



14 year old Sam moved into Brent's Place in December of 2015. An incredibly generous and gregarious young man he quickly won over anyone he met. The Brent's Place staff and volunteers were blown away by his maturity and consideration for others. Sam always seemed concerned with those around him and clearly put the needs and feelings of his family above his own. A rare quality in anyone but especially unique in a teenage boy going through cancer treatment.

Sam's battle with cancer began in 2015 when a skiing accident left him with reoccurring hip pain. When Sam was still experiencing discomfort into the summer, his parents, Chris and Gabrielle decided they needed an answer. After visiting numerous doctors, an Orthopedic Oncology specialist made the difficult diagnosis of cancer. This devastating news was delivered on August 21st, Sam's parents wedding anniversary, not the type of anniversary gift anyone wants.

It was especially difficult for Sam when he realized he would not be finishing 8th grade with his classmates and would be away from home for the next 5 to 10 months. His parents struggled with creating a positive environment away from home. The day that an apartment opened up at Brent's Place, Sam's mom Gabrielle came over for a tour. According to Chris, he will never forget the phone call he received from her, "Gabrielle was in Denver with Samuel and I was in Rapid City. An apartment at Brent's Place had opened up and she went to get a tour of it. She called me and she started crying because it was going to be such a wonderful place for Samuel to be." For the Seeley family, it was a chance to exhale when they realized they would have a home away from home for the duration of Sam's treatment. For Sam, it was a chance to be a kid again. He was surrounded by other youth that quickly became his friends and support community.

During his 206 days at Brent's Place, Sam loved participating in the different activities and getting to know the other families that called Brent's Place home. For Sam and his family, some

"We truly believe that a big part of Sam's recovery had to do with the safe, calm, clean environment he was able to convalesce in at Brent's Place"

-Chris, Sam's dad



of their best memories from his time at Brent's Place were the quiet moments where they could visit with each other and feel "at home."

Sam completed his treatments and was able to return home to Rapid City on May 25, 2016. Samuel just visited for his follow up scans on August 19 (almost exactly a year after his initial biopsies) and he is still showing no signs of disease!



Dear Friend,

I can hardly believe that we are closing in on the fourth quarter of 2016, but it seems like everyone I talk with has experienced the same blur of activity this year. Whether it is work, play, family or some combination of all three, this

year seems to have disappeared in the blink of an eye for all of us at Brent's Place. Luckily, we have a lot of great work to reflect on that shows that 2016 has been another incredible year in support of the children and families we serve.

It has been a pleasure to watch our staff and volunteers tackle the significant challenges of carrying our day to day operations while raising funds to support an \$8 Million Campaign for Brent's Place Too.

Finishing the year strong is key to the overall goals we have set for Brent's Place and will enable us to serve families in a meaningful way during a difficult time.

To reach our goals for 2016, while preparing to achieve new levels of service through Brent's Place Too we invite you, our Brent's Place Family, to consider making a meaningful year end gift to support either our day to day operations or the Campaign For Brent's Place Too.

Operational Support: Help us reach our goal of raising \$1.6 Million to provide housing and day to day support services to families in need.

Campaign for Brent's Place Too:

Help us build Brent's Place Too. We are only \$500,000 away from hitting our goal and anticipate opening the doors for new families in June of 2017.

Brent's Place would not exist without the generous contributions of our community, countless volunteer hours and encouragement from a wide array of corporations and individuals. We hope that you will consider continuing, renewing or upgrading your support through the channels available to help us reach even more families.

Thank you for your dedication and support!

Sincerely,

Sean Meyerhoffer
Executive Director



Brent's Place is a leader in bone marrow transplant and long-term oncology housing and programming. In addition to a Safe-Clean environment for the patient, Brent's Place provides a supportive and understanding community, giving invaluable relief from the many physical, emotional and financial burdens that families face.

