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### BALLIN' 4 BURKLEE TOURNAMENT IS A BIG HIT

**May 10, 2018:** On May 10, 2018, Shawn and Sierra Williams, along with their sons Jayden and Riggin, presented a check to Uintah Basin Healthcare supporting "Brody's Fund" after a fundraiser held the month prior.

In 2013, two community members (Kelly and Sue Crozier) experienced watching their son and daughter-in-law struggle when they lost their newborn son as a stillborn. It was after this experience they realized how hard this was both emotionally & financially for young parents who are not only suffering an enormous emotional loss, but who are also responsible for medical and funeral costs. They approached the Uintah Basin Healthcare Foundation with the idea of creating "[Brody's Fund](#)", which is named after their grandson – Brody Crozier, son of Brendon and Tiffany Crozier. The fund was set up in November of 2013, and this fund is now providing financial assistance for funeral and medical costs to help those who experience such a loss.

On December 25, 2016, Shawn and Sierra Williams publicly announced they were welcoming their first baby girl. Their two boys were overjoyed to become big brothers. Sierra had a healthy pregnancy with an active little girl. On March 31, she went in for her 30-week appointment and received the devastating news that her baby no longer had a heartbeat. They took the weekend to let the news settle in and on April 4, 2017 their daughter, Burklee Ann received her angel wings. They were heartbroken and devastated. They had heard about Brody's Fund, but learned more through the process. "This did not ease our pain, but it brought peace to our minds knowing we would have help with the funeral and medical bills... Brody's Fund had helped us so much that we truly did want to give back" said Sierra Williams. They started looking for ways to give back to the fund and a softball tournament was mentioned. "We decided that if things were going good we would maybe do one the following year" she said.

On December 10, 2017, the Williams family revealed they were expecting another baby girl – just 8 months after losing sweet Burklee Ann. They were so excited to be having a baby girl! The very next day at their doctor's appointment, they discovered their sweet girl no longer had a heartbeat. Rozee J. received her wings on December 12, 2017. To lose these two angel babies in one year was complete devastation. This loss was completely unexpected, and they were not prepared. Once again, Brody's Fund stepped in to ease the financial burdens.

After receiving help from Brody's Fund twice in one year, the Williams family was determined to give back. Plans for the "Ballin 4 Burklee" softball tournament including a "Raffle for Rozee" went full speed ahead. On April 14, 2018, the tournament welcomed 15 men's teams and 7 women's teams at the Constitution Park in Roosevelt, Utah for a weekend of softball for a good cause. The community pulled together, showing overwhelming support in numerous ways.

### **A staggering \$9,648.08 was raised and donated to Brody's Fund.**

The Williams family stated that the work was worth it, and they plan to make the tournament an annual event.

The Williams family would like to send special thanks to Lisa and Russel Pickup, Kali & Nate Adamson, Shelbie & Tyler Knight, Baylee Pickup, Andy Gillies, Cheryl & Ron Williams, Scott Williams, Brady Arnold, Mike Oakes, Bill McCairns, Kristen & Lane Genereaux, Danyiel Genereaux Meacham, Jennifer Brewer, and to all of the amazing sponsors.

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Pictured: Shawn & Sierra Williams with sons Jayden & Riggin presenting a check from their "Ballin 4 Burklee" softball tournament to Brody's Fund