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# Stern Family Summer Project 2017

The Stern Family Summer Project, now in its 12th year, is made possible by the generous support of long-time Holland & Hart client and Holland & Hart Foundation donor, the Stern family. This project encourages the daughters, sons, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren of attorneys and staff at Holland & Hart to learn about the value of philanthropy and volunteerism from an early age, and also helps benefit the organizations that are selected by the kids who participate.

To participate, a child needs to volunteer or, if too young to volunteer, to visit an organization of that child's choosing. After volunteering or visiting, the child writes a letter or submits a drawing to the Holland & Hart Foundation telling us about the experience. A donation is then made directly from the Holland & Hart Foundation to the organization in the name of the child.

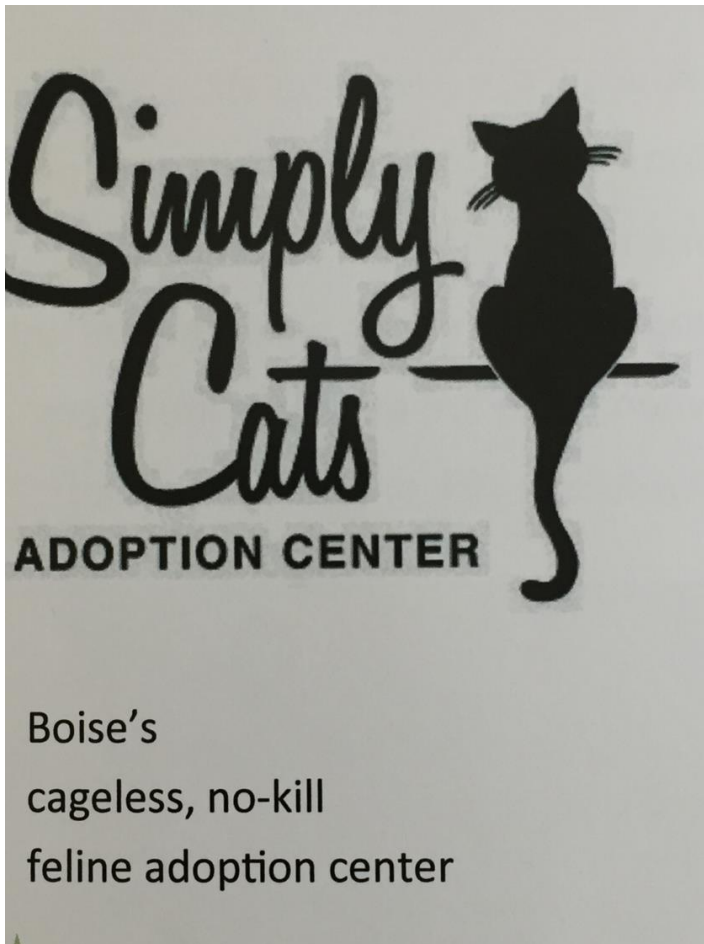
This year, 26 children ranging in age from 3 to age 17 with connections to the firm's Boise, Boulder, Cheyenne, Denver, DTC, and Salt Lake City offices volunteered or visited an organization of their choice, and \$2,600 was donated to 12 different organizations on behalf of the Stern Family.

Please take a moment to enjoy these children's experiences through the attached letters, drawings, and photos.

Ashley Wald  
President, HHF

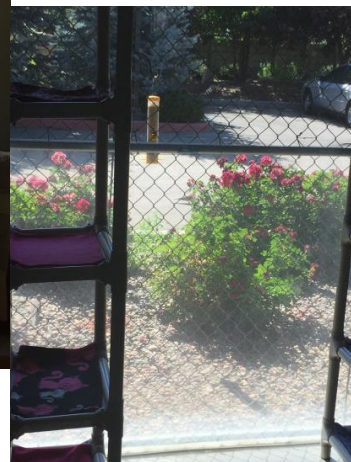


## Hailey and Sammy Hurley - Simply Cats Adoption Center



We are Hailey Jones and Sammy Hurley. We wanted to help Simply Cats by making toys and blankets for the cats. These are rescue cats. When they are adopted, they get to take a blanket in the carrier. Before they are adopted they stay in rooms with other cats. They have a kitty door to an outside patio where they can watch birds and get fresh air. They have toys in the rooms and people can play with them and pet them. We have adopted cats from Simply Cats and they make great pets. Hailey has Bouncer and Dutchess. Sammy has Frannie and Zoey. Here is our story about making blankets and toys for the cats at Simply Cats.

