

2016

Annual Report Brent Eley Foundation



A letter from the CEO



Dear Friends,

While I have only been a part of the Brent Eley Foundation story for six of its twenty years, it gives me great pride to think of all that we have accomplished with help from so many special people. I am extremely honored to play a role in an organization that has helped more than 1000 families through the most difficult of times. I cannot help but smile when I consider the generosity of a caring community and of the staff, volunteers, and donors who have made Brent's Place home for the last 20 years. I know that I speak for everyone on our staff and Board when I say it is beyond inspiring to have the opportunity to build on the legacy that began well before we joined the Brent Eley Foundation.

Celebrating 20 years of hope and healing has been made even more special by the successful efforts to double our capacity and provide space for more than 200 families a year. It is simply amazing to me that we opened the doors to our second building on the Aurora campus in 2017. In preparing for this exciting step forward, we have reconnected with many of those who have made success possible and celebrated the awesome spirit and determination of the Brent's Place family. It is incredibly fitting to see the organization grow dramatically as we move into our 20th year. After all, finding a way to do more is part of our DNA, it is something that Donn and Linda Eley have strived for from the very beginning. As we work to spread their passion for helping families in need, we continue to explore how we can broaden and deepen the impact we make.

I know that the future will hold many new challenges and opportunities as we work to serve more families and adapt our programs to their needs. I am confident, however, that we can use our 20 year history as a guide in assembling a team of volunteers, staff and donors to meet these challenges head on and find the next opportunity to help more families in need of the one of a kind support we provide.

Sean Meyerhoffer, CEO
Brent Eley Foundation

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Tanner's House at the Brent's Place Campus

In 2012, Brent's Place recognized that the need for the unique safe-clean housing and supportive programs we provide families far exceeded our capacity. With careful thought and planning, we instituted a capital campaign and began the construction of our second building, now called Tanner's House. Thanks to our very generous donors, five years and \$8.4 million later, we are thrilled to announce the opening of Tanner's House on June 30, 2017.

Tanner's House adds 32 apartment homes and four hospitality suites, doubling our capacity to meet the needs of children and families. We are now able to serve 200 families each year, including patients we were not able to serve before, such as long-term oncology patients and adults.

Within a week of opening, Tanner's House filled up, and we are now at full capacity with both buildings. For families in for the fight of their lives, Tanner's House is a miracle. They can now comfortably live together in a safe-clean home away from home while their precious loved one heals.

The opening of Tanner's House and our ability to serve twice as many patients and families would not be possible without so many generous individuals and organizations who came together and went the extra mile for families facing such overwhelming challenges. You helped make this happen!



Sam's Story: Then



Sam was just two years old when he came to Brent's Place in 2007. He had been fighting for his health since being diagnosed with NEMO, a severe autoimmune disease, at five months old, but still had a long road ahead of him. When Sam and his family relocated to Denver from New Mexico for a stem cell transplant, they knew they needed a home away from home that could protect his health and keep the whole family together.

Brent's Place was just the spot. During his five-month stay, Sam exuberantly embraced life in the midst of challenging circumstances. He raced trucks down snowy slides at the playground and played never-ending games of soccer with staff. Big sister Casey reached some important milestones, too: she lost her first tooth and learned to ride a bike. Together they spent many happy hours chasing geese and watching their "pet" squirrel play outside their apartment window. When the day finally came to head home, no smile was wider than Sam's when he saw fire trucks rolling down the street with lights and sirens to celebrate his discharge!

Sam's Story: Now

In the 10 years since Sam stayed at Brent's Place, he has grown and so has his family. However, one thing remains the same: he's still an amazing kid with a big heart, the kind of person who will always stand up for anyone getting picked on. While they return to Colorado each year for Kid's Cure and a vacation, the Dunbar family still lives in Albuquerque, where Sam is a 6th grader and Casey recently began her freshman year of high school. They have two more siblings today than they did in 2007; Christian and Maddie have rounded out the Dunbar crew.

His early battle for health makes it especially incredible that Sam is the active and vivacious kid he is today. This year, he will train for cross-country, basketball, track & field and wrestling. His parents and siblings are equally athletic and all manage to find time to give back to the community, too. Sam's mom continues to direct the annual Cross Country Courage Classic, a race benefiting pediatric oncology patients. Most importantly, each member of the family has used their experience with Sam's illness to remember to enjoy every moment they have together.