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- Rebekah Wells, Development Director
- Barb Heverly, Controller
- Anne Petrucci, Administrative Assistant
- Rachel Bernstein, Community Engagement Manager
- Fabian Jimenez, House Operations Manager
- Emily Roembach-Clark, Grants Manager
- Cassie Davis, Program Coordinator
- Devin Traxler, Volunteer Coordinator
- Marilynn Fowler, Family Benefits & Revenue Coordinator
- Mary Kamau, Overnight Monitor

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Thank you to From the Hip Photo for providing beautiful photos of the Brent's Place families and programs.

Join Brent's Legacy Society

to make a lasting impact on the future of Brent's Place families for years to come.

To learn more about a planned or estate gift call Rebekah Wells at 720-343-2806 or email rwells@brentsplace.org



Holidays at Brent's Place

The holidays are an important time for any family but when your child is sick and you are away from home, it can seem overwhelming to try and create a special memory or holiday experience for your family. Thanks to many Brent's Place supporters, companies, families, and groups, Brent's Place is able to help provide the many ingredients for a beautiful holiday.

Every family living at Brent's Place over the holidays is treated to a prepared Thanksgiving dinner, Santa Claus visit, custom oversized stockings, Christmas meal and wish fulfillment.

Please contact us if you are interested in helping support one of our many holiday programs.

★ To help with the holidays at Brent's Place, go to brentspace.org/get-involved/holidays



Ways you can contribute to the holidays at Brent's Place

Sponsor a holiday meal

Host a toy drive or gift card drive

Sign up to fulfill a gift from the wish list

Holiday wish list fulfillment is a great opportunity for a company or group to support a specific family this holiday season. And don't forget our teens and caregivers! See our website for gift ideas; look under 'Holiday Gift Drives'.

Volunteer at a holiday event

Put together stockings

Sponsor a family stay

One of the best ways you can help support the families all year long at Brent's Place is by sponsoring a family stay of one night or more. Learn more at brentspace.org

New Staff at Brent's Place

Cassie Davis is our new Program Coordinator. This is a new position that will focus on engaging past families, building our current program offerings, and ensuring every family touched by Brent's Place has a positive experience. If you are a current or past family be on the lookout for communication from Cassie.

Devin Traxler is our new Volunteer Coordinator. For the first time, Brent's Place is thrilled to have a staff person dedicated to serving our volunteer community. From a volunteer's first outreach throughout their tenure as a volunteer, Devin will work to ensure it is a beneficial experience. If you are a current or past volunteer be on the lookout for communication from Devin.

These four new roles showcase a progressive model to help position the organization for growth through additional revenue sources, more community support, and increased outreach.

Marilynn Fowler is our new Family Benefits and Revenue Coordinator. This is a new position to help assist families and Brent's Place with accessing insurance benefits and untapped avenues of support. If you are a current Brent's Place family you should be on the lookout for communication from Marilynn.

Barb Haverly joins us as the new Brent's Place Controller. Barb brings many years of non-profit business experience and an excitement to help propel Brent's Place forward. We look forward to watching her knowledge and passion make a positive difference for Brent's Place and help improve our processes.



Meet Lillie

7 year old Lillie lived at Brent's Place for 38 days with her mom, dad, and baby sister Hope. Lillie is an incredibly caring young lady whose favorite activity is family movie nights because she loves when her family is all together and she gets to "hold her loved ones close."

Volunteer Spotlight: Benja Bemelen



Every Friday morning, Benja Bemelen's alarm goes off at 5:30 AM. She then drives to Brent's Place where she helps cook breakfast for the families at Brent's Place. Benja has been volunteering for about 7 years now. Initially she claimed she wouldn't cook, saying she doesn't even cook for herself, but now Benja is a bacon and eggs expert. She started volunteering with a friend, but continued coming in on Fridays after her friend's group stepped away.