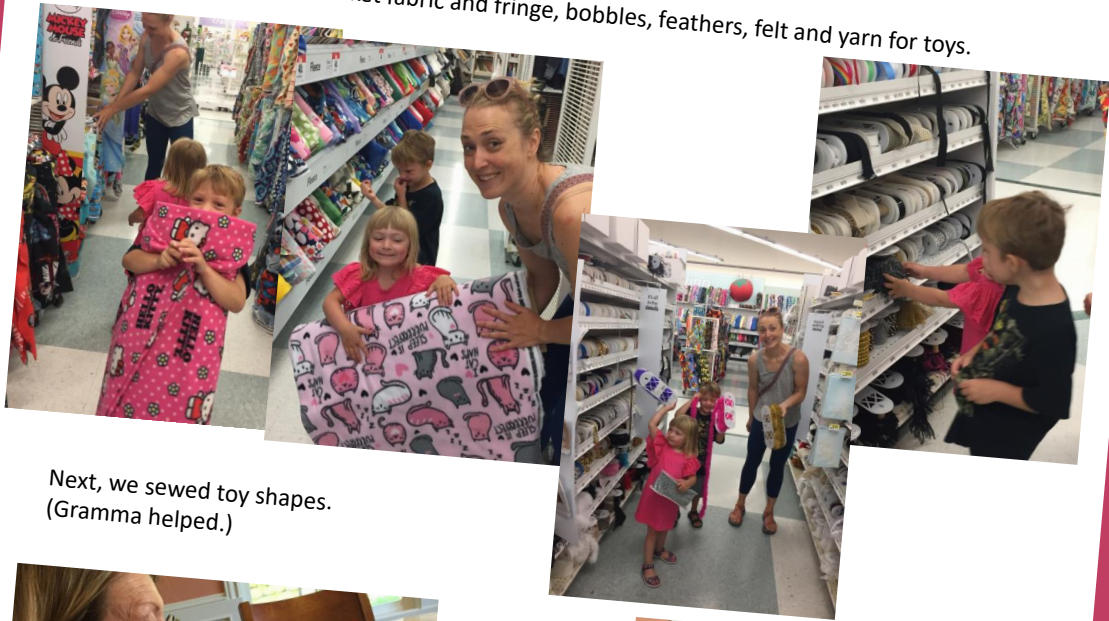
Hailey (age 5 ½) and  
Sammy (age 3)





Hailey and Sammy Hurley - Simply Cats Adoption Center

First, we shopped for blanket fabric and fringe, bobbles, feathers, felt and yarn for toys.



Next, we sewed toy shapes.  
(Gamma helped.)



Then we stuffed  
the toys with  
cotton balls and  
cat nip.

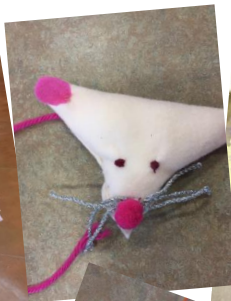






Hailey and Sammy Hurley - Simply Cats Adoption Center

We took our blankets and toys to Simply Cats.



We tested our toys. The kitties liked them!







Hailey and Sammy Hurley - Simply Cats Adoption Center



We liked holding and petting the kittens best.





Hailey and Sammy Hurley - Simply Cats Adoption Center

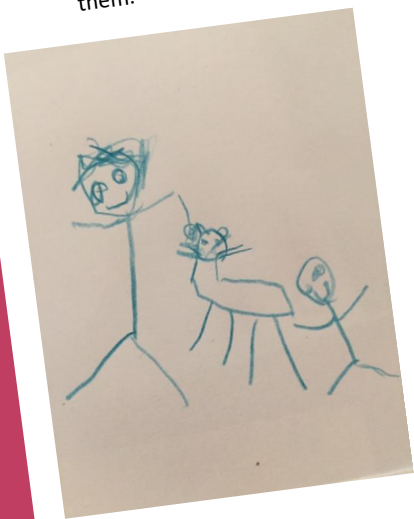
Dear Simply Cats:  
We are glad you rescue cats. Every cat deserves a good home. Thank you for helping cats find their "forever" homes.  
HAILEY  
BROCK



Dear Simply Cats -  
Mommy says we cannot adopt all the cats. So, we are so happy that you take good care of them, feed them, and scoop their poop.  
Sammy

We had a great time making toys for the cats and playing with them.

These are very happy cats. We hope you will help us help Simply Cats. Love, Hailey and Sammy





Ashley Lindley - Friends of Zoo Boise



"For our volunteer work, we got to clean a parakeet's cage. His name is Andy, and he was the only parakeet in his cage. I got to use the hose to rinse it off. Andy needed his cage cleaned because there were pieces of fruit and feathers stuck everywhere. Cleaning out his cage helped Andy and the workers there because it's not healthy for them to live in a dirty cage. I learned that parakeets are very messy animals. I wanted to help the zoo because all the animals there are very kind and it's good to do something for them. Another thing I learned was what an education bird is. It is an animal that welcomes people at the zoo. After we cleaned his cage we got to see Andy do some tricks. Some of his tricks were spinning in a circle and showing his foot to make sure he was healthy. My favorite part was him doing all his tricks and decorating his cage with his toys. Something funny that happened was that he kept saying "pretty bird". It was so fun I want to do it again next year!"

