



# A Letter from the Board President

## A Year in Review

As we welcome the new year, the Board of Directors has been reflecting on 2022, a year filled with many accomplishments for Billy's Place, including:

- Our Annual Hike for Hope had a fantastic turnout and superseded the previous year's donations.
- New last year for Billy's Place was the first-ever Glow Golf Scramble Tournament which also proved to be an awesome event with a great time experienced by those who participated (the s'mores were my favorite part).
- We also achieved a Platinum seal of transparency from Candid GuideStar. The GuideStar Seals of Transparency honors organizations that demonstrate transparency to potential funders and donors through sharing goals and the difference we are making as an organization, and financial information.
- And finally, the most important accomplishment we have reflected on over the past year is our never-ending mission of providing support for grieving children and their families.

## Getting to Know Your Board of Directors

Billy's Place has a Board of Directors that has been in place for many years. As Billy's Place continues to grow and change to meet the needs of that growth, so does the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors for Billy's Place currently is composed of six individuals who bring a variety of experience and a wealth of knowledge in mental and behavioral health, emergency medical services, community non-profit leadership, project management, board management, and finances. In addition, the board also includes the Founder/Director of Care and Compassion, Juli McGreal; Co-Founder/Executive Director Kris Friedman, and Board Consultant Iva Rody.

The Board of Directors is consistently strengthening our knowledge and skills in processes and approaches for supporting a non-profit organization. To ensure we are providing the best care for Billy's Place staff and families, we continue to enhance our foundational knowledge alongside embracing new and progressive ideas and



actions. Our meetings are filled with joy, inspiration, purpose, and a sense of belonging.

We want every person who walks through the doors at Billy's Place to feel the same. While we certainly focus on the business side of things, we also ensure that we align with the fundamentals of humanity. We greet each other with warm hugs, eagerly listen to stories of our beloved families and their experiences with Billy's Place and laugh until our bellies hurt. Our incredible staff and volunteers have big hearts, and as a Board, we aim to match that level of love and compassion.

## Thank You

To our **volunteers**, you have hearts of gold. Thank you for taking on a role that makes the world a better place. We hear stories and have witnessed firsthand your selflessness and dedication to healing.

To our **families**, thank you for allowing us to love and grow with you as you overcome some of the most challenging obstacles in your life. We are here to walk with you, even when your feet tire.

To our **supporters**, thank you for believing in our purpose. With your help, we can continue to surpass our goals and reach incredible heights.

From all of us on the Board of Directors for Billy's Place, we are grateful to be here, believe in you, and promise never to stop working to support this organization. Just as you have chosen us, we choose you.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Baker*

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President, Board of Directors, Billy's Place

