

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to bring light in a time of sorrow. To provide a bear as a reminder of your little angel and that you are not alone, but accompanied by the thoughts and prayers of everyone who has shared in this emotion.

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WOW! It's hard to believe it's been 10 YEARS!

The 2023 Brianna Lee Foundation golf outing is officially in the books! And what a golf outing it was!!

We had 21 foursomes, amazing Silent Auction items and some of the best golfers around. I say this not because of their skill (although we had some very skillful golfers) but because of their support, kindness and friendship towards each other. We had foursomes that have been with us since the beginning, as well as some 1st time foursomes. No matter how many years you have golfed with us, we truly appreciate your support. WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

I know I have shared these numbers with you before, however I feel I need to share them again so you can see why we do the Golf Outing each year. There are 26,000 stillbirths in the U.S. each year. That equates to a baby being born still every 20 minutes.

These parents go into the hospital, expecting to leave with a baby in their arms. Instead, they are faced with leaving empty armed. By the Foundation proving them with an 18-inch, soft cuddly teddy bear, the mom has something in her arms as she leaves the hospital. This teddy bear also helps during the long healing process as she has something to hold, cuddle and cry with.

These teddy bears are not meant to replace the baby. The teddy bears are meant to help with the aching arm syndrome that a mom experiences by not having the baby. One Chaplin shared with me that she had given a mom the teddy bear and when she went back into the room later, she saw the dad, staring out the window, sobbing, while he was clutching and hugging the teddy bear.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you, to our golfer, sponsors and donors! We couldn't continue to help these families without each and every one of you!

Thank You and God bless all of you for your support! Together, we are letting these families know they are not alone, but that they are in the thoughts and hearts and prayers of others that have shared in this tragedy.

Together, we will continue to help more families as we continue to grow, because of your support!

Thank you to our Sponsors! You're the best!!

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Golf Cart Sponsor:

The Jensen Family

Aunt Karen and Aunt Kay (Wildey)

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Our Silent Auction was a great success because of these businesses and folks that donated:

West Michigan White Caps

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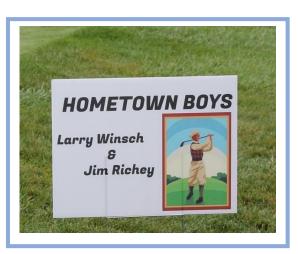
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Over 150 Hospitals in 11 States

We currently are in over 150 hospitals in 11 states. Typically, most of our fund raising is down locally. However, as we continue to grow and expand, we are hoping other states will help us out.

If your workplace, church, school, neighborhood or family would like to do a Fund raiser for us, we would appreciate it.

Some ideas are: dress down Friday at your work place, adopt a non-profit for the holidays, a business having some type of challenge within the various departments, car or dog washing ,sports tournament (tennis, cornhole, basketball etc.) and a 5K.

The list of ideas can go on and on. Be creative! All fundraisers that are done will be listed in our next newsletter.

No matter how big or how small the fund raiser is, we appreciate your time and effort.



Donors This Quarter.
Thank you!

Jim and Karyl McCullough Jim and Bonnie Linscott Tracey and Kevin Weberg Todd Niceswander



My wife received a bear at the hospital after we lost our baby and it was really impactful and meant a lot to us. Thank you so much! Hopefully this donation will fund a few more. Brian Seymour

Thank You Biggby Coffee in Standale Michigan!

The Biggby Coffee Shop in Standale Michigan celebrated their 13th year in business on September 21st. Each year on their anniversary, as a thank you to the community they work in, they choose a non profit and donate \$1 for every cup of coffee sold on that day.

This year they chose the Brianna Lee Foundation! Thank You Standale Biggby for your donation to our Foundation!











SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 11^{TH} ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SEPTEMBER 8,2024 THE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE



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