



BRAEDEN'S STORY

Braeden was a happy, energetic, fun-loving boy who loved to do all the things little boys do; play in the sand, splash in the pool, jump and bounce on his trampoline. He had a love for music and art, and loved to sing and play with his most favorite toy, his piano, or finger paint pictures for his family. He also loved the outdoors, going to the park, riding his bike or his sled, and playing with his dog. He was quick to smile and giggle, and brightened our home and our hearts with his love, his hugs, and his joy.

Braeden was almost 3 when he died of complications resulting from surgery. Of all

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— Mindy (Braeden's mother)

the decisions we had to make that day, the easiest was to donate his organs. Brae was too young to tell us his wishes, but we knew in our hearts that is what he would have wanted. We find peace in knowing part of him lives in the body of his recipient, and he made such a difference in not only her life, but in the lives of her family and friends as well.

If you choose to become a donor:

- Answer “yes” to the organ donor question on your driver’s license renewal application.
- Sign your license or ID card.
- **Tell your family** about your decision, to help ensure your wishes are honored.

For more information on organ donation, visit uwhcopo.org.



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