



# Financial Report 2021

## The Unbreakable Bond of Community

When eight-year-old Tabitha began experiencing debilitating back pain in late 2020, her mom Christie was alarmed. Normally energetic and bubbly, Tabitha felt miserable enough to cancel an upcoming performance she'd been looking forward to. "That's how I knew she was really sick," Christie said.

On December 1, 2020, Christie received a phone call from school, concerned about Tabitha's continued discomfort. Her fears confirmed, Christie immediately took her daughter to the emergency room, the first step on a health journey that would span hundreds of miles over the next year.

When a flurry of testing revealed that Tabitha had acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), a cancer of the blood and bone marrow, Christie was in disbelief. As a preschooler, Tabitha had been misdiagnosed with leukemia - a traumatic experience that lingered with Christie for years. "I remember saying, 'You're wrong. You got it wrong.'" This time, however, the medical team assured her, the diagnosis was accurate.

To make matters worse, Tabitha contracted COVID before treatment could begin. Her fragile condition meant she needed to be transferred from Wyoming to Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Colorado immediately, without Christie. Though the separation was terrifying, Tabitha was placed in capable hands with a world-class medical team. Forced to leave Tabitha's three-year-old brother Carson behind, Christie drove through the night to meet Tabitha in Denver the next morning.

After nearly a month of in-patient treatment, including COVID quarantine for both Tabitha and Christie, the family was discharged to Brent's Place in time for Christmas. "Before I could panic about where we would stay, they had figured it out," Christie remembered. When they reunited on December 23, the family of three was welcomed with wrapped gifts outside their door. *(Continued inside)*



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As Tabitha's treatments continued through 2021, her health improved, and the family began to process the life-altering circumstances they found themselves in. Christie in particular was struggling to find her footing, angry that her child was sick. Her experiences as a single parent navigating pediatric cancer were underscored by her distrust of a medical system that had misdiagnosed her daughter and caused lasting trauma.

But the supportive Brent's Place community rallied around her family, providing activities for the kids, weekly meal support, and assistance accessing supplemental resources. In partnership with Jason's Friends, a Wyoming-based nonprofit focused on supporting families facing childhood cancer, Christie could breathe another sigh of relief knowing that their Brent's Place stay, no matter how long, would not impact the family's finances.

As the months passed, Tabitha blossomed, taking music lessons, building friendships with other kids navigating similar healing journeys, and even performing a holiday song for the Brent's Place community. "She's been able to be her most authentic self here at Brent's Place," Christie observed. As she befriended other parents experiencing similar challenges, Christie, too, began to see things from a new perspective. Together, the family leaned in, experiencing the full impact of what makes Brent's Place a refuge for so many.

In early 2022, Tabitha's health had improved enough to return home. "We got out of a really bad place," Christie said, looking back at their medical journey, "and that's because of Brent's Place."

While we hope Tabitha's path forward is paved with dreams realized, we're honored to have walked alongside her and more than 300 other families in 2021. Our partnership with Jason's Friends and your continued support make this healing success story, and so many more, possible.

## A Message from our CEO and Board Chair

As our organization celebrates 25 years of providing families access to life-saving treatment, we want to take a moment to reflect on the respite care delivered in 2021, a year truly unlike any other.

In step with each of you, our staff and the families we serve continued to navigate the unique challenges of the global pandemic. While public safety forced us to reimagine what community and connection means in today's world, last year marked growth in our shelter capacity and enhanced individualized resource allocation. Facing health challenges beyond the threat of the COVID virus, our community remained hopeful that we would find our way back to the way things used to be; paced steps on a path of healing. As the sands of time pass and we emerge from the depths of the pandemic, it is clear that increased capacity and an improved family support model will enable us to reach even more families, producing a greater overall impact on each life we touch.

Powered by the resilience of our residents and your support, we pressed forward in 2021 to accomplish our mission and lighten our families' burdens despite the constraints we faced. Your generosity inspired our team to lean in and focus on the opportunity to positively

impact lives rather than the barriers in front of us. We are humbled by your partnership in this work and acknowledge that you too have faced and overcome personal and professional challenges due to the pandemic. We are grateful for the determination, creativity, and care our supportive community has displayed for 25 years and counting. The enclosed stories and impact numbers are cause for shared celebration!

