

BRIAN POWERS
July 5, 1990 - June 18, 2009

“I’ll be there for you...” Fund

The Brian Powers “I’ll be there for you” Fund is an endowed fund dedicated to the memory of a young man who lost his life in a tragic and inexplicable accident at one of his happiest moments, camping with his closest friends deep in the mountains of Colorado. Brian brought joy, laughter, love, and unconditional acceptance to his relationships in Cornerstone. We cannot begin to make sense of such a loss, but can celebrate his triumph over addiction and depression that allowed him to experience a joyful final five months.

We are grateful to the Brian’s parents, Tom and Brenda, and to his sister, Victoria, who have continued their close relationships with many Cornerstone families and who have shared their hearts and home with Brian’s peers and the Cornerstone staff as we all work to accept the reality of his death.

Because he was always there for whoever called, and because he loved sentimental songs, this fund was named by his sister to reflect his loving nature. The fund is used to enhance the counselors’ knowledge of dual diagnosis disorders, and their integration of that knowledge within the Cornerstone model of substance abuse treatment. With these funds we are able to support post-baccalaureate training for counselors, and encourage the interests of all of us who are painfully aware of the high incidence of co-occurring mental disorders among the young substance abusing population. As an endowed fund, only the income produced from the fund will be used for counselor training. The capital will remain intact and thereby carry his memory throughout the years.

We yearn for opportunities to honor this amazing young man and his success at overcoming obstacles that are beyond comprehension for most adults, much less a young man of 18.

We are grateful to have known him. He will live in our hearts always.



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