 and the Brent Eley Center ID #20-5313113. For a set of financial statements or a copy of our IRS form 990, contact Barb Heverly at barbheverly@brentsplace.org.

Brent Eley Foundation Board of Directors

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2015 Financial Highlights

BRENT ELEY FOUNDATION AND BRENT ELEY CENTER, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2015 and 2014 (Audited)

Assets	2015	2014
Cash and Liquid Investments	3,779,636	2,118,893
Other Current Assets	125,146	146,316
Capital Campaign Contributions Receivable	1,121,289	870,750
Property Held for Sale	--	1,322,606
Investment in Property and Equipment	9,153,334	9,083,098
Total Assets	\$14,179,405	\$13,541,663

Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	99,945	113,827
Bonds and Note Payable	2,374,275	3,531,156
Total Liabilities	\$2,474,220	\$3,644,983

Net Assets		
Undesignated	8,469,327	7,619,750
Board Designated	865,000	1,115,000
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	9,334,327	8,734,750
Temporarily Restricted	2,370,858	1,161,930
Total Net Assets	\$11,705,185	\$9,896,680

Generous community support of the Brent's Place program resulted in an increase in Net Assets from Operations of \$247,331 thanks to another solid effort by staff, volunteers and Board members in raising program awareness, and improved operating efficiency. Program Services comprised 76% of 2015 operating expenses in providing 26,418 guest nights and support programs to 116 families. In 2015 Brent's Place served families from 7 states and one foreign country.



Trayson's Story

Trayson was born on December 9, 2008 in Great Falls, Montana and was diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease just 10 days later. Sickle Cell is a genetic disease that causes red blood cells to misshapen.

Sickle Cell Disease causes various complications, including excruciating pain, exhaustion, and infection to name a few, but is not the same for everyone with the disease. With severe cases, SCD can cause multiple organ failure or lead to stroke due to the lack of sufficient oxygen getting to one's organs and brain. Trayson was classified as a severe case of SCD in October of 2012 by his hematologist at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Trayson had a variety of complications from Sickle Cell starting in 2009 and continuing through 2010 and 2011. He was hospitalized numerous times and had several blood transfusions before age three.

As Trayson got a little older, his symptoms became greater, more frequent and severe, and increasingly more difficult to manage at home. From 2013 to 2015, he was hospitalized five or more times per year and continued to need numerous blood transfusions to combat the disease. In these three years, Trayson had to be emergency airlifted to Colorado each year during the month of January due to Acute Chest Syndrome, a respiratory complication which can be fatal. After being flown from our Montana home three years in a row and almost losing him to ACS in January of 2014, we began to discuss the option of a bone marrow transplant recommended by our doctors in both Colorado and Montana. At this point, some of our doctors were only giving him a life expectancy of early 20s if he was lucky, and another occurrence of ACS could result in death or severe lung damage requiring a lung transplant.

After Trayson suffered another bout with ACS in January 2015, we, along with the doctor's recommendations, made the decision to go ahead with the bone marrow transplant (BMT). This is when we were connected with Brent's Place, a safe and clean environment for kids and families going through similar journeys requiring immunosuppressive therapy.

In May 2015, I received a call from Allen at Brent's Place letting me know that our family would have a safe and clean environment to live in and come home to after going through a bone marrow transplant. Allen eased our minds immediately and explained that we should take the concern of safe housing off of our plate. I will never forget that phone call. We arrived at Brent's Place on June 22, 2015 to prepare for Trayson's BMT scheduled for July 15th. We were amazed with the beautiful facility and all it had to offer. The staff and volunteers made us feel right at home, and we no longer had to worry about living arrangements, health insurance for travel and lodging, cooking meals every night, or anything other than caring for Trayson! **Brent's Place was there to take care of our family when we needed it the most.**

We had some complications from the BMT and started losing the graft in November of 2015 which meant we would be in Colorado longer than expected. Brent's Place worked with us and had no problem extending our stay for as long as we needed. We spent the remainder of 2015 and part of 2016 calling Brent's Place our home. We are so thankful for everything Brent's Place offered us throughout 2015 including meals 3-4 times a week, transportation, various holiday celebrations including an AMAZING Christmas season, Trayson's birthday, and the underlying support system through volunteers and a truly genuine staff. We were and still are able to call Brent's Place our second home. Our journey has continued into 2016 with more complications from the transplant... Brent's Place was ready for our recent return and welcomed us with open arms. We are eternally grateful! Thank you, Brent's Place and everyone involved, our cup runneth over.

