

# 2024

## BumbleBee Foundation

Supporting Pediatric Cancer Families

# IMPACT REPORT

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# A message from our **Executive Director**



We are excited to have you with us as we look back on the past year's journey. Your involvement means more than just support—it represents a shared commitment to the BumbleBee Foundation's mission. Together, we've made significant strides and achieved meaningful progress. Your unwavering support, dedication, and partnership have been vital in moving our mission forward.

This report goes beyond just numbers and statistics; it showcases the profound impact we've had in our community and beyond. Together, we've transformed lives, empowered individuals, and fostered lasting change that resonates far and wide.

As you read through these pages, we invite you to reflect on the stories, milestones, and achievements that have defined this past year, including the formation of three high school clubs, the addition of a new Executive Board Member, and the welcoming of our Community Engagement Coordinator. Each accomplishment highlights the power of collaboration and the steadfast commitment of supporters like you.

Thank you for being such an integral part of this journey. Your belief in our mission fuels our passion and drives us to reach even greater heights. Together, we are making a meaningful difference, one step at a time.



**Heather S. Donatini**

**Co-Founder and Executive Director**

# Our Story



The BumbleBee Foundation, established on May 12, 2011, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization born from the enduring memory of our beloved son, Jarren Donatini. Jarren's courageous fight against a rare form of liver cancer at just three years old inspired us to create a legacy of hope and support for families facing similar battles.

After Jarren's passing, my husband Jason and I felt a deep calling to give back to the compassionate community that stood by us during our darkest days. It was in this spirit that the mission of the BumbleBee Foundation was born: to offer the same unwavering hope and support to pediatric cancer families that sustained us through our journey.

The name and logo of the foundation hold deep personal significance, chosen with love and meaning by Jarren himself. BumbleBee, his favorite character from the Transformers movie series, represents strength and protection. The bee in our logo, with wings traced from Jarren's tiny handprints, serves as a powerful reminder of his lasting presence and the shared journey we continue to walk in his honor.

Over the past thirteen years, the BumbleBee Foundation has grown, but our core values remain unshaken. Our pediatric warriors are at the heart of our mission, and we are endlessly grateful for the incredible support of our #BEEhive community. Together, we uplift, empower, and advocate for families facing the challenges of pediatric cancer. Thank you for being a part of our journey.



# New Additions to the BEEhive

## Meet our Community Engagement Coordinator

Jamie Timms

We excitedly welcomed a new addition to the BumbleBee Foundation team – Jamie Timms, our Community Engagement Coordinator! Jamie brings a wealth of experience in cultivating relationships and fostering community connections. In this role, she focuses on strengthening partnerships and building lasting relationships within our community. Her passion for engagement and commitment to creating meaningful connections aligns perfectly with our mission of supporting pediatric cancer families.



## Unprecedented Changes in 2024: High School BumbleBee Clubs

In 2024 we excitedly saw the formation of three (3) local high school BumbleBee clubs, bringing our message and mission to philanthropic-minded students. These student-led clubs are a powerful reminder that youth have an incredible ability to drive change and show compassion.

We also celebrate the continued inclusion of our Junior Advisory Council members, whose voices and insights are integral in shaping our initiatives and ensuring we remain focused on the needs of those directly impacted.



