

100+ Women Who Care Support Children with Life Threatening Illnesses

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Kameron Sherman

In a world often plagued by adversity, it's the stories of resilience and compassion that shine the brightest. One such beacon of hope is Kameron's Crusaders, a nonprofit born out of love and loss, dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others. This organization, named after Kameron Sherman, embodies the spirit of altruism and the power of collective action.

The journey of Kameron's Crusaders began with a heartbreaking event – the passing of Kameron Sherman on July 15, 2019, due to a rare and aggressive form of pediatric cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. Faced with unimaginable grief, Kameron's parents, Debbie and Bryce, found solace in channeling their pain into a force for good. They vowed to honor their son's memory by spreading joy and support to those experiencing similar life-threatening diseases.

Kameron's Crusaders launched initiatives aimed at providing aid and comfort to individuals and families. They serve children at Phoenix Children's Hospital by supplying them with monthly snacks and seasonal gift "buckets" filled with toys and goodies. They support families by donating gas and grocery gift cards to lessen the financial burden. They donate to programs like Animal-Assisted Therapy through fundraising events such as Phoenix Children's "Dine with Your Dog." In 2022, they launched "The Holiday Family Extravaganza" where they adopt families and provide holiday gifts.



Katherine Katz, Bryce Sherman, Debbie Sherman, and Crissy Haidos

From organizing fundraisers to offering emotional support, Kameron's Crusaders has quickly become a beacon of hope for many. In times of struggle, it's easy to feel isolated and alone. However, through their unwavering support and compassion, this organization reminds us that, no matter the obstacles we face, we are never truly alone.

In January, Debbie Sherman shared the mission of Kameron's Crusaders with her 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun group in the East Valley. The members were moved by her presentation and selected the charity to receive their quarterly donations. Kameron's Crusaders was awarded \$10,725.

"With each member's generous donation, we can expand our reach into the community throughout the year and especially around the holidays. With the ability to support additional families, as well as increasing the level of financial support, our positive impact will continue to grow for years to come," shared Debbie Sherman.

Since the chapter's inception in 2015, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated over \$1.2 Million to local charities. To learn more or to register for their upcoming giving circle on April 23, visit 100wwcvalleyofthesun.org. Guests are welcome.

To learn more about Kameron's Crusaders, visit kameronskrusaders.com.