-Trayson's mom & dad

Brent's Place Too Capital Campaign: The Present

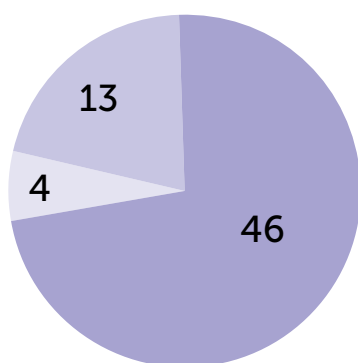
Partner Expansion and Growing Need

Partnering hospitals confirm a significant and urgent need for the expansion of Brent's Place programs. Currently, Brent's Place is serving a mere 40% of the long-term housing needs of qualified pediatric immune compromised patients. Brent's Place Too will enable more Children's Hospital Colorado patients to be served and opens the door to serving Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children and University Colorado Hospital patients. Hospital partners have indicated that continued facility expansion, treatment innovations and increased outreach throughout the country will grow the demand at least 5% annually.

2012

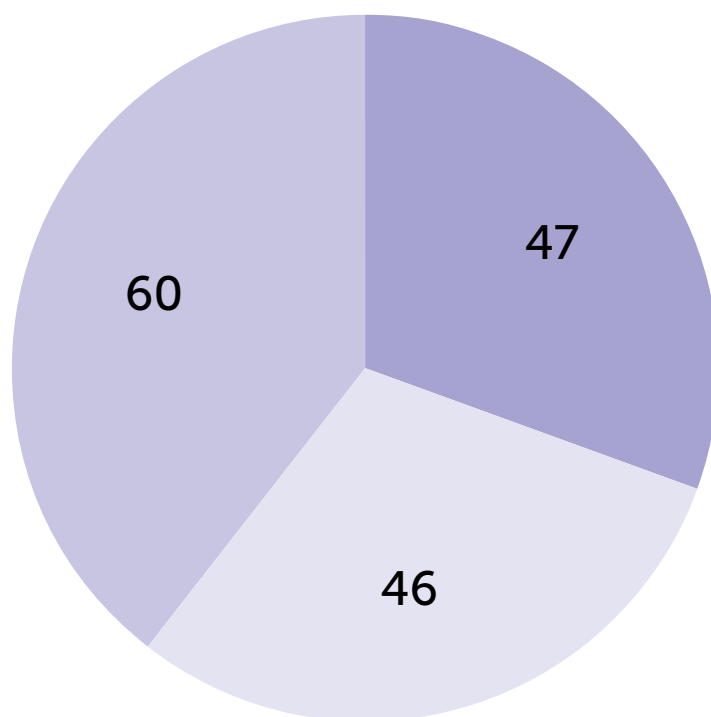
SERVED NEED

46	47	Children's Hospital of Colorado Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT)
13	60	Children's Hospital of Colorado Long-Term Oncology
4	46	Rocky Mountain Hospital Pediatric Long-Term Oncology



SERVED

Pediatric Families Served in 2012
At Brent's Place
(63 Families Total)



GROWING NEED

Total Pediatric Need
for "Safe-Clean" Long-Term Housing
in 2012 from RMHC & CHCO
(153 Families Total)

The data above was collected during a 2012 needs assessment Brent's Place conducted to identify the unmet need for the specialized housing and support programs provided for patients coming to our hospital partners.

The Future of Brent's Place

Brent's Place Too will build on more than 15 years of experience housing immune compromised patients and their families. It is a happy place because hope and healing is celebrated every day. The new building will be located adjacent to our current Aurora facility and will include:

- 17 Apartments suitable for an entire family
- 4 Studio Suites
- Movie & Game Room
- Library
- Activity & play areas
- Outdoor recreational spaces
- Common kitchen
- Laundry facilities on each floor



Once complete, Brent's Place Too will:

- Double the number of patients and families served to more than 200 annually.
- Provide an additional 600 support program activities to alleviate daily burdens and increase the emotional health of each family member.
- Minimize the risk and exposure to infection increasing the odds that more immune compromised children will survive and return home healthy.
- Improve quality of life for the 300 additional family members that will come to Denver to care for their loved one.
- Leverage the existing Brent's Place staff to lower operating costs.