Benja doesn't stop at the 2 hours every week she spends at Brent's Place. She also volunteers for a number of special events, including Kid's Cure and the Brent's Place Invitational golf tournament. When Brent's Place said we needed cleaning supplies, Benja came in that Friday with bags full of donations. Benja says that she volunteers at Brent's Place because seeing the families and talking to them in the mornings makes her happy. Benja is a cancer survivor herself, and said that seeing the courage of the Brent's Place kids "always smiling, not complaining" encouraged her through her own treatment. Benja has many favorite memories of her time at Brent's Place, but she says there's nothing she likes more than when families come down for breakfast and she can spend time with them.



Want to volunteer?

Helping our many volunteer groups to prepare warm, home cooked meals for families is one of the many ways you can participate at Brent's Place.



Meet Aurora

One year old Aurora lived at Brent's Place for 215 days. This gregarious toddler loved interacting with all the Brent's Place volunteers and would 'leap' from her parents arms to anyone willing to hold and play with her. Her outgoing personality can brighten anyone's day.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Devin Traxler dtraxler@brentsplace.org 720.343.2819, or visit brentsplace.org

Brent's Place Wish List

- HE Laundry Detergent
- Anti-microbial Shower Curtains
- Bleach
- Clorox Wipes

For more information about current needs and how to contribute, please visit brentsplace.org or our Amazon wish list at tinyurl.com/wish-bp



Brent's Place is Growing!

We need more space for more kids traveling with their families to Colorado for a medical miracle.

We are only \$500,000 away from reaching our goal of fully funding Brent's Place Too. Will you help us close the gap and raise the remaining \$500,000?



We ask that you thoughtfully consider how you would like to support our unique mission that doctors attest fills a vital role in the lives of their patients. **Any amount you can give contributes toward our overall goal – whether that's \$75 or \$200 or \$5000.** Your gift will go directly to supporting our families during the most vulnerable time in life.

And any gift to Brent's Place Too is a long term investment – the dollars you contribute today will continue bearing fruit for years to come. Once our facility is constructed, it's not just 200+ families that will be helped....it is that many families each year! You will be making an untold difference in the lives of patients and their families for years to come.

If you have any questions or would like a tour of Brent's Place, please contact Rebekah Wells rwells@brentsplace.org or at 720-343-2800.



Brent's Place Too Video

Brent's Place has a new video featuring Trayson and his family, showing how our new addition of **Brent's Place Too will fill a critical need in many lives.** Please watch this short video on our website, brentsplace.org, and learn how you can be part of helping us provide a home of hope and healing to more kids and their families.

We can't do this without you!

It is a community effort, and we need your help. If you have been touched by the mission of Brent's Place, would you consider sharing Trayson's story with someone you know?



Meet Calvin

2 year old Calvin lived at Brent's Place for 111 days with his mom and dad. His quick wit was a pleasure for anyone that got the chance to interact with him. He loved visiting our Brent's Place staff and would travel from office to office saying hi.



6,287

...and counting!

Number of nights provided for families to stay at Brent's place in 2016

Brent's Place 2016 Event Wrap-Up

Thank you to our event supporters and participants!

Brent's Place would like to extend a special thank you to all of our event committees who dedicate endless hours and talents to hosting successful events! Without your support and dedication to the children and families who call Brent's Place home, we would not be able to put on these events that raise imperative funds and awareness to provide crucial Safe-Clean housing and support programs for families throughout the year!



Dos Casas

A culinary adventure benefiting Brent's Place

April 13, 2016

The 2016 event season began with our 9th Annual Dos Casas event hosted by Lola Restaurant in the Denver LoHi neighborhood. Over 150 people came out to enjoy this one-of-a-kind culinary experience, raising more than \$45,000. Each year, the best chefs in Denver gather to dedicate their time and talent to help support Brent's Place. We are humbled by the generosity of Jamey Fader and his team of consummate chefs.

