Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation
In honor of MaKenzi Rae Cash

Turning Pain Into Purpose • Spreading Raes of Sunshine

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rachael Cash, Founder of the Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation. Our nonprofit foundation was established in honor of my daughter, MaKenzi Rae Cash, a member of the Westminster High School Class of 2026. In December 2022, MaKenzi tragically passed away from complications related to her prescribed antidepressant medication. MaKenzi was an advocate against bullying, loved volleyball and animals, and dreamed of serving in the military while pursuing a career as a nurse.

In her memory, our Foundation works to turn pain into purpose through anti-bullying and cyberbullying initiatives, youth mental health awareness, scholarships for local students, and support for animal-related causes that reflect MaKenzi's compassion for animals.

THE NEED RIGHT HERE IN CARROLL COUNTY

Youth mental health and bullying are not just national concerns. There are serious issues affecting young people in Carroll County, Maryland. The most recent Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey data paints a concerning picture:

48.5%	32.4%	31.1%	21%
Bullied on school property	**Electronic bullying**	**Persistent sadness or hopelessness**	**Seriously considered suicide**

Carroll County middle school students reported bullying on school property at 48.5%, compared with 41.6% statewide, and electronic bullying at 32.4%, compared with 25.8% across Maryland. **These are not simply percentages. They represent children in our schools, neighborhoods, teams, and families.**

Bullying can follow a child home through text messages, social media, group chats, and other online platforms. Survey results also reflect only the students who participated and were willing to disclose their experiences. Fear of retaliation, embarrassment, or concern that reporting may make things worse can prevent young people from asking for help.

The data demonstrates why Carroll County needs continued investment in bullying prevention, cyberbullying education, youth mental health awareness, early intervention, and resources that empower students to speak up and seek help.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS

Funds raised by the Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation support students affected by bullying, promote youth mental health awareness and resources, provide scholarships to local students, and assist local animal-related causes. We are proud to be a nonprofit fund of the Community Foundation of Carroll County, an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, FEIN 52-1865244.

4TH ANNUAL 80'S DANCE • NOVEMBER 14, 2026 • FEATURING THE NEW ROMANCE 80'S TRIBUTE BAND

We are excited to host our 4th Annual 80's Dance on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the Westminster Moose Lodge #1381 in Westminster, Maryland. This event brings our community together to celebrate MaKenzi's legacy, raise awareness, and generate the resources needed to continue our mission.

Would you kindly consider supporting this event through a tax-deductible donation, sponsorship, auction or raffle item, or by attending the dance?

Donations, tickets, and sponsorships are available through our website and the QR codes below. Sponsorship opportunities are outlined on the back of this page.

We need your support to continue making a meaningful difference for young people and families in our community and help create a Carroll County where every child feels safe, supported, heard, and valued.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,
Rachael Cash
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Donate today

Purchase Tickets and Sponsorships

4TH ANNUAL 80'S DANCE

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, November 14, 2026 • Westminster Moose Lodge • Westminster, Maryland

"Walking on Sunshine" Dance Sponsor $250

- Social media recognition
- Sponsor signage displayed at the event

"Photograph" Photo Booth Sponsor $500-SOLD

- Two event tickets
- Social media recognition
- Dinner table advertising
- Sponsor sign displayed at the photo booth

"Don't Stop Believing'" Band Sponsor $2,500

- Eight event tickets
- Social media recognition
- Dinner table advertising
- Recognition and announcement from the band

Every sponsorship helps us continue MaKenzi Rae's legacy through kindness, advocacy, education, scholarships, and community support.

To sponsor, donate raffle items, or purchase tickets:
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