

Join the Brave Little Bears Advisory Council

Volunteer Opportunities with the Council



The Brave Little Bears Foundation Advisory Council is a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of families with children who have developmental disabilities. As a Council member, you can contribute your time, expertise, and guidance in ways that match your interests and availability. As a Council member, you can contribute your time, expertise, and guidance in ways that match your interests and availability.

Grant Reviewer*

Assess grant applications and ensure fair funding decisions

The Grant Program is the heart of the organization, written into the mission statement that guides every decision.

Reviewers ensure a fair and thoughtful grantmaking process by:

- Reviewing and scoring assigned grant applications.
- Participating in grant review meetings and voting.
- Maintaining confidentiality and impartiality in all deliberations.
- Assessing if the amount of funding requested is appropriate.
- Ensuring that funding decisions reflect both integrity and mission alignment.

*Grant reviewers must have a professional background that qualifies them to assess the content of grant applications.

**~1-2 hours
PER QUARTER**

Time estimates may vary after program launch and as support cadence is established.



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**~2-3 hours
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**~3-4 hours
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Bear HUG Program

The Bear HUG Program ensures that all families feel supported—whether or not they receive grant funding. Families who apply for, but do not receive grants, may be eligible for the program during which they will benefit from a network of trusted professionals, practical guidance, emotional support, and a sense of belonging within the Brave Little Bears community.

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helping.

Resources tailored to the family's needs, including therapy practices, medical providers, community organizations, and inclusive activities.

Insight into navigating diagnostic pathways and accessing public services.

Strategies for collaborating effectively with schools, providers, and care teams.

U

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Emotional support from professionals familiar with developmental disabilities.

Opportunities to connect with a parent mentor for shared experiences and encouragement.

G

guiding.

Guidance navigating complex systems like health insurance, educational services, and care coordination.

Suggested questions for medical, therapy, or school appointments.

Recommendations for adaptive recreation, arts, or sports programs that foster joy and belonging.

Members typically come from a range of backgrounds, including:



Medical & Health Professionals such as pediatricians, neurologists, geneticists, rehabilitation physicians, ophthalmologists, gastroenterologists, orthopedists, and nutritionists.



Therapy & Rehabilitation Specialists such as speech-language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, feeding, aquatic, and music therapists, and assistive technology experts.



Educational Professionals including special and general education teachers, paraprofessionals, school psychologists, counselors, social workers, and IEP/504 coordinators.



Behavioral & Mental Health Experts such as BCBAs, RBTs, child psychologists, psychiatrists, play therapists, and social skills facilitators.



Family Support & Care Coordinators including case managers, early intervention coordinators, advocates, respite care providers, and nonprofit/community resource navigators.



Parents, caregivers, or other community members who are passionate about helping and have valuable knowledge that could benefit children with developmental disabilities.



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