

2026 DONORS REPORT

Families from 2012 - 2025
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Band Together.

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FOR STRONG MINDS

A Note on 2025

Thank you to everyone for their kindness, generosity, and hard work in 2025. Without our community of volunteers, walkers, and sponsors Brave Hearts for Strong Minds would not be the same, or able to support our two recipient families.

In 2025, we welcomed two new recipients to our organization the McKnight and Morris families. We continued to host the walk at Chestnut Hill College (Philadelphia, PA), and for the first time we had to implement a rain option for the walk (though the rain decided to hold off). We are looking to a great 14th Annual walk on June 20, 2026 and supporting two additional families, more information on page 4.

We also had several great fundraisers outside of the annual walk including the Phillies and Eagles ticket raffles, Cocktail Night, and several dine and donates. More of these are planned for this year (see page 4)!

Despite inflation and increasing costs, BHSM continues to thrive as a nonprofit organization. We look forward to continued growth in 2026.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Be Brave.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Wentzell".

Andrea Wentzell
Executive Operations Manager



Pictured above, the McKnight and Morris families at the 13th Annual Walk at Chestnut Hill College.



Our Mission & Story



Brave Hearts for Strong Minds (BHSM) (EIN 45-3973220) was started in 2012 after beloved community member, Tom Reilly, suddenly passed away, leaving behind his wife and four young children. For children who have lost a parent, there can be lasting emotional and social hurdles, along with struggles to pay for higher education. Reflecting on Tom's compassion and friendship, each year, the Saturday before Father's Day, BHSM holds a charity walk. While bringing together our community, the walk's mission is to raise funds for the 529 Education Plans of children who have lost a parent. BHSM model is continuing to expand to include more events so that we may help more children.

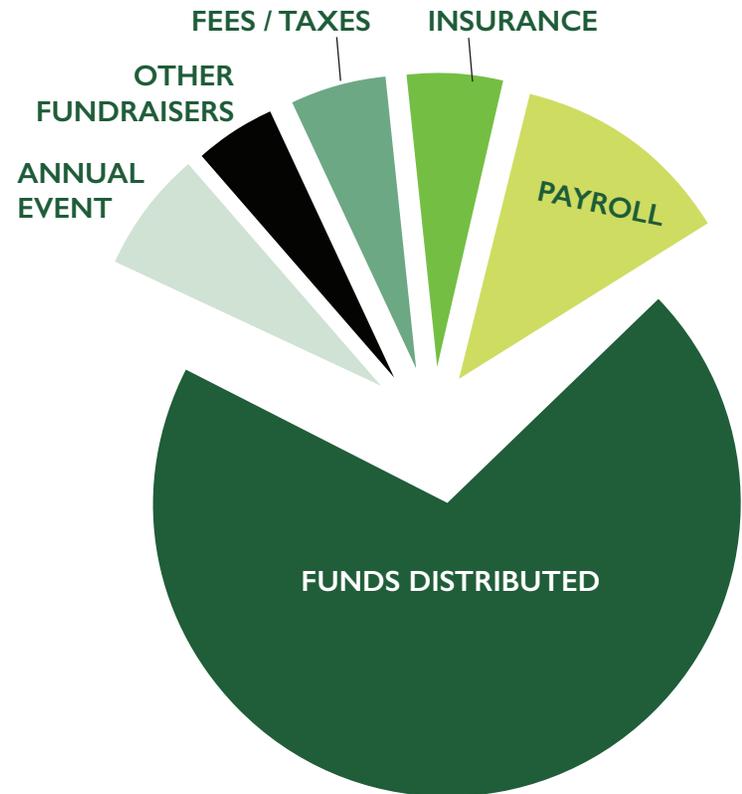
Financial Report

For the year ending December 31, 2025

Donations, sponsorships, and more for 2025 totaled \$42,445.63. Our organization's spending came in at \$43,627.12, resulting in a deficit of \$1,191.49. This year we tried to balance our budget the best we could but some changes with inflation impacted certain budget areas, especially for the annual walk expenses. Savings have covered the deficit for this year. We did spend \$10,000 less than 2025, and despite the deficit we did come in \$3,600 under our proposed budget. Our continued goal is to reduce expenses as much as possible; see page four for our 2026 budget.

2025 COSTS

CATEGORIES	TOTALS
Postage	\$199.63
Office Supplies	\$19.99
Payroll	\$6750.38
Funds Distributed	\$28,000
Marketing	\$380.22
Annual Event Costs	\$3,153.88
Other Fundraiser Costs	\$522.12
Fees / Taxes	\$2,149.85
Other	\$0.00
Insurance	\$2,464.05
TOTAL	\$43,637.12



2026 Events

March 19, 2026
Cocktail Night

May 2026
Walker Registration Party
TBD

June 20, 2026
14th Annual Walk
Chestnut Hill College

Fundraisers

Phillies Ticket Raffle
Eagles Ticket Raffle



REGISTER FOR EVENTS OR DONATE AT:
www.bh4sm.org

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2026 Recipients

THE DOUGHERTY FAMILY

Christopher (“Doc”) Dougherty (45) from Oreland, PA, was doing what he loved most when he passed in December 2023. Chris was a news photographer and journalist for 6ABC for over 19 years, who, along with his colleague, was lost too soon in a helicopter crash. He was a storyteller through and through and loved his work, whether in the air or on the ground, telling stories about people. Chris met Elaine O’Malley in 2004, and they married in 2007. With his passion for music and storytelling, he was a wonderful father to his two daughters, Kiera and Dilan. Coaching Kiera in various sports, and singing or strumming with Dilan. Doc’s passion for music and life is missed by those who knew him best. Pictured Left.



THE HUGENBRUCH FAMILY

From Landsale, PA, Daniel Hugenbruch (48) was a devoted father, husband, technology educator, and coach. He first taught in the Upper Dublin School District, where he met Danielle DiPasquale. They soon became friends and quickly realized they were more than that. They went on to have two wonderful children, Emilia and Eloise, along with their family dog Stella. Despite his love for the Cardinals of UD, Daniel had the opportunity of a lifetime to transform the technology education program at Wissahickon High School. Dan worked at Wissahickon until his passing in August 2025 from Glioblastoma. He was a beloved coach for both the Cardinals and Trojans in multiple sports, including football, basketball, track, golf, and baseball. No matter how hard a coach or teacher Dan may have been, he was always looking at the joys in life, embracing the fun and unexpected turns. He was a girl dad, and encouraged Emilia and Eloise to explore anything, sports, music, art, and much more. He is greatly missed by Danielle, Emilia, Eloise, their entire family, and the UD/Wissahickon communities. Pictured Right.



2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

We continue to try cut expenses the best we can to reduce our overhead costs and give more to our families.

CATEGORIES	TOTALS
Postage	\$200.00
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Payroll	\$6500.00
Funds Distribution	TBD
Marketing	\$350.00
Annual Walk	\$4,000.00
Other Fundraisers	\$1,000.00
Fees/Taxes	\$2,500.00
Other	\$50.00
Insurance	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$17,150.00

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