Kid's Cure

to benefit brent's place

July 30, 2016



The 28th Annual Kid's Cure was a day to remember! Over 900 people came together to celebrate the journeys of all our past, present, and future Brent's Place families. This family fun walk includes play zones for the kids and lots of all ages activities at General's Park in Aurora. Many thanks to all of our participants, volunteers and sponsors for helping raise more than \$100,000 for incoming Brent's Place families. **A special thank you goes out to our presenting sponsor Doctor Fix-it**, whose efforts continue to support Brent's Place, and to our supporting level sponsors, including Children's Hospital, Sheridan Ross, Health Connect Properties, Colorado State Bank and Trust, PLUS Foundation, and EMC Insurance.



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brent's place Invitational

August 15, 2016

The 17th Annual Brent's Place Invitational continued our summer of successful events, raising over \$65,000! 128 golfers came out to support Brent's Place at the beautiful Club at Pradera. What a treat it was for all the foursomes to join past Brent's Place resident Elijah at the 19th hole!



September 17, 2016

Once again, Urban Navigator was an entertaining, invigorating day raising more than \$35,000 for Brent's Place. With the addition of a brewery tour in the RINO neighborhood and a rollicking after-party at The Matchbox, this ultimate adventure race has quickly become one of Denver's favorite activities. Teams reveled in zany challenges and in being a part of the Denver Crush street art showcase.



October 14, 2016

The 10th annual Roadless Ride was another rousing success, raising over \$100,000. Long time rider Willie had his best year yet and raised \$23,220! 22 riders rode 12 hours for the families at Brent's Place, including past Brent's Place dad, Steve Carcaterra! He made daughter Rebecca, a cancer survivor, proud.

For more information on Brent's Place events visit brentsplace.org/event

Team Brent's Place

Whether you sign up for a marathon, host your own fundraising event or support a Team Brent's Place participant, by joining with Team Brent's Place you are making a difference for families traveling away from home for a medical miracle.

The possibilities to be a part of Team Brent's Place are practically endless. Wine tasting, auction, block party, school fundraiser, triathlon, swim challenge, dance-a-thon, poker tournament, birthday party, corporate challenge, 5k, and more. Turn your passions into a mission!

Make an ordinary day extraordinary by helping create a home of hope and healing.

When you join Team Brent's Place, you receive all the tools you need to make an impact – from fundraising and outreach support, to a personalized fundraising page and so much more. Team Brent's Place members are eligible for limited Brent's Place items like Team Brent's Place jerseys, birthday gifts, and more.

Visit brentsplace.org to learn more!



We Will Always Remember



Jordan Jones



Kaylee Ortiz

Joseph Garcia, Gilbert Sena (not pictured)

Walk of Hope

There is a space at Brent's Place that carries the names of many that have touched our hearts and the strength of those that took important steps at Brent's Place. To dedicate your own brick in our Walk of Hope please visit brentsplace.org/walkofhope

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

Program Partners are foundations or businesses that provide ongoing support of a Brent's Place program. For example, Swallow Hill gives music lessons to kids at Brent's Place.

Program Partners

Ability Specialists
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D Bar Restaurant
From the Hip Photography
Hope Kids
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Snooze
Soul Day Foundation
Swallow Hill Music

Corporate Social Responsibility Partners are companies that partner with Brent's Place at all three levels of support, providing employee volunteers, special event participation, and financial sponsorship. These are companies that go above and beyond to across multiple avenues of giving: Time, Money, and Awareness.

Corporate Social Responsibility Partners

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The Brent's Place mission is 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.



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Creating communities to support hope and healing



GENEROUS SUPPORT

A special thank you to our featured corporate partners that generously support all the children and families that call Brent's Place home.

20th Anniversary



brent's place

20 years of home, hope, & healing

Brent's Place celebrates our 20th Anniversary & Opening of Brent's Place Too coming in May 2017

Thank you to our Corporate Social Responsibility Partners



Thank you to our Program Partners

Ability Specialists | Blue Star Connection | National Charity League | Soul Day Foundation | Swallow Hill Music



Thank you to everyone that donated to Brent's Place in the past year. For a full list of donors please visit brentspplace.org and click on the Fall Star Report.