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B Brave Continues to Move Forward

We're grateful to our donors and community, whose support and generosity during the COVID-19 pandemic allow us to keep fulfilling our vital mission of improving the lives of children and families affected by rare neurological childhood illnesses.

Our commitment is unwavering during these challenging times, and more important than ever. During the past few months we have supported families and caregivers from afar by:

- Covering lodging and meals for a family during their child's hospital stay
- Helping a family off-set the cost of their child's burial
- Expanding our Caregiver Appreciation Program for professionals working in hospitals
- Purchasing adaptive toys, games and learning tools for children whose therapy services have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Building an additional B Brave comfort cart in another children's hospital

[Donate now](#) to support and expand these efforts.

We are thankful for your support, kindness and generosity. But most of all, we are thankful for your friendship. Together, we will all come out of this stronger, and more appreciative of our health and community, and better equipped to help those who need us the most.

Sharing Hope

B Brave's support helps families pay bills, providing meal vouchers to hospital cafeterias, delivering grants to families in dire need of assistance; supporting medical staff on the front lines. It all matters, and it all makes a huge difference.

One family devastated by illness has found comfort and hope through B Brave. All the children in the Flysjo family suffer from GM-1 (gangliosidosis), a rare disorder that progressively destroys nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.



The Flysjo family are bravely seeking cures for GM-1, and B Brave is supporting them along the way.

"NTSAD and Cure GM-1 Foundation connected us with B Brave Foundation, which is a

great organization that's provided incredible support for our family since we arrived in the U.S. from Sweden," said Niclas Flysjo, father of three children with GM-1.

Niclas and Jessica brought their three children from Sweden to Maryland for the first human gene therapy trial for children affected by GM-1. [Read more](#) about their courageous journey.

Fundraiser Moves to the Fall

For safety reasons related to COVID-19, B Brave has postponed our in-person fundraiser at [Phunkenship](#) to this fall. We'll share more details soon.



In the meantime, we're grateful to Matt Scaparotti for his efforts in coordinating our successful spring virtual fundraiser, which connected with a Giving Tuesday campaign that many of you supported.

To make supporting B Brave a simple part of your daily life, please use **Amazon smile** on Amazon. Simply start on [Smile.Amazon.com](#) and mark B Brave Foundation as your charity of choice.

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B Brave Goes to the Mat For You

B Brave is piloting a series of classes called Brave Yoga. We're finalizing details and will have full information soon on this innovative 10-week program.

B Brave Yoga is a free 10-week program designed for parents of children with complex medical issues. We will meet for a one-hour yoga class for *all ages and fitness levels*, followed by social hour. The optional social hour is a great time to connect with other parents who share similar experiences, to learn from one another and help each other.

All elements of this program will be executed using social distancing, and applying enhanced sanitary standards given the ongoing pandemic.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more, reach out to Sara Scaparotti at sarascaparotti@bbravefoundation.org or 216-212-6866.



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