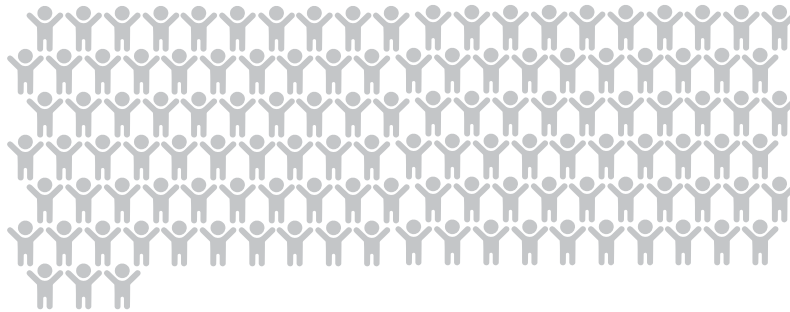
Sam and his siblings today: L to R: Maddie, Sam, Casey, and Christian



Housing Data 2016

In 2016, Brent's Place was able to provide 9,130 guest nights to 123 patients.

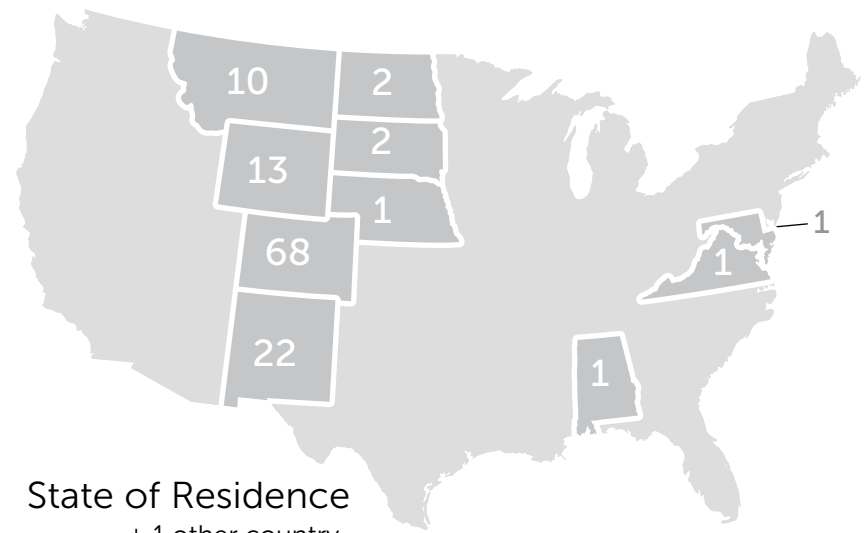
123 Patients Served



Number of Visits



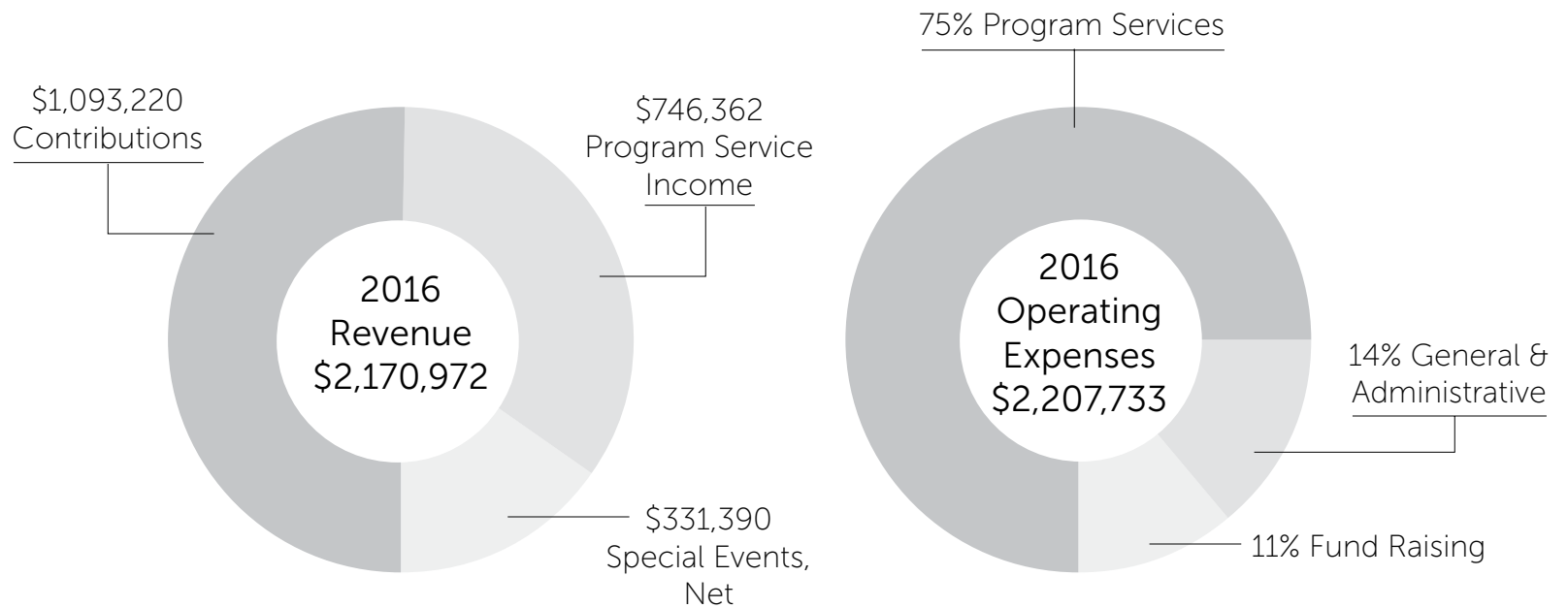
Average Length of Stay in Days



State of Residence
+ 1 other country

2016 Financial Highlights

Brent Eley Foundation 2016 Operating Revenue and Expenses



Operating Net Assets decreased by \$36,761 during 2016 as a result of contributing funds to the capital campaign to build Tanner's House at the Brent's Place Campus.

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.

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BRENT ELEY FOUNDATION AND BRENT ELEY CENTER, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2016 and 2015 (Audited)

| Assets | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash and Liquid Investments | 2,267,286 | 3,779,636 |
| Other Current Assets | 146,457 | 125,146 |
| Capital Campaign Contributions Receivable | 2,312,134 | 1,121,289 |
| Investment in Property and Equipment | 14,401,659 | 9,153,334 |
| Total Assets | \$19,127,536 | \$14,179,405 |

| Liabilities | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Current Liabilities | 1,018,490 | 99,945 |
| Bonds and Note Payable | 2,243,149 | 2,374,275 |
| Total Liabilities | \$3,261,639 | \$2,474,220 |

| Net Assets | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Undesignated | 14,888,112 | 8,469,327 |
| Board Designated | 115,000 | 865,000 |
| Total Unrestricted Net Assets | 15,003,112 | 9,334,327 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 862,785 | 2,370,858 |
| Total Net Assets | \$15,865,897 | \$11,705,185 |

Generous community support of both the Brent's Place programs and the capital campaign to build Tanner's House at the Brent's Place Campus resulted in an increase in Consolidated Net Assets of \$4,160,712.

From humble beginnings...



1988