- Ashley, age 10





## Lauren Lindley - Friends of Zoo Boise



"For our project, I cleaned out Andy's cage. Andy is a parakeet at Zoo Boise. He is a green parakeet, and his beak is red and orange. We cleaned his cage because it was volunteer work and so we could give more money to the zoo. It helped Andy because he can get sick if his cage isn't clean. We cleaned the cage by spraying it with a hose, then scrubbing it with a brush, and then spraying it off again. We then also sprayed and cleaned off his toys. We also went to Andy's home to go get him, and the worker at the zoo got him out with some sunflower seeds. Then we brought him to his cage and got to hide treats in his cage for him. Andy did some tricks for us. He spun around and showed us his foot. He also made the sound of the melody before people yell "Charge!" When we said "pretty bird," he said "pretty bird" back at us and we could talk to him. I learned how to clean a parakeet's cage, and that they can learn to do cool tricks. I wanted to help the zoo so that we can get more animals at the zoo, and so the zoo can have more money. I also want the animals to be healthy. Andy is an education bird, which is something the workers use to help visitors at the zoo learn about animals. My favorite part was meeting Andy after we had cleaned his cage. Something that was funny was when I accidentally sprayed Zack with the hose!"

—Lauren, age 8



Ashley Lindley - Friends of Zoo Boise



"At the zoo, we cleaned out the bird's cage. Andy is a parakeet. We cleaned out his cage by scrubbing it with brushes. We needed to clean it out because his cage was dirty with poop and food. Cleaning his cage helped Andy to have a clean place to live. After we cleaned his cage we got to see Andy and saw him do tricks for us. I learned that the parakeet's cage has to be clean or he won't be happy. I wanted to help the zoo because I like the animals and it's the right thing to do. Some of the tricks he did were singing songs, whistling, and turning around in circles. My favorite part was looking at the parakeet after we cleaned his cage. He looked happy. Something funny was when Andy was eating some toy pasta."

- Zack, age 6







## Ben and Paige Husa - iCanBike (part of iCan Shine)

Holland & Hart Foundation,

One of the best weeks of our summer comes when iCan Bike (part of iCan Shine) rolls into town! We volunteer for this organization in our home town every summer with our dad, this summer marking the eighth year in a row. This organization teaches kids and adults with disabilities how to ride a two wheeler bike without training wheels over the course of 5 days.

As volunteers we spot the riders as they practice on specially designed roller bikes and transition to a two-wheeler. We help motivate the riders, keeping the environment positive, fun, and safe. Sometimes that means taking breaks from riding to have a dance party. Other times that means staging a race around the gym to see if the rider on a bike can beat us on foot (the rider always seems to win). Often we are walking next to the rider for safety and motivation.

The absolute best part comes on the day that the riders transition to a two wheeler. We can't help but automatically smile! The only thing competing with our grins are the tears of joy from the parents and the wide spread smiles across the face of the rider. This smile could not possibly be any larger and it is contagious! When we see a smile that big, a rider that happy, parents that proud of their child, the only thing we can do is smile back. Sometimes words are too hard to find until the rider gets off the bike and exclaims, "I DID IT!" We give them a high five that has been well deserved and reply, "Yes you did!"

Now there is no more walking. It is more of a sprint around the gym to spot the riders on a two wheeler. Progressing to riding outside with more open space, the riders really pick up the pace. For us as volunteers there is no better reason to be exhausted than from running alongside a rider enjoying their new found freedom on two wheels. Then comes the time where we are approved by an iCan Bike staff member to stop spotting the rider. The rider speeds around the outside riding course completely independently.

The riders have gained confidence in riding as well as other aspects of their lives. They have become more independent through their newly accomplished skill. After a week of iCan Bike the riders now have a new form of recreation to stay healthy and can be included in rides around the neighborhood with their friends! We, as volunteers, have gained an experience we will never forget and enjoyed one of the best weeks of our summer. iCan Bike has found a special place in the hearts of our family. Every summer we share our enjoyment with friends as they also volunteer for iCan Bike and discover the amazing experiences for riders, parents, and volunteers, that result from this organization.