Throughout the remainder of the year, we are dedicated to safely bringing friends, volunteers, and programs back in full earnest at Brent's Place. We hope to see you soon and often! Togetherness is what makes miracles possible.

With gratitude,



Sean Meyerhoffer  
CEO



John Connor  
Board of Directors Chair

## Your Support Counts

Guided by civic responsibility and compassion, our partners embraced the challenges of the last year with innovation and generosity. We are extremely grateful to the dedicated corporate and community partners who leaned in to lift up our families from afar.



### SPECIAL THANKS:

Caruso Family Charities, Club Greenwood, DBar Restaurant, Denver Country Club, Kyle Wood Foundation, Red Rocks Country Club, There With Care

Contributions big and small help Brent's Place to alleviate families' financial burdens and emotional stressors so they can focus on the care of their loved one facing a medical crisis. Thank you to all of our 2021 donors for investing in our mission.

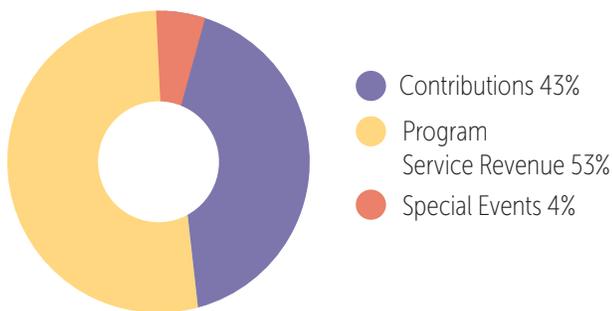
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# 2021 Financial Highlights

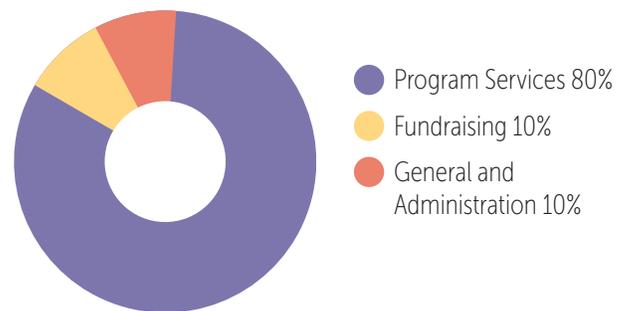
## Brent Eley Foundation 2021 OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES

**2021 TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE**  
**\$4,547,501**

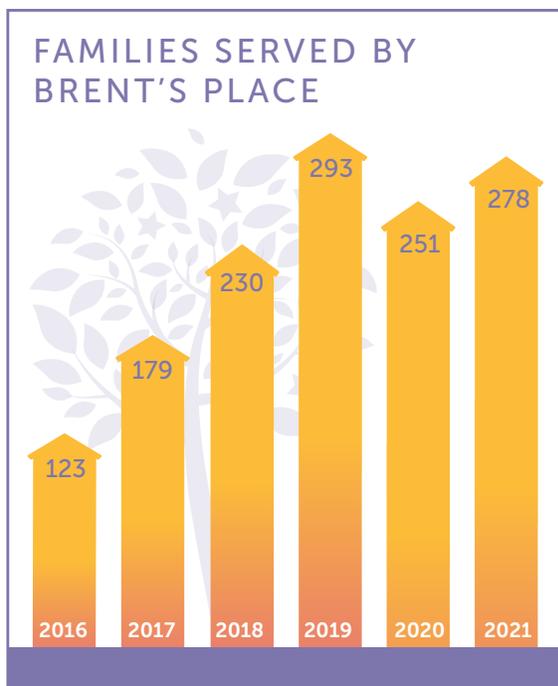
*(Excluding one-time contribution from Brent Eley Center, Inc.)*



**2021 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES**  
**\$4,172,089**



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](mailto:barbheverly@brentsplace.org).