Thousand Oaks high school



Oaks Christian high school



Newbury Park high school

# Meet Our #BBFKiddos

## Liam

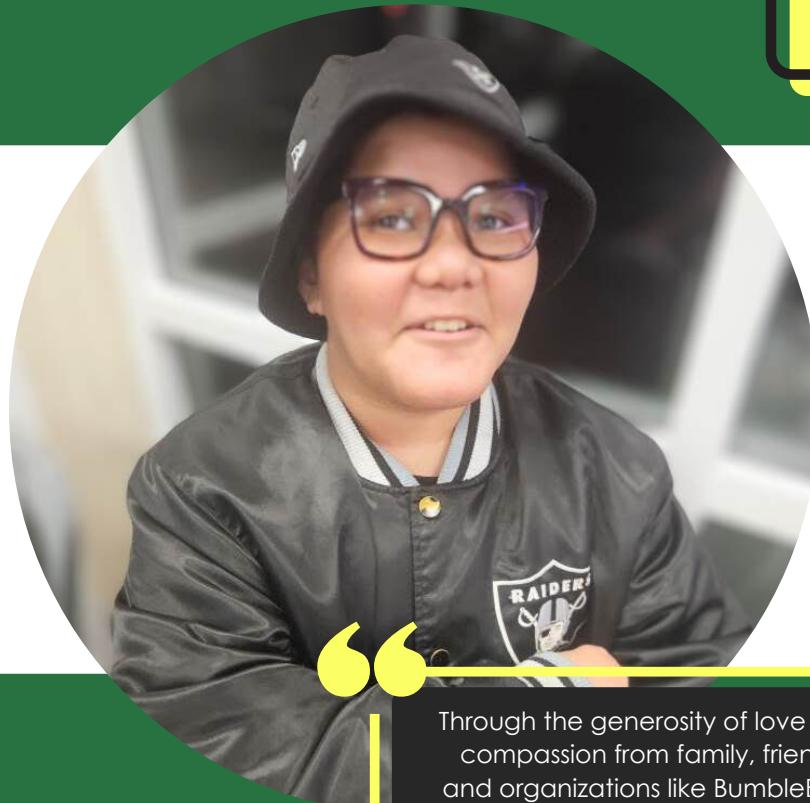
In 2023, two-year-old Liam was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. We are honored to support his family with much-needed financial assistance. We lovingly embraced Liam's family through our holiday adoption programs.



You've not only lightened the financial burden that comes with our son's fight, but you've also reminded me just how much love and support we have around us. Your generosity isn't just about the money—it's about the hope and comfort you've given us when we've needed it.

Alie

BBF Parent & Liam's mom



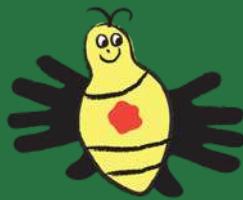
Through the generosity of love and compassion from family, friends and organizations like BumbleBee, it has made the fight less stressful. Thank you from the bottom of our family's heart to yours.

Letio

BBF parent & Senetuli's mom

## Senetuli

Senetuli, a brave 12-year-old, was diagnosed with B-cell lymphoblastic leukemia in 2024. Since his diagnosis, he has been doing remarkably well. To help ease the burden during this challenging time, we were honored to support Senetuli's family with their rent or mortgage through our Patient Aid program.



# MEET THE TEAM

## Our Executive Board



**Jason Donatini**  
President and Co-Founder



**Chris Dukes**  
Director



**Curtis Scheetz**  
Director



**KaSandre Kirby**  
Director



**Mike Hale**  
Director



**Crista Hermance**  
Director

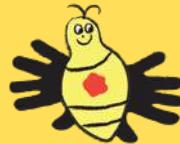
We welcomed our Newest Board Director

### **Matthew Breddan**

As a lawyer who dedicates his practice to family law, Matthew also generously donates his time to local causes and volunteers his services pro-bono.

He is also a dedicated supporter of several local non-profit organizations and regularly donates blood, platelets, and plasma. Giving back is a fundamental value in both his personal and professional life, making him an invaluable member of our team.





# MEET THE TEAM

## Advisory Council



**Danni Campa**  
2024 Chair



**Teresa Andolfi**  
2024 Secretary



**Stephen Hatke**  
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**Brandon Feder**



**Cheryl Hirsch**



**Mike Kruzel**



**Lindsee Porter**



**Veronica Patterson**



**Jenifer Pfautsch**



**Madelyn Galle**  
Jr. Advisory



**Leila Kirk**  
Jr. Advisory

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Trust you are making a difference in this world. I don't have the words to express my gratitude for all you have done for my son.