As a tribute to Brent, the first Kid's Cure for Cancer event was held. This tennis tournament grew to an annual event, attended by thousands and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research and setting the stage for the Brent Eley Foundation. Over 29 years later "Kid's Cure" still raises funds to support families that now call Brent's Place home.



1998

The first Brent's Place facility opens its doors with 5 apartments, to fill the need in the Denver area for living accommodations suitable for patients following bone marrow transplants.



2001

The 2nd Brent's Place facility opens, bringing the total number of apartments to 10.

1987

Brent Eley, aged 13, is diagnosed with a fast-growing malignant cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. The entire Eley family must travel to Iowa City, Iowa for Brent to receive a bone-marrow transplant. Brent lived in Iowa City for 160 days receiving treatment before eventually succumbing to a virus.



1997

Inspired by the spirit and courage of Brent, his parents, Donn and Linda Eley establish a 501c3 organization in his name.



...20 years of Brent's Place



2009

Brent's Place opens its new state-of-the-art Aurora facility, just blocks from the new, acclaimed Children's Hospital Colorado and Anschutz Medical Campus.



2017

Brent's Place opens its new 16 apartment facility and dedicates the building as "Tanner's House at Brent's Place," after Tanner Seebaum. The original building on the Aurora Campus is renamed "Founder's House" after Donn and Linda Eley.

Within 10 days of opening, the new facility was filled with families desperately seeking support, bringing the total number of Brent's Place apartments to 38, plus 6 hospitality suites.

TIMELINE

2005

4 Acres of land are purchased 1 mile from the new Children's Hospital in Aurora with the intent of building a facility to be located in close proximity to the hospital.



2013

Brent's Place is operating at full capacity, sparking a feasibility study and discussion of a new facility to meet the growing needs of patients.



