

because of BRANDON

| Fundraiser for Diabetes Education |



Because of Brandon is annual memorial event supporting area patients with Type 1 Diabetes. All events are held in memory of Brandon Houge who unexpectedly passed away from complications from diabetes in December 2015. Brandon, formerly of Ironton, died at his home in Duluth at age 27. The purpose of Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Brandon's Wallet is to financially assist area residents with Type 1 Diabetes with travel expenses, education and youth camp scholarships.

Donations

Brandon's Wallet funds are received through the annual Because of Brandon fund raiser held the last Saturday of July in Crosby. Every dollar donated stays local and goes to local families. Additional donations are accepted throughout the year and grants are sought to help fund programming. Tax-deductible donations for Because of Brandon may be sent to Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Charitable Foundation, 320 E. Main St., Crosby, MN 56441. The Foundation has served as the fiscal agent for the fund since its inception and provides all administrative duties without a fee.



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What do these funds cover?

Travel

The diagnosis of Type 1 Diabetes has many associated



costs, including several doctor visits, lab work, insulin and glucose testing supplies. The first year of diagnosis, families are referred to Children's Hospital in the Twin Cities to meet with a pediatric endocrinologist for their initial care. Families who live in Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's service area may apply for fuel and restaurant gift cards to help defray their out-of-pocket expenditures.

Education

In order to provide the best possible care for patients



with diabetes, education cannot be limited to the patient alone. Families and communities need to be involved in the management of diabetes for those they care about. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center provides an annual educational event for patients, families and the community for the greater health of all.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for area youth ages 8 to 17 years living with diabetes to attend Camp Needlepoint where they learn diabetes care and feel the support of others living with diabetes. Camp Needlepoint provides a fun and safe camping experience giving youth the opportunity to meet others living with diabetes as well as help them gain confidence and independence in managing their diabetes. Camp Needlepoint is located at the YMCA Camp St. Croix, south of Hudson, Wisconsin, on a wooded bluff along the St. Croix River. The camp offers: a 24-hour health center, dining hall, crafts building, nature building, tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields, archery range, sand volleyball court, rope course and horseback riding area. The beach is equipped for canoeing, sailing, kayaking and swimming.



Obtaining Assistance

Those interested in obtaining assistance through Brandon's Wallet should set up an appointment with Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Director of Diabetes Education by calling 218-546-2310. Youth interested in attending camp will be given an application which must be completed and signed for each request. Once the application is approved, funds will be sent directly to Camp Needlepoint on behalf of the youth's family.