In 2021, 278 families entrusted Brent's Place for their shelter and support while seeking a medical miracle at one of our partner hospitals. The demand for Safe-Clean housing for the medically vulnerable population that we serve has never been more critical than during the continuing public health crisis. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our doors and hearts remain open to support the unique needs of families facing medical crises.



**Give the gift of hope. Use the enclosed donation envelope or visit our website to make your donation today!**

# 2021 Financial Highlights

## Brent Eley Foundation and Brent Eley Center, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Financial Position DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (AUDITED)

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Cash and Liquid Investments	3,423,072	4,082,083
Other Current Assets	345,713	135,052
Capital Campaign Contributions Receivable	6,140	40,983
Beneficial Interest in Endowment Fund Assets Held By Others	62,464	58,627
Investment in Property and Equipment	15,941,072	16,044,540
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$19,778,461</b>	<b>\$20,361,285</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Current Liabilities	237,022	237,458
Note and Bond Payable	161,343	1,678,408
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$398,365</b>	<b>\$1,915,866</b>

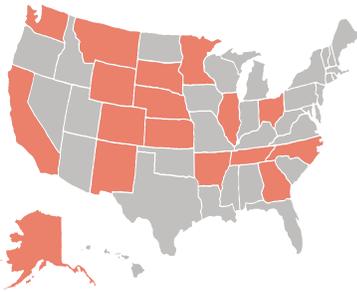
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	17,743,237	16,747,582
Board Designated	1,082,232	1,097,982
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	18,825,469	17,845,564
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	554,627	599,855
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$19,380,096</b>	<b>\$18,445,419</b>

<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$934,677</b>	<b>\$1,293,713</b>
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## Impact in Numbers



**278**  
families served



**17**  
states served  
*(and Iceland)*



**10,177**  
meals provided



**163**  
birthdays celebrated

## We Remember

Our most sincere condolences to the Brent's Place families who have recently lost loved ones. We keep these families in our thoughts and our hearts.

Nicholas Brown	1979-2022	Eric Ramirez	1974-2021
Gumercindo Cardenas	1955-2022	Killian Rickards	2020-2022
Darlene Dobby	1957-2022	Darrell Schulte	1948-2022
Richard Ellsbury	1953-2022	Campbell Sullivan	2001-2021
Victoria Gonzales	2000-2021	Kaleb Toney	2006-2022
Lucas Hall	1981-2021	Randy Watts	1962-2022
Steven Johnson	1996-2020	Benjamin West	1958-2021
Samantha Jones	1989-2022	Cordell Whitley	1993-2022
Melanie Lopez	2017-2022	Irma Zapien	1976-2021
John (JW) Marrinan	2009-2021		
Jared Miller	1936-2020		
Sawyer Navarro	2021-2021		
Michael O'Brien	1955-2021		



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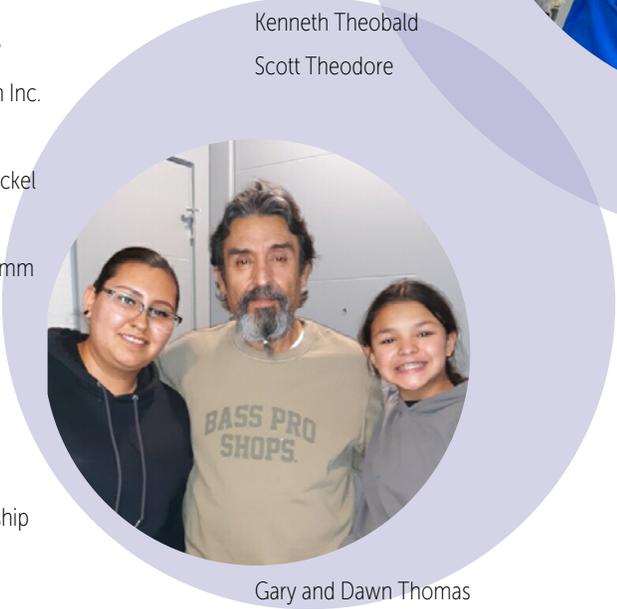
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