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RE: A. Day of Kindness

Dear Donor:

Please join us for an annual event during which we hope to spread kindness throughout our community. On March 31, 2018, along with local non-profit Let's PLANet Giving (LPG), we will host A. Day of Kindness (formerly Alex Sabados Day of Kindness) at 1201 Lake Avenue in Berthoud, CO.

Alex Sabados was a teenager with a great attitude: a jokester who loved to make people laugh and never missed a chance to smile or passed up the chance to treat someone with kindness. He had a deep caring side, with a big kind heart, as he always looked to help others before thinking of himself. A fun loving and happy boy, even during his illness, Alex would wear a special tie and clown nose to the oncology clinic at Children's Hospital for the enjoyment of others.

Alex loved the outdoors; he was very involved with school projects, Boy Scouts (Berthoud Troop 6), played competitive soccer with Storm North, and raced his BMX bike. Although very motivated and competitive in sports and life, Alex appreciated good competition and always congratulated the winner of his race!

The cancer diagnose came to Alex and us as an unexpected shock: Alex had always been healthy, he played competitive sports, his diet was always "healthy" and he never missed taking his vitamins or exercising. He hiked or skied the Rocky Mountains any time he could and rode his bike every day. Actually, he was competing at the ABA National BMX event when the first symptoms of headache appeared and it was the following Sunday when he was taken to Children's Hospital and he underwent brain surgery a couple of days later with the worst diagnose anybody can get.... a malignant brain tumor – Medulloblastoma. As a 13 year-old Alex spent the 8th grade undergoing very harsh chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and four brain surgeries with a smile on his face and loving every day of his life.

On March 24, 2010, Alex passed away and we begin a bereaved parent's journey.

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A couple months after that the town of Berthoud proclaimed March 24th "Alex Sabados Day" and we wanted to do something not only in memory of our son but also to "pay it" back to our kind community. We also wanted to spread awareness of pediatric cancer (at that time there were two more teenagers in Berthoud undergoing pediatric cancer treatments: Zach Dunkelberger and Angelo Dabbiero).

With the help of many friends and volunteers in the community, we created "Alex Sabados Day of Kindness". Every year since the event has grown and we have added more activities... This year with the help of Let's Planet Giving (Julia is Board Member and LPG President Suzanne Doles was helping with this event for years before the non-profit was formed) we are going to deliver an even bigger event... on March 31, 2018 we will have a "Kindness Village" – a place where organizations can share their kindness and families can make memories. We will also have lots of free activities; motorcycle riding with American Super Camp organization (for ages 2-12), a petting zoo and pet adoption, fire trucks, ambulances, hot air balloons (weather permitting), face painting, drumming with Wildfire Arts, "boxing" with the JOSH organization, a cruiser bike ride for families (organized by Berthoud Bicycle Shop), crafts and an opportunity to make memorable pictures. Brews Brothers Band will provide music and attendees will be able to purchase BBQ meals from the Disciples of Christ Ministry food truck.

Since the first year of our journey, we have collaborated with Berthoud High School StoCo (Students Council). Four years ago they decided to organize, as a project, a competitive 5K and family memory/honor walk. This year will be the fourth annual competitive 5K with a small entry fee of \$20.00 (all proceeds go to the Oncology Department of Children's Hospital Colorado). For the last eight years, BHS students have raised money for this cause through a variety of events. In return, the "Day of Kindness" team sponsors "Kindness Awards" for students and guest speakers for assemblies. In addition to everything above, for the last eight years we have provided "Kindness: pass-it-on" cards (encouraging recipients to perform an act of kindness then pass on the card) with a gold pediatric cancer awareness ribbon attached (to wear in memory of children that we lost and in honor of the ones that are currently diagnosed with cancer) - to all children attending Berthoud schools.

On March 31, 2018 look for orange flags, balloons and butterflies all over the town of Berthoud (orange was Alex's favorite color).

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Our main goal is deliver kindness, not money, to the community: but through generous donations last year we were able to deliver a check for over \$4,000.00 and new toys and games valued around \$1,000.00 to Children's Hospital Colorado. In 2016 BHS delivered a check for \$2,200.00 and we delivered new toys and games valued at around \$750.00. To make A. Day of Kindness 2018 successful we are seeking assistance from organizations like yours. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation and/or being our guest on March 31st. If you would like to have a booth in the Kindness Village Vendor Forms are available at <https://www.letsplanetgiving.org/alex-sabados>. Please return completed Vendor Forms to britt@letsplanetgiving.org or Toni Cox, 606 Evergreen Ave., Berthoud, CO 80513 by March 10th, 2018 and consider providing a free craft, game or token item for event attendees. We are looking forward to your positive response: we could not make this event a success without the involvement of many special friends and volunteers.

Sincerely,

Dave and Julia Sabados

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