Bags of Fun, The Gabby Krause Foundation

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Mission Statement:
To make a difference in the lives of children and their families who are faced with fighting cancer and other long-term diseases by providing Bags of Fun.

Please check below to verify your compliance with our non-discrimination policy:
_X__ Our organization does not discriminate in any of our services or programs on the basis of religion, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or country of origin, including people served and volunteers within our organization. (If you have questions please contact the Program Manager, 720-390-7910.)

Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:
_X_ Children   ____Elderly   ___Hunger/Homelessness   ___Disaster Relief   ___Animal Welfare   ___Health/Wellness   ___Environment   ___ Human Rights   ___Families   ___ Soldiers/Supporting Troops

About Your Issue Area:
What is the deeper issue behind your organization?
The signature project of the Gabby Krause Foundation is Bags of Fun. A Bag of Fun is a brightly-colored backpack filled to the brim with age specific electronic games, toys and activities practical for a hospital setting. Bags of Fun give a child a better day, a smile and something to focus on other than their illness, while giving the parents the reassurance that someone understands

What programs or services does your organization offer?
We give a Bag of Fun to every child in Colorado who is either diagnosed with cancer, awaiting a transplant, undergoing dialysis, brain surgery related
to Epilepsy, or other long-term illnesses as determined by healthcare providers. We receive an average of 30 requests per month and we have responded positively to 100% of these requests over the past 10 years. We have delivered over 3,000 bags to Children’s Hospital, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, Denver Health, as well as other area hospitals the past 10 years.

**Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students?**

Please see attached photos and notes from some of our bag recipients on pages 3-4.

**How Can Students Help?**

**How can students help through group service projects?**

The best way for students to help through group service projects is by helping with our fundraisers or hosting one of their own. Groups have hosted bake sales, lemonade stands and some have even created handmade gifts and sold them to help benefit Bags of Fun.

**Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth?** (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

Yes. We welcome help with choosing toys for the Bags. Youth of all ages can come to Razzle Toys to help pick out toys for sick kids their age or put together bags of fun. We also welcome youth volunteers to help at many of our fundraisers, especially our signature event, Bring out the Bags in the fall.

**How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants?**

The hard cost of a Bag of Fun is $400. Electronics/Games for the Bag are $200, toys are $150 and the backpack is $50.

**Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization?** (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.) Yes. Monthly email newsletter, Facebook and Twitter postings. Also, we can recognize students if they attend any of our events.
I was in tears when her nurse came in with the bag stuffed to the brim of goodies. We are forever grateful for your organization and the kindness that you showed to our baby girl. Thank you so much for giving her something to look forward to each week.

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Laughter, Love, and Joy!

Preston Kitzer
12 years old

Daily trips to the hospital were scary and frightening but with the Bag of Fun in hand, Preston was able to relax knowing there was so much fun to be had in his bag! He played with his Bag of Fun for hours while enduring chemotherapy.

“As I opened it up for the first time, a smile spread across my face and I couldn’t wait to start playing with everything!” - Preston

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