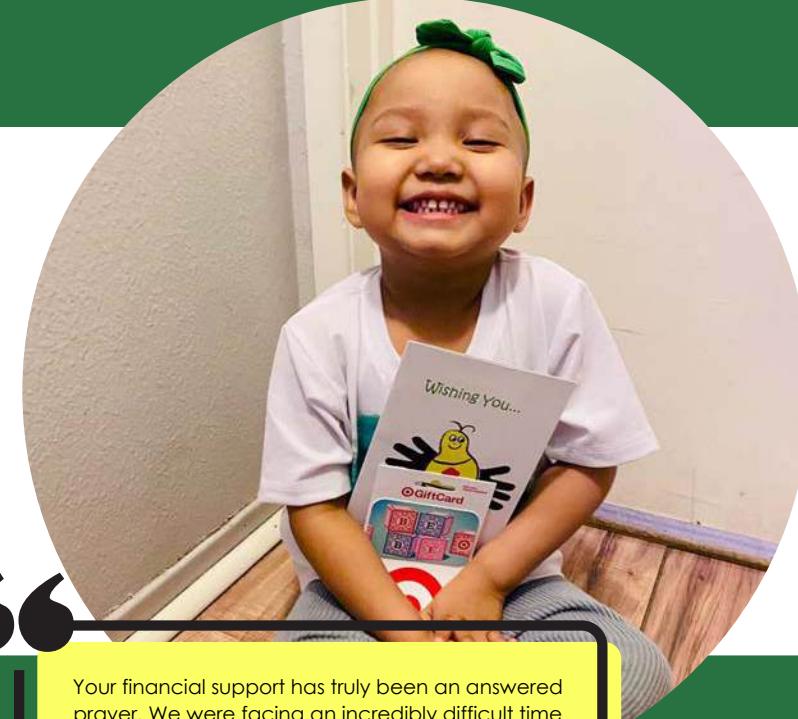
Leticia Alvarez -BBF PARENT

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# Meet Our #BBFKiddos

## Lilo

Lilo, a spirited and outgoing 4-year-old, was diagnosed with leukemia in 2023. Despite the challenges, her bright personality continues to shine. Her family received rental assistance through our Patient Aid program, and Lilo was also a joyful recipient of our BEEpack program and continues to receive her BEEday cards, bringing moments of comfort and celebration to her journey.



Your financial support has truly been an answered prayer. We were facing an incredibly difficult time trying to make ends meet, balancing rent, bills, and our hope to bring some holiday joy to our little ones. Thanks to your help, we now have the means to provide gifts for them—something we feared would not be possible this year.

**Norma**  
BBF parent & Lilo's mom



## Bella

Bella, a talented 13-year-old artist, was diagnosed with a germ cell tumor in May 2024. BumbleBee was grateful to support her family by helping with a utility bill through our Patient Aid program, allowing them to focus more on Bella's care.

I'm sincerely grateful for the BumbleBee Foundation, for understanding pediatric cancer families and being such a great support.

**Diana**  
BBF parent & Bella's mom



# THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

**\$100,000**

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Schmidt Family Foundation

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John Parker

**\$5,000-\$9,999**

KaSandre Kirby  
The Chitiea Family  
Air Treatment Corp.  
Winnerkrans Family  
Young Family

**\$2,500-\$4,999**

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Sidney Suggs  
Siegfried Family  
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Taylor Aivazian  
Sheri Armstrong

## Our Recurring Supporters

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Donatini Family  
Edye Buxbaum  
Felicia Smith

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Jeanine Bates  
Molina Family  
Joanna Roberts  
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Maryellen Grzesik