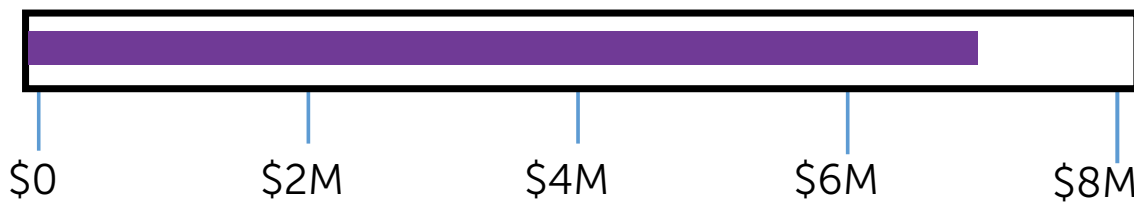


"As long-time supporters of Brent's Place, we've witnessed first-hand the tremendous job this team has done in supporting the growing needs of families seeking help during a time of crisis. As our community grows, so has the need for safe-clean housing and support services. It is with this in mind that we ask for your financial support during this important capital campaign."

- campaign chairs Joe Joe Chacko Nair & Mike Evans

Capital Campaign progress update

\$6,758,000
Raised to Date



LEAD GIFTS: *as of September 2016

Brent Eley Center	Rick & Caryn Ellison	Mac & Rebecca Macsovits	Fred and RoxAnn Haynes
Donn & Linda Eley	Randy & JoAnn Strandberg	Brian & Mary Lou Derksen	Malcolm "Mac" & Maria Slingerlend
Salah Foundation	CBeyondCancer	Sean Meyerhoffer	Kevin & Lana Dale
Anschutz Foundation	Brian & Paige Hamilton	Michael & Susan Bartosch	Nick & Renee Tschetter
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Children's Hospital Colorado	Leif Houkom	Wayne "Skip" & Virginia Moore	Steve Berman
Mike & Tina Evans	Gary & Dawn Thomas	Kevin & Monica Kerber	Chris & Molly Lane
Joe Joe & Balan Nair	Mark & Suzan Petty	The Eley Sisters Fund	Dave Nikkel Foundation
Bernard Dvorak & Amy Blair	Walt & MaryAnn Raynor	Johan & Benja Bemelen	Steve Engbers
Laura Barton & William Matthews	Omni Financial	Bill & Nola Lazzeri	Chris Lane
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Land Title	AutoNation	Bill & Rhonda Simmons	Craig Ponzio
Chris & DeAnn Noyes	Bruce & Carol Siegrist	David & Dorothy Clair	Martin Bloom
Connor Family Foundation	Eley-Graham Financial Services	Max & Jill Guetz	Neal Veta
Terry "Topper" Staples	Joel & Lori Bell	Dana Zucker	Centennial Bank
Boettcher Foundation	Josh & Rae Simon	Tom & Karen Smith	Barton Schmitt
Steve & Karen Leaffer	Jay Johnson	Michael Hutchison	Charles "Buck" & Marie Frederickson
Tom & Kim Whyte	Bob & Joan Masten	Carter & Kathleen Dammen	John & Ann Jordan
Marvin & Jan Kansteiner	Liberty Global Foundation	Wilmina Van Dyk	Bill & Gail Yeates
John & Ellen Van Dyk	Roger & Jill Giller	Brian Thomas & Trista Borrego	Beth Warren
Caring for Colorado	Louis "Bart" & Nicole Bansbach	Henry & Lorie Gordon	Scott & Cherie Axelrod
Colorado Garden Foundation	Rick & Melissa Westerman	Erwin & Adele Gelfand	Andy & Ellen Selig
Terrance & Chris Hunt	Albert Rosenthaler	Gary Brown	



Brenna's Story

Brenna, a sunny two-year-old from rural Wyoming, was one child who found shelter with her family at Brent's Place. After the devastating discovery of a brain tumor in late 2014, her family left their hometown to temporarily relocate to Denver for a medical miracle.

Her family was given permission by physicians to move into a hotel as her grueling schedule of surgeries and chemotherapy began. No other accommodations were available for them and they needed a place to stay immediately, but there was one devastating caveat to this arrangement: Brenna's beloved big brother, Raylan, could not join them in the hotel room. Having four people in one small hotel room was simply too risky for Brenna's health, so Raylan remained home with extended family members more than six hours away during a time filled with fear and uncertainty. This is how their family rang in the New Year: separated and battling a scary new diagnosis.