2015

The Capital Campaign for Brent's Place Too begins with the goal of raising \$8 Million for a new 16 apartment facility.





Rebecca's Story: Then

Rebecca had just begun her sophomore year of college in Minnesota when she was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma. The best treatments for her were in Denver, so she immediately traded her college lifestyle for one of chemotherapy and radiation in Colorado. When she and her dad arrived at Brent's Place on Thanksgiving Day in 2014, they felt they'd won the lottery: a full Thanksgiving dinner and an immediate sense of belonging greeted them. Before they moved in, they had been living in hotels, worrying about how to find accommodations that would be healthy for Rebecca while she was in and out of the hospital.

They stayed at Brent's Place for nearly six months. While it was difficult to be away from her peers and to lose the independence she had at school, Rebecca was happy to find herself safe within an oasis of support. Brent's Place staff, resident families, nurses and hospital social workers all helped her realize she was not alone – that others faced the same challenges she was up against. The Christmas festivities at Brent's Place were a particular highlight for Rebecca. While it was humbling to be the recipient of so much love and attention, it was also the perfect occasion to make some special memories with her family and Brent's Place neighbors.

Rebecca's Story: Now

Rebecca's quiet determination and river of strength served her well: she has been cancer-free since leaving Brent's Place in early 2015! This intelligent, thoughtful and sensitive 22-year old is thrilled to be back at St. Olaf for her final year of university before graduating next spring. Her many years as a competitive swimmer will serve her well as she spends time on the St. Olaf College Triathlon club team and prepares for a spring triathlon.

In addition to returning to Denver every three months for check-ups, Rebecca was able to re-connect with Brent's Place by riding with her dad in the Roadless Ride fundraiser last October. And while living a post-cancer life always includes some anxiety, her experience fighting cancer has made Rebecca and her dad particularly grateful for the happy ending they are living out.



Our Programs



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.



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.



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



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.



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.



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



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.



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

Program Activities 2016



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 | Number of Programs | Number of Participants |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Individual Outings | 88 | 313 |
| Birthdays | 31 | 126 |
| Breakfast at Children's Hospital | 11 | 100 |
| Meals (Family Night, Personal Chef, Breakfast, Taco Tuesday) | 219 | 8162 |
| Hospital Delivery | 162 | 2447 |
| Programs (Arts and Crafts, Movie Night, Game Night, Etc.) | 269 | 1300 |
| Reunions | 10 | 1059 |
| Weekend Holiday Celebrations | (no numbers) | -- |
| Total | 806 | 12502 |

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Izaak's Story: Then



In 2012, Izaak was diagnosed with a golf ball-sized brain tumor. He was only ten, a kind-hearted kid who had spent the previous four months fighting a cough he just couldn't shake.

Izaak and his family desperately needed a safe place to call home during the 17 rounds of chemo, two stem cell transplants, 31 days of radiation and eventual relapse he faced. Luckily, there was a place for them at Brent's Place; it was such a welcome oasis, in fact, that they didn't want to leave after they finished their orientation tour! Throughout their 14-month stay, Izaak and his brother, Zeke, were able to truly integrate into the tight-knit community at Brent's Place. They jumped into as many activities as possible, including music lessons (giving mom some much-needed time alone!) and dozens of Family Night dinners. On days where even ping-pong was too tiring, Izaak was always happy to spend time in the garden.

Izaak's resilience and positivity was a constant source of inspiration to his family and friends during his time at Brent's Place. He was always focused on those around him, astutely realizing that holding a door or lending a hand in the kitchen was the best way to take his mind off his own problems.

Izaak's Story: Now

Hurrah! Izaak has been cancer free for three years, but he's still not a stranger at Brent's Place. Each summer, he happily returns for the Family Reunion and Kid's Cure. His family also finds great meaning in giving back to the community who gave them so much; they make it a point to volunteer at Brent's Place together, serving in any capacity necessary.

Today, Izaak is 15 years old and a sophomore in high school. While his two bouts with cancer took a toll on his strength, he walks to school most days, keeps a garden year-round, continues to have a soft spot for giraffes and loves playing with animals of all kinds, especially his pug, Rocky. Rocky is the unlikely but happy beneficiary of Izaak's garden: he's been known to snatch tomatoes and strawberries when no one is looking!

Izaak expresses amazement that he was able to set his sights on getting well and never looking back while he fought cancer, but it's not a surprise to anyone who knows him. He's a young man who has maintained the kindness, strength of character and resilience that shined at Brent's Place.



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