Best,  
Paige and Ben Husa





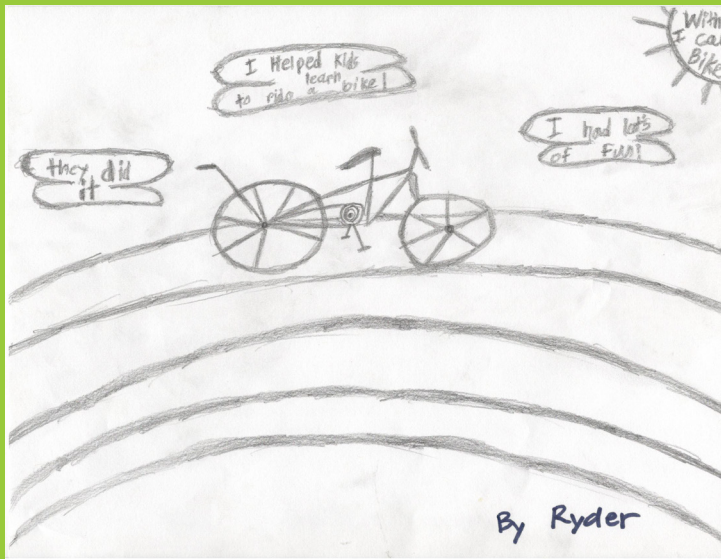
Ben and Paige Husa - iCanBike (part of iCan Shine)







## Matteo and Ryder Meale - iCanBike (part of iCan Shine)



by Matteo

I volunteered this summer  
C ourageous kids  
a ll of the kids are different  
n ever afraid of falling  
Bikes are awesome!  
I think volunteering is fun  
K ids are always working  
e veryone learned how to ride a bike!

I am the Aunt of Paige Husa. She suggested that I have my two boys (her cousins) submit some information about their summer volunteer experience. Both of them had a wonderful time working with the campers at iCan Bike this past June. We are delighted to send their work to you and I have attached it in this email. My son, Matteo, decided to write an acrostic poem about his experience. Ryder, my other son, drew a picture of the kind of specialized bike the campers used when they started learning to ride on their own.

My boys were the youngest camp volunteers (ages 10 and 11) and they worked so hard to be encouragers and spotters for the campers. I am so very proud of their volunteer work and proud of their compassion for others. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to support the iCan Bike organization.

Rene Meale



Luke Gregorio - St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
YDisciple Program

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2017,

Dear Stern Project,

My name is Luke Gregorio, I am 17 years old and will be a senior at South High School. I am involved in all of the band activities at South and I like helping with projects that my mom does with the Faith Formation programs at the church. I am involved with the youth program called YDisciple at St. Joseph's Church and have enjoyed most of the sessions that it offers.

I want to first thank you for continuing this project and offering us a way of helping others. I would like to ask help for the YDisciple program at St. Joseph's this year. This program is a way to reach youth ages 13 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, to continue their faith and keep learning. This is a free program, but paid for by the church, to all who want to continue learning their faith; we get lunch, go to concerts, and have good small group sessions too. I want to be able to help this program so that it can continue to get better.

Here is the address for St. Joseph's YDisciple

Attention: Fr. Carl Gallinger

RE: YDisciple at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

314 East 6<sup>th</sup> street

Cheyenne WY 82007

Thanks for everything, Luke Gregorio





## Olivia Gregorio - St. Mary's Cathedral St. Stephen's Mission

**July 24th 2017**

**Dear Stern Project Company,**

**I am Olivia Gregorio I am 16 years old I will be going into the eleventh grade at South High School. My Grandma Jan works at Holland and Hart. I am busy with helping my mom at St. Joseph's during the year, with different projects that we do. I am still assisting with the Faith formation program with my grandma Helen. I also am part of our youth group at church and I love helping with the programs at ROTC with East High School as well.**

**I want to say thank you for letting me again ask for help with another charity that gives back to the community. I think it is cool to get to do this. During this summer, I was able to go on a Mission Trip to St. Stephens Mission, which help Indians on the reservation with their Catholic faith. At the mission, a coffee shop serves free coffee to anyone who needs a cup of java, which is a ministry of prayer for others as well. I got to meet Father Andrew Kinsetter and Deacon Bryce Lungren who created it to help reach others in ministry. Since I am a coffee lover, and loved the process of ministry thru a cup of coffee and prayer, I thought I would ask for help with supplies to continue their ministry of mission.**

**Here is the address to be able to reach this Mission:**

**Attention: Fr. Andrew Kinsetter  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
P.O. Box 1268  
Cheyenne, WY 82003**

**Thanks for everything, Olivia Gregorio**



Lorelei Cooper - Ronald McDonald House

What I did at the  
house  
was - I got to draw on  
plain  
paper-bags I drew about  
10-20 bags.