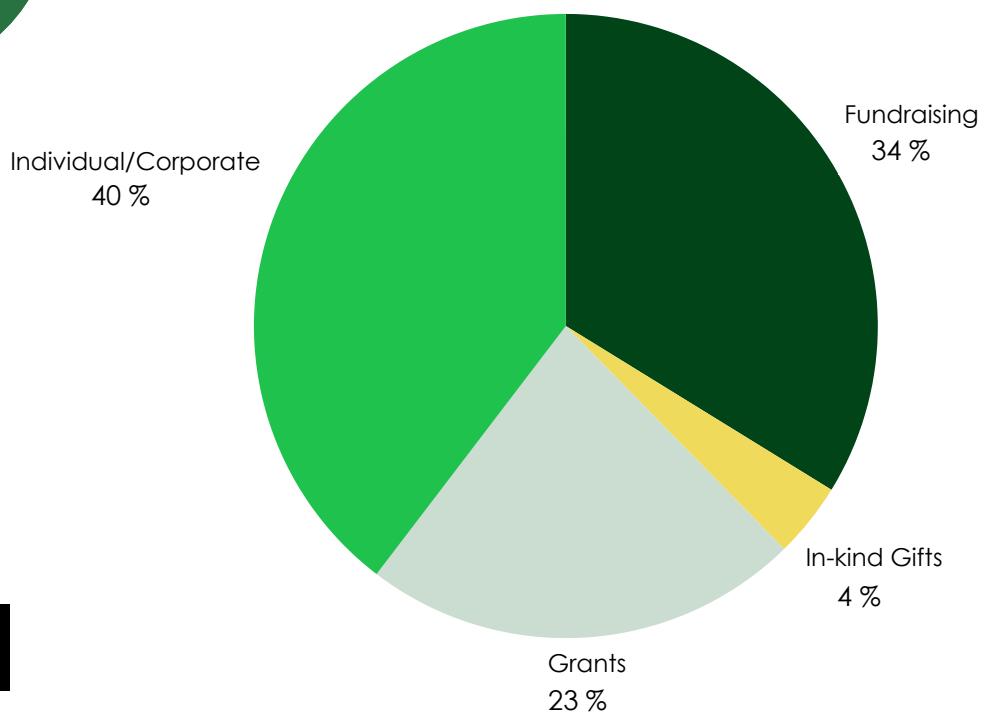
Melaleuca  
Houle Family  
Siegfried Family  
Raymond Family  
Vanderlip Family  
Whitmore Family  
Young Family  
Martha & Melvin Whitmore

# OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

## INCOME

FUNDRAISING \$171,075  
IN-KIND GIFTS \$ 19,610  
GRANTS \$115,000  
INDIVIDUAL/ CORPORATE \$200,602

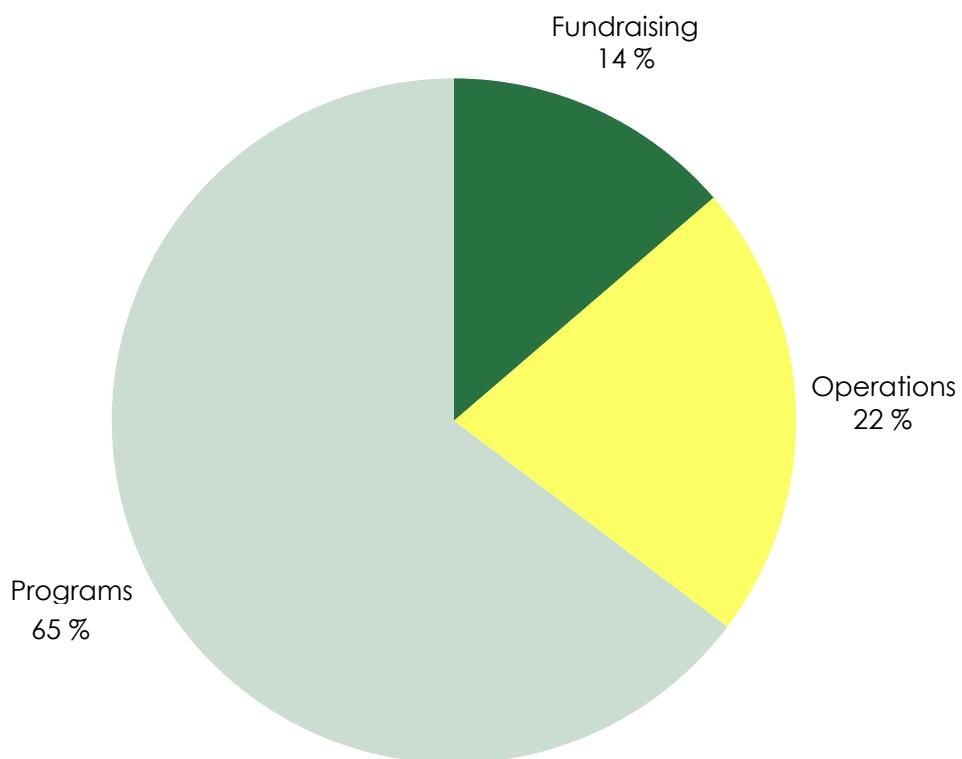
**GRAND TOTAL \$506,287**



## EXPENSES

FUNDRAISING \$ 72,459  
OPERATIONS \$114,032  
\*PROGRAMS \$342,142

**GRAND TOTAL \$528,633**



\*PROGRAMS

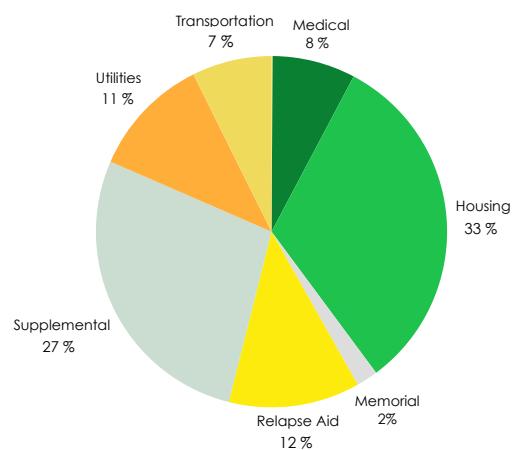
- BEEDAY
- BEEPACKS
- HOLIDAY ADOPTIONS
- PATIENT AID
- SPRING BASKETS

# OUR PROGRAMS



**205  
FAMILIES  
TOTAL**

## PATIENT AID ASSISTANCE BY CATEGORY



Our Patient Aid Program is the heart of who we are. It's where compassion meets action—providing direct financial relief to families facing the unimaginable. Whether it's covering a utility bill to keep the lights on, offering supplemental income during unpaid time off work, or simply making sure a caregiver can afford a warm cup of coffee during a long hospital stay, this program meets families where they are—bringing comfort, dignity, and hope when it's needed most.



## BEEDAYS

Handwritten birthday cards and gift cards are sent to each child, ensuring they feel cherished and remembered despite the challenges they face.

## EEPACKS

Cinch sacks filled with basic necessities are delivered to partner hospitals, where dedicated social workers distribute them to families in need.

## HOLIDAY ADOPTIONS

Each child and sibling receives handpicked holiday gifts from their personal wish list, and parents receive gas and grocery cards delivered by our BusyBees.

## SPRING BASKETS

Our BusyBees tailor and deliver personalized baskets for each child and sibling. Parents also receive gas and grocery cards.

**BEEDAY CARDS  
SENT**

**135**

**EEPACKS  
DISTRIBUTED**

**55**

**KIDDOS  
ADOPTED**

**46**

**BASKETS  
DELIVERED**

**28**

# #AngelBEES



Jessica  
Soraya  
Kingston

Kelli  
Bryan  
Mikaela

Gianna  
Adelaide  
Joaquin

## Kelli

Kelli was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma in 2015 and courageously fought for 10 years before gaining her Angel Wings in 2024. Her family received support from our Relapsed fund, which helped cover a medical flight and additional needs during her journey.



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Thank you for all your support and for always being with us during this long cancer journey. It has been a very long 9 years. We love you and pray that God continues to bless you and the organization.”

-Bryan's Family

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## Bryan

Bryan was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2016 and bravely faced a 9-year journey before earning his Angel Wings in 2024. Throughout his battle, Bryan and his family were supported through our Patient Aid program, BEday celebrations, and the Relapsed Leukemia Fund.