Several weeks later, when Brenna's family received a call announcing that an apartment was available at Brent's Place, their relief was palpable. The family's previous accommodations were cramped, and it often took an hour of planning to simply leave the hotel because the lobby needed to be empty of people for Brenna to safely venture out; whenever she needed to leave their room, she had to wait upstairs with her mom until her dad gave the all-clear. The family could not cook for themselves, but they also could not

go out to eat because of the risk of exposure to the airborne toxins in public spaces that could threaten her life. The complications were endless, and all of them were, of course, in addition to the intensive treatments she was undergoing.

After arriving at Brent's Place, the family received so much more than Safe-Clean accommodations, access to an assortment of respite activities, weekly meals and an invitation to participate in holiday celebrations. Sara, Brenna's mother, was brought to tears on move-in day when she realized that their new two-bedroom apartment would have plenty of space for the whole family. They would finally be able to savor time together again.

The deep bond between family members is one of the most important things that Brent's Place strives to protect. Brenna and Raylan's reunion was an unforgettable sight. Both laughing and crying, three-year-old Raylan was obviously overjoyed to see his giggling little sister again. Brenna, always a sweet child, thrived with her protective brother by her side. They returned home to Wyoming after spending 147 days together at Brent's Place.

Brenna passed away on March 16, 2016. Thanks to Brent's Place, her brother Raylan was given more time and memories with the little sister he loved. Thanks to Brent's Place, Brenna's parents, Sara and Shane, were able to see their family whole for an extra three months.



Our Programs

Brent's Place provides Safe-Clean housing to our families at no cost. Our first priority is to provide a home away from home for families that support the patients recovery and increases their chances of going home healthy.



HEALTHY AND HOMEMADE MEALS prepared by volunteers and served 4-5 times each week, including in-patient hospital delivery, welcome food boxes and access to a food pantry.



COMMUNITY OUTINGS for healthy patients, siblings and caregivers to local attractions and sports games.



IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES including arts and crafts, yoga, music lessons, movie nights, teen specific activities and special celebrations for holidays and birthdays. These programs help families maintain a sense of normalcy within the parameters of medical safety.



TUTORING AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES for patients and their siblings, including coordination with local public schools for continuing education options, and one-on-one tutoring for additional needs.



CLEANING SUPPLIES for the duration of the stay. The provision of these supplies, which are used daily, removes yet another financial burden as families implement the cleaning regiment that is key to achieving a successful recovery.



A RESOURCE LIBRARY filled with movies, board and video games and books that enable families to enjoy the hours spent relaxing and recovering at Brent's Place.



TRANSPORTATION to and from the hospital, grocery stores and other outings.



EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT that helps each member of the family cope with everyday challenges. This includes access to a clinical psychologist and chaplain.

Our Programs



New Program in 2015:

FACILITATING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES with collaborating organizations that assist with direct service requests including additional food, gas and financial support.

Working with the family's Insurance Provider on direct reimbursement to the families for meals and mileage. This has resulted in direct reimbursement from the payors to the families in excess of \$46,000 in 2015.



BUILDING A BRIDGE between hospital and home through ongoing family support programs for patients and families after they have returned home. This includes access to a private online forum for current and past communities to connect and support one another virtually; annual Family Reunions in eight regions across the Rocky Mountain Region, allowing families to remain in contact with one another to share hard-won wisdom and insight; and other events that nurture and encourage connections long past a families stay at Brent's Place.

Program Activities 2015	Program Activities	Number of Programs	Number of Participants
	Individual Outings	70	292
	Birthdays	32	137
	Breakfast at Children's Hospital	10	105
	Meals (Family Night, Personal Chef, Breakfast, Taco Tuesday)	213	7780
	Hospital Delivery	163	1397
	Programs (Arts and Crafts, Movie Night, Game Night, Etc.)	309	2106
	Reunions	9	685
	Weekend Holiday Celebrations	11	--
	Total	806	12502

Our Volunteers

In 2015, Brent's Buddies made a significant contribution to the success of family support programs.



7885 individual meals were served at Brent's Place in 2015. This is valued as in-kind food donations over \$50,000.

In 2015, Brent's Place celebrated over 35 birthday parties, holidays, and other special events. Volunteers provided approximately 384 hours of service.



Volunteers are vital to the success at Brent's Place. In 2015, volunteers contributed over 2,170 hours in service time to Brent's Place.



Make a difference in the lives of our kids...

Because of you, no family ever receives a bill for their stay at Brent's Place.

Because of you, families are surrounded by love, care, meals, caregiver support, birthday parties, and holiday celebrations.

Because of you, families with critically ill children have hope.

Because of you, there is a Brent's Place.

Go to brentsplace.org





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*for our kids with cancer
a home for families*