Love  
Lorelei Cooper  
(age 7)





Stella Cooper - Ronald McDonald House

Stella Cooper;

Age 8

The Ronald McDonald house is a cool and helpful place. First, the Ronald McDonald house helps people with sick children. Next, the Ronald McDonald house supplies bedrooms, bathrooms and food. Last, there is entertainment like a foosball table and video games. I learned lot about the Ronald McDonald house

The Ronald McDonald house was a fun experience! First, ~~me~~ and Lorelei were asked to draw on some brown paper bags. Next, me and Lorelei got a tour of the Ronald McDonald house and colored on our bags. Last, me and Lorelei showed Ms. Sandra our bags and said our farewells, and left. To end, the Ronald McDonald house was really fun and interesting!





## Emma Maxwell - Colorado Center for the Blind

Emma Maxwell

The Colorado Center for the Blind has been serving the visually impaired of the Colorado community since 1988. The Center focuses on the philosophy that being blind does not need to limit a person in any way. While visiting the center, I was amazed at how much they have done to change the lives of those who cannot see.

The Colorado Center for the Blind has several programs that serve those with ages ranging from 5 to 100. The Independence Training Program, or the ITP, is one of the most common courses taken at the center, with around 30 students enrolled. During the ITP, students take classes that teach them how to live a successful life without their sight. Throughout the course, students learn how to cook, navigate the city, do basic household repairs, and read Braille. They also have the opportunity to take woodshop and art classes. One of the major events that takes place during the ITP is the completion of the Monster Route. All by his or herself, the student has to travel to four different cities in the area in one day. They get to choose where they want to go and what they want to do, but they must complete the route on their own. Everything that they have learned during the Independence Training Program prepares them to be successful in this task. After around 6 to 9 months of the ITP, students are ready to graduate. With the skills they learn during the program, they have a better chance of getting a job and living independently. Ultimately, the ITP prepares students to live successful, independent lives, even without their sight.

While visiting the Colorado Center for the Blind, I was inspired by all that the students were able to do. It was amazing to meet some of them and hear their stories. One person that I met was runner Chaz Davis. Davis has only been blind since his freshman year of college after losing his sight to a rare genetic disease. Davis told us about how at first, things were very hard. He said that there wasn't much that he really thought he could do. However, he began to run again with the help and encouragement of his teammates. Soon, in 2016, Davis represented the United States in the Rio Paralympic games. He now holds the record for the fastest marathon in the United States 12/B2 visual impairment category with a time of 2:31:48. As a runner myself, it was amazing to hear his story of persistence and overcoming challenges. Davis is currently enrolled in the Independence Training Program at the Center and will graduate in a couple of months, where he will then attend the University of Denver. Participating in the ITP at the Colorado Center for the Blind has prepared him for a successful future.

The Colorado Center for the Blind has a huge impact on the lives of the students and on the Colorado community. They truly believe that blindness does not have to limit a person in any way. Through their beneficial training programs and positive attitude, the Colorado Center for the Blind has created a world of success and possibility for the blind.



## Grace Maxwell - Colorado Center for the Blind

Grace Maxwell

Age 14

Stern Summer Scholarship 2017



The Braille Dictionary

This year, for the stern summer scholarship, I went and learned about the colorado center for the blind. This non-profit organization was started in 1988 by Diane McGeorge, who was blind herself. This center works with legally blind people to teach them how to live on their own, navigate, and have confidence.

The colorado center for the blind has a confidence program for children ages 5-11, a youth program for teens, a seniors program helping seniors even over 100, and the independence training for young adults. So the center helps people from ages 5, to over 100 years old. And they even have classes in spanish for those who need it.

Some of the finals for the independence program include a blind drop, a monster route, and preparing a meal for a large group of people. In the blind drop, the students are dropped off in a random place, and have to find there way back to the center, and only get to ask one question. In the monster route, the students must choose 4 destinations, in 4 cities, and go there in 1 day. Like the blind drop, they only get to ask one question throughout the day.

The center teaches braille to all of their students. Braille is very important because it makes it possible for blind people to read and write. It helps them get more education and a job. 70% of blind people are unemployed, but 80% of blind people who read braille, are employed. So, it is clear that being able to read braille, opens up a whole new world to the students.





## Nicholas Maxwell - Colorado Center for the Blind

Dear Stern Summer Scholarship, please donate money to the Colorado center for the blind for these reasons.

To start off, every person thier is blind teachers, the one who started the orginization, the guy at the front desk, the gardeners. It that cool how all of them are blind.

Also they have tests by getting dropped off at citty all over colorado and have to ways back by only asking one question, they find the way back!

At the center, they do activities to help them learn how to live life such as wood shop, cooking, reading braille.

Please help the center by donating money to it!!

Nicholas age 8



Dan Burke, who gave us a tour of the center, in front of their garden.



