



MISSION

Brent's Place helps those living with cancer by providing housing and programs through partnerships in our community.

HISTORY

Brent Eley was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare muscle cancer at age 13 in Denver, Colorado. His only option for treatment was a bone marrow transplant. Because there was no bone marrow transplant unit in Denver at that time, the Eley family went to Iowa City for treatment.

Despite his valiant struggle, Brent passed away due to complications from his bone marrow transplant. The Eley family returned to Denver with the dream to help others who face temporary relocation due to cancer treatment.

They founded Brent's Place in 1998, to fulfill their dream and honor their son. Since its inception, Brent's Place has served over 327 cancer patients and their families.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The Brent Eley Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity that

- Operates Brent's Place a home away from home for children with cancer and their families.
- Funds pediatric oncology research through a fellowship at The Children's Hospital and the University of Colorado Cancer Center.
- Supports pediatric oncology education through the annual Brent Eley Visiting Professorship program

Brent's Place is a unique long-term housing facility in the Rocky Mountain region specifically designed for children and adults with compromised immunity who are recovering from Bone Marrow Transplantation, cancer treatment and other diseases. Brent's Place can house these high-risk patients because of our unique living environment that includes:

- Hardwood floors because carpet can hide dust and mildew
- Flush surfaces that prevent dust from collecting in hard to clean areas
- Surfaces that can be easily wiped cleaned
- Beds that are fitted with plastic mattress covers
- Couches with slipcovers that can be easily washed.
- A clutter free apartment to prevent dust accumulation
- Easily changeable air filters that ensure air quality

Additionally, Brent's Place provides activities designed to meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of the caregivers, patients, and siblings

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2007 Brent's Place received the Henry McAllister Award for Excellence from the El Pomar Foundation for most outstanding non-profit in the Special Projects category. In 2006, it was a Finalist for Colorado Ethics in Business Award for Most Outstanding Non-Profit organization. In 2005, the National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses recognized Brent's Place as an outstanding hospital hospitality house of the year.

But what makes Brent's Place truly unique is the difference we make in the lives of those living with cancer as a former resident wrote, *"Brent's Place provides an invaluable service to families going through what is probably their toughest life challenge and I know that I am eternally grateful. You demonstrate that the absolute best way to deal, which is to continue to laugh, love, and endlessly make a difference in the lives of others."*