



May Brent's Buddies Buzz

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WHAT HAPPENED IN APRIL

- **Teens and Caregivers got to spend some time being supported by a new caregiver support group, Care to Share, started by MSW interns Kate and Erika, and the new Teen Support Group run by volunteer Heather Engblom!**
- **The Easter Bunny spent a day at Brent's Place with the Executive Leadership Committee at their annual Brunch and Egg Hunt**

Program Feature— Pool Tournament.

Lately, pool has been all the rage at Brent's Place! Kids of all ages and their caregivers can be found playing pool all hours of the day. So when Melissa Randall called looking for opportunities for the Heritage Boy's Basketball team to get involved at Brent's Place, it was easy to find some willing and able volunteers to plan a pool tournament!

Fliers were made, families were notified, and when the rainy Thursday even-

ing finally came, the multipurpose room was full of participants and spectators. The participants played "Cutthroat," a style of pool game where three people all play at once and each tries to keep their pool balls on the table while getting their opponents' in the pockets.

When the night was over, there were two winners! Zane, the resident pool shark, and Alex, who had recently moved home but made a stop by after ap-

pointments. Brent's Place resident Samantha made certificates for both of them to proudly display to prove once and for all that they are (both!) the best pool players around. See below for some fun photos!

Thank you to David, Joseph, and Walker for creating such an awesome event for families, and to Melissa and Caroline for getting this event going. You are all all-stars!



“Brent's Place is an amazing facility that not only looks out for the children's welfare, it provides families a home. While everything else in our lives seemed out of control we found comfort in knowing that we had a home where our family could find a sense of normalcy. What makes Brent's Place such an amazing place are the people who work and volunteer here.”

“Brent's Place is like an island in a storm. Our home here is the one constant that we can count on during this journey. The kindness and support has been amazing.”

Volunteer of the Month: Krissy Malone



Krissy (left) and her friends donating supplies for a whole new apartment!

You may remember hearing about Krissy in the March Buddies Buzz, when we featured our current volunteer tutors. In addition to tutoring, Krissy Malone has jumped into a variety of other volunteer projects, which we are so grateful for!

Krissy provided baskets full of fun goodies for kids, and she recently dropped off a wonderful donation to fill a new apartment in Brent's Place Too for our Stock A Palooza day!

Please read Krissy's answers to the following 3 questions.

1. Why do you volunteer, and specifically at Brent's Place?

I volunteer at Brent's Place because it radiates positivity! I was also an elementary school teacher, and have missed teaching or just hanging out with the tiny humans. Brent's Place has given me some great kiddos to work with weekly and I look forward to many many more.

2. What is your favorite memory at Brent's Place?

My favorite memory thus far has been working 1-1 with a kiddo named Alex. His genuine love for life and learning was quite inspirational. I always remember our first tutoring session... as I have him clapping and tapping to memorize multiplication facts. He, I'm sure by reflecting on his facial expressions, thought I was silly & a tad crazy but week by week he

memorized more and more.

3. How have you incorporated volunteering into your life?

I have incorporated volunteering into my life in different ways. I love the craft time & tutoring time with the kids at Brent's Place. Seeing their faces light up, fills my heart tremendously. I have also discovered the joy of shopping and giving!!!! Filling Easter Baskets and stocking and apartment for Brent's Place Too were some of the most fun days to date. Brent's Place has been my starting point for volunteering. I'm so happy to continue to give here and also add some other amazing nonprofits around the Denver area to my plate.

Thank you Krissy for being a constant source of support for our families and for bringing such positive enthusiasm to Brent's Place!

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Brunch and Egg Hunt with the ELC was a huge success! Thanks to From the Hip for volunteering their time to take beautiful photos.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR
TIME AND SERVICES IN APRIL!**

Save the Date

for the Brent's Place
Volunteer Appreciation Event

August 22nd, 2017 at 6pm
Blue Bonnet Cafe, 457 S. Broadway
RSVP to follow



Thank you for helping us grow!

A special shout-out to the 2016-2017 Lance Jackson Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Adele Gelfand. Thank you for everything you have done for Brent's Place, Adele!