## Olivia May - Make-A-Wish Foundation

### SUMMER FUNDRAISING FOR MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

Hi. My name is Olivia May and I am a gymnast at Colorado Gymnastics Institute. Our gym has partnered with Laurie Hernandez, a USA gymnastics Olympic gold medalist, to raise money for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Make-a-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life threatening illnesses. My cousin Sophia has Tuberous Sclerosis Complex and she got a wish from Make-a-Wish last year. She got to go to Disney World and Sea World with her mom and dad and sister and it made her so happy. She has to have a lot of surgeries but she got to feel like a normal kid on her trip. That's why Make-a-Wish is so important to me and our family. I am fundraising for Make-a-Wish this summer and my sister and brother are helping me. I am a gymnast at our gym that raises at least \$250 will get to go to a clinic with Laurie Hernandez. We can also win other prizes along the way. However, my sister and I want to do more, since Make-a-Wish did helps kids like Sophia. We have a goal of raising \$3000 so that we can make a child's wish come true. We came up with lots of fundraising ideas including a gymnastic clinic for preschoolers, a lemonade stand, and selling candy and fidget spinners to our neighbors for a donation. I wrote a speech and then practiced it and memorized it and then have been going door to door trying to get donations. We have made over \$1000 by selling fidget spinners and candy. We have worked really hard and will keep fundraising until we reach our goal. We have raised \$2200 so far and won't stop until we hit \$3000! You can donate to my campaign at

<http://cgigymnasticfuntasticwithlaurie.org/gymnast/oliviamay/>

Or by writing a check to Stars Booster Club. Thank you in advance for your support!

Here are pictures of my cousin Sophia on her Make a Wish Trip.





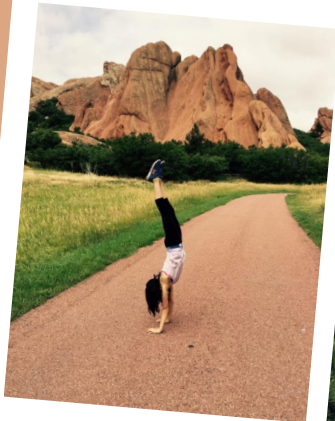


Olivia May - Make-A-Wish Foundation

Here are some pictures of us going door to door:



Here are some pictures of me from this summer when I was brainstorming fundraising ideas. I do my best thinking upside down.



And here's a picture of my face.



Thank you. Love, Olivia May, age 10



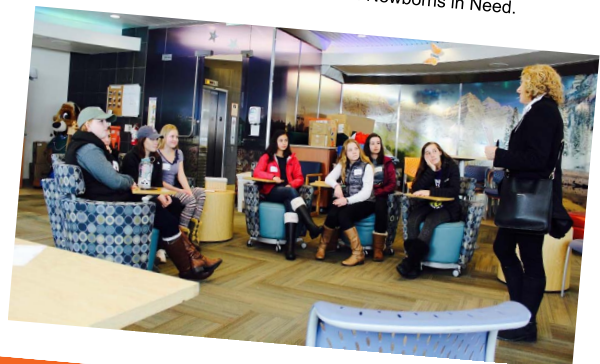
## Lucy Gray - Newborns in Need

Lucy Gray  
August 24, 2017

Newborns in Need is located at Denver Health. The purpose of Newborns in Need is for parents to receive bags of baby cloths and blankets and books. These parents can't provide these items for their young. We also give them car seat pan flips and a welcome home baby card. On that day we gave many bgs. The pink ones were for girls. The blue ones were for the boys. All the kids were to put the bags together, while the moms restock the diapers. My partner was my sister, Martha. I would hold the bag open as she would put in the diapers, blankets, lotion, baby bath, hats, onesies, outfits, and socks and mittens. Martha did the girls. She would hold the bag as I would put in all the boy baby items.



Newborns in Need was a charity that I was thrilled to be a part of. At first I was upset that my mom had made my decision and dragged me here. Little did I know that I was going to have a blast. I was all about have fun and this definitely is something I want to do again. When I left I felt different than when I had walked in. Walking out I felt like a hero. Not just to all the families who will get these, but to me. I felt important and hope that's how I will always feel. I am proud to be a part of Newborns in Need.





## Martha Gray - Newborns in Need

From: Martha Gray (age 15)

Through a charity league called National Charity League, I had the opportunity to get involved with Newborns In Need. Newborns In Need in Denver is based at Denver Health Hospital, and supplies the parent(s) with "Warm Welcome" bags which includes many things needed to raise a baby. These bags include everything from diapers to baby wash to sleep sacks, and some information on how to get a car seat for the baby along with info about how often to bring the baby in for a checkup. The program coordinator is Sharon Mushkin and she is very passionate about helping Newborns In Need and loves volunteers and donations. She told me about a woman who knits and crochets hats and socks and donates them to Newborns In Need. She is also very excited about the company who donates sleep sacks because she asked them to start "engraving" "Denver Health" on them for a really good price.