# OUR EVENTS

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

On June 9th, we held our biggest fundraiser of the year at Sunset Hills Country Club in Thousand Oaks, CA. An incredible 120 golfers participated, and over \$150,000 was raised to support our pediatric cancer families. This event showcased the tremendous generosity of our supporters and participants. The day featured on-course games, a raffle, and an auction benefiting direct financial assistance through our Patient Aid program. A heartfelt thank you to our recurring title sponsor, TEM, for their continued support.



## Thank you to our Golf Sponsors!



# OUR EVENTS

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament

On August 10th, we hosted our 2nd Cornhole Tournament in Meridian, Idaho—a day filled with community, competition, and compassion. We are incredibly proud of our Idaho participants, supporters, and sponsors whose enthusiasm and generosity helped make this event a memorable success. Thanks to their contributions, we raised an outstanding \$9,000 in support of pediatric cancer families.

As our events continue to grow, so does our impact. We are inspired by this momentum and remain committed to expanding our event schedule in the coming year—because together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families affected by cancer.



### Thank you to our Cornhole Sponsors!



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# BEE MERRY



Our Annual Holiday Event transformed into a Winter Wonderland for 41 BBF kiddos and their families. With over 60 amazing volunteers and generous support from our community partners, the day was filled with joyful moments — from snowman races and club-hosted game booths to a Santa meet-and-greet and festive photo booth.

Thanks to toy donations, over 300 gifts were available for our kiddos to choose from. A heartfelt thank you to the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley for dedicating their space, to Chick-fil-A and the Young family for providing a delicious holiday meal, and to everyone who made this magical day possible.

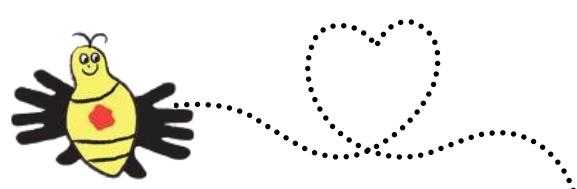


Thanks to our BEE Merry Sponsors!

Chick-fil-A Simi Valley | Chick-fil-A Thousand Oaks | Boys and Girls Club Simi Valley | Devon Shae Media | Wonderland Balloons | Maddy Rae Photography | Lakeshore Learning | Bffjen creations | A Place to Sparkle | Tetiana Kachanova Face Painting | Once Upon a Dream Princess Productions



# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS





## Looking Ahead to 2025

At BumbleBee Foundation, our mission is to inspire hope and faith by providing support to the overall well-being of pediatric cancer families. As we reflect on the progress made in 2024, we're energized to continue building a future rooted in compassion, connection, and community.

In 2025, we remain committed to delivering and growing our six signature programs—Patient Aid, Holiday Adoptions, Spring Baskets, BEEday Cards, BEEpacks, and Kelli's Wagons—all of which are designed to ease emotional and financial burdens while offering comfort and joy to families facing childhood cancer.

We aim to increase the number of families served through these programs, ensuring that no family walks this path alone. With your continued support, we will broaden access to vital resources, strengthen hospital partnerships, and deepen our presence in the communities we serve.

Together, we will continue to transform small acts of kindness into meaningful impact—for families navigating the unimaginable, and for the children who inspire everything we do.

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**Thank you for everything you do.  
[It] truly means a lot to us during  
these hard times.**

**Araceli – BBF parent**

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# THANK YOU!

Wyatt



“Thanks so much. I feel like you guys are part of our family now and its nice to feel like we have people that care for us.

**Carina**  
BBF parent & Ander's mom

Anthony



“Thank you for all you have done... for your support and for showing us so much love! We love you all!

**Nandita**  
BBF parent & Anaya's mom

Ander



“You are beyond kind...one day in the future I want to give back what has been given to other families...We love you. The boys still say how wonderful all your events are...You guys are one of the few foundations that take care of the siblings.

**Lily**  
BBF parent & Wyatt's mom

Anaya



“BumbleBee, our family thanks you. Your support has been awesome...Thanks to BumbleBee we won't have to worry about transportation. We really appreciate you. You all have been such a wonderful help. And we honestly would not have been able to explore this vital treatment option without your foundation.

**Sandra**  
BBF parent & Anthony's mom