Everything is very organized, and Sharon sorts everything out by gender. For blankets, or anything with color, they were divided into boys and girls. Anything pink or purple would be considered a girl, and blue, orange, and green were boys. The bags are made for a specific gender, boy bags (blue) and girl bags (pink). Sometimes they are in need of boy bags more than girls, so volunteers make more of those. Each volunteer goes down the line with a bag, and puts in all the requirements. Each bag must have 40 or more diapers, a warm blanket, a smaller thin blanket, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, a hard copy book (for this season the book is Goodnight Moon), a burp cloth, a bib, 3 hats, a onesie, an outfit (preferably short sleeved because it's summer), 2 pairs of mittens, 3 pairs of socks, a sleep sack, a teddy bear, something from the special rack (headbands, combs, shoes), a pamphlet about a car seat, and a "Welcome Baby" card that tells the parent(s) when to bring in the baby again.



I volunteered with my friends for my 15th birthday party. We assemble bags in partners so one person can hold the bag and someone can put stuff in. I did it with my friend Ella, she held the bag and i would put stuff in. then we switched and I would hold a boy bag while she put the stuff in. To get to the room, volunteers would have to go

through a series of tunnels in the basement, pushing empty carts that would hold baby bags. After all the volunteers filled the carts, we would unpack donations from boxes until the 3 hours were up, and we would push the carts back to the storage room on the mom and baby floor.

This impacted my life because it made me realize that some people aren't as fortunate as to have a philanthropy that provides baby stuff. Some people struggle to raise their children because of their income or social class. I am very grateful that my

parents were able to raise me with everything they needed. It makes me happy to be able to help so many families raise their child in a less vulnerable environment. Often times, families are having to choose between diapers and groceries. I am very glad to give these families a good start.

Newborns In Need: Volunteer Services 777 Bannock St. MC 0254 Denver, Colorado 80204.







## Macie Berry - Soul Food USA

August 17, 2017

Dear Holland & Hart Foundation,

My name is Macie Berry, I am 15 years old and I am Larissa Call's niece. I had the chance to make Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches for the homeless through Soul Food USA with two of my aunts on August 6, 2017.

Feeding the homeless made me realize how much I have and that I should be more grateful for stuff that I have and to give more to the people in need because they need it.

They're super sweet people and they look out for you when you help them. They also occasionally help other homeless people. For example, when you try to give them extra food, they want you to give it to other people.

It made me realize that I need to be more thankful and should do more for people.

Sincerely,

*Macie Berry*

Macie Berry



## Dalton Call - Soul Food USA

Dear Holland & Hart Foundation,

My name is Dalton Call and I am the youngest son of Larissa Call. I have been helping volunteer with the Soul Food USA organization for about 4 years.

The Soul Food USA organization is a great way to help somebody who is in need of it. There are so many great things that Soul Food USA does for the homeless. They do a lot of events where they make hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and then hand them out. They also do a chili event every year around Christmas time.

In my personal experiences, every time I go to hand out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, it feels so good to help out another soul. Soul Food USA wants people to know they are important and they matter. They even put a sticker on each sandwich that says You Matter!

It is a blessing to have the opportunity to help those in need. Especially, to see the smiles on all of their faces when they are handed a meal. Soul Food USA is a huge benefit for the poor, and also a great way to give service.

Thank you,

*Dalton Call*

Dalton Call



Hudson Call - Soul Food USA

August 1, 2017

Dear Holland & Hart Foundation,

As the oldest son of a single mother you recognize things that may not be obvious to everyone. Growing up in an environment where you aren't always the most financially well off is difficult yet in some ways is advantageous. You learn to cherish the things that you have, and to appreciate the little things people do for you. When I was younger my mother practically forced us to participate in feeding the homeless. I was about fifteen years old so as you can imagine I was pretty hesitant to give up on my Sunday plans. When I got there, the first thing I realized was that there were way more people than I had expected, and actually recognized a couple kids from school there. After a while everyone was separated into different jobs to make the process faster. I was in charge of spreading peanut butter for sandwiches, which to me seemed like a very insignificant task.

After an hour we had managed to make an enormous tower of sandwiches. I can't quite remember how many there were, but I remember thinking to myself "What are we even going to do with all these?" Afterwards, we were thanked for our participation and all drove down to The Road Home downtown. We got there pretty late and it was already starting to get dark. As soon as we began handing out sandwiches I knew I wasn't just doing a good thing, but I was participating in something meaningful. You see everyone tells stories about the amazing things they have participated in, and it's all very sentimental. However, there is absolutely no way to describe the elation you feel by helping someone. It's not just a wonderful thing to do, but a spiritual experience that you will always remember. Soul Food USA is an organization that brings out the best in people. It's probably one of the few things I've participated in that I'm truly proud of. Personally, I believe everyone needs to experience this at least once in their life.

Kids my age often don't really understand the importance of little acts of kindness. But the truth is, the smallest act of grace is a gift without a price, and can change someone's life. I used to never understand why people were in the situations they were. I never comprehended the pain and sadness that these people feel every day. Soul Food has helped me feel empathy for those in a terrible situation, and to sympathize with those who are struggling.

There are organizations across the world that are doing similar things for people in difficult situations. Millions of people participating in random acts of kindness. I believe Soul Food USA is one of these organizations, and they deserve to be recognized for what they are doing for our community.

Sincerely,

Hudson Call





Macie Berrie and Dalton and Hudson Call - Soul Food USA






Carter Maxwell - Operation Underground Railroad



I marched in a PARADE with my FAMILY for O.U.R. (Operation Underground Railroad). We marched behind a big army truck. I loved passing and throwing out lots of CANDY. O.U.R. helps rescue KIDS and puts bad guys in jail. I'm happy I could help others save kids too.



CARTER M.







Caden, David, and Paige Olsen - Pack'N Pounce

July 9, 2017

Dear H&H Foundation:

Our family would like to nominate the Pack'N Pounce animal rescue for a Stern Family Scholarship. Our family has been volunteering with this organization for the last several months. David (age 11) started helping with the rescue's adoptions on the weekends. For several hours each weekend, David helps socialize various animals for adoption. He has cared for dogs, cats, chinchillas, guinea pigs, and rabbits. It didn't take long for our other children to want to get involved, Paige (age 13) and Caden (age 9).

Pack'N Pounce is small shelter that seeks to place abandoned animals. The rescued pets are fostered in homes and adopted through the shelter and community adoption events. They placed just over 700 animals for adoption last year.

After several months of our children volunteering, we offered to foster a puppy named by David as Marshmallow. Our children loved and cared for the puppy for several weeks and were the driving force in the puppy being successfully placed with a loving family in our neighborhood.

There are not many organizations in our community that allow children to regularly volunteer. Pack'N Pounce has welcomed our kids, has provided them with great opportunities to learn to care for all kinds of animals, and has helped them develop a passion for placing abandoned animals in loving homes.

We hope you will consider a donation to Pack'N Pounce: Attn. Brenda, 333 2<sup>nd</sup> St. #8, Ogden, UT ([www.packnpounce.org](http://www.packnpounce.org)).

Thank you,

The Olsens







## Caden, David, and Paige Olsen - Pack’N Pounce

David and Caden at one of the adoption events:



Our foster puppy, Marshmallow:



Dear H&H Foundation:

I love Pack’n Pounce. I hope Brave Heart gets enough money for his heart surgery. I will be very very happy when all the dogs, cats, horses, bunny’s, turtles and chinchillas get adopted. I am happy that I volunteer and help the animals. And I am happy that they rescue the animals and that we can adopt them.

Brave Heart:



From Caden 😊



Caden, David, and Paige Olsen - Pack'N Pounce

## Pack 'N Pounce

Pac 'N Pounce is an awesome place to go if you want to adopt a pet. I highly recommend them. Pack 'N Pounce has the nicest owners. I am a volunteer. I go almost every Friday and Saturday. I help socialize the animals to be adopted. I have met many puppies, dogs and cats. I also have fostered 1 pup I was also the one that named him I called him Marshmallow. He is so nice I love him. Also there is the sweetest little puppy his name is Brave Heart. He has a heart problem the main blood tube is too small to pump blood so his heart keeps expanding till he dies. He might die at the end of this month if we don't raise enough money the surgery is 6,000 dollars. So far they have 4,000 dollars. They need 2,000 more. Pack'n pounce is an organization that rescues and saves animal lives. I wish that I can always volunteer here. It is my favorite animal shelter.

David Olsen





Caden, David, and Paige Olsen - Pack'N Pounce

## H&H foundation

I would like to write about Pack and Pounce animal rescue. This is a great organization that rescues animals and takes care of them then puts them out for adoptions. They take care of the dogs and they send them to foster families, we fostered a puppy 10 weeks old and we ended up adopting him to our neighbors. This is a fantastic organization; they do adoptions every Friday and Saturday. Pack and Pounce rescues all sorts of animals, from snakes to horses. There is one dog that I would specifically like to talk about, and I hope that you will donate extra to a dog named Brave Heart. Brave Heart has a broken valve in his heart and he needs a very expensive surgery to fix it, they needed \$6,000 to pay for the surgery. Pack and Pounce has managed to fundraise \$4,000 and only \$2,000 is left. The family who raises the most money will keep the dog; we would love it if you could donate to him specifically. Pack and Pounce does get the money needed but is still trying to get a better life for the dogs. Thank you for your help. I am sure they will love it.

Paige Olsen