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As a Battle Mountain High School alumna, Anna Tedstrom shares her path since graduation to creating *Hooah*. Noting a missing feature in the world of ski fashion, Anna has applied her experience and expertise to launch this exciting new company to introduce fresh and fun skiwear to hit the hill!

In stark contrast to the fun of Anna's creativity, Jami Rahn shares her artistic skill by painting works for the Freedom 58 Project to raise awareness of the realities of human trafficking through the portraiture and stories of young survivors. The exhibit is now on display at CMC in Edwards.

Having suffered the tragic loss of their son, Paul, Mike and Betsy have carried on his legacy by founding the Paul Cuthbertson Foundation and establishing the Live For Those Who Cannot Scholarship Fund. We thank Mike and Betsy for their courage and

commitment to empowering mountain youth who share Paul's passion for life.

On the lighter side, we are thrilled to meet Thor, the newest member of the Brown household, named fondly by Bob for his affection for The Avengers. And Willow Decent lets us in on her world of everything from pandas to popsicles, pizza, and pancakes!

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TO THE 2022 SINGLETREE GRADUATES!

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

As the Class of 2022 says goodbye to their high school days with lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories, here they share their achievements, aspirations for the future, and departing words of advice for the Class of 2023. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!



LEO ROTHENBERG

High School: Vail Christian High School

Family: I live with my mom and dad (Katie and Rob), my two younger sisters (Maggie and Hazel), and our cat (Quincy).

Most Memorable Experience: Spring Break 2022! I was fortunate enough to go to Mexico with 15 friends, where we rented a home on the beach, swam with whale sharks, enjoyed the sunshine, and created unforgettable memories.

Greatest Accomplishment: I was proud to be selected First-Team All-League for all three of my sports (football, basketball, and lacrosse) and be awarded the Mac Kelsall award in lacrosse for leadership on and off the field. I'm honored to wear his number 19 on the field this season.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to attend college and study business. I'm deciding between the University of Colorado, Miami University (Ohio), and the University of Oregon. I also hope to play club lacrosse.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: I love living in Singletree because the club and gym are close by, and I can stop by the Grem's house and eat their food.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Don't procrastinate!



ZOIE PALMER

High School: Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy

Family: Parents – Tish and Zane Palmer; Brother – Wyatt Palmer; Bernese Mountain Dog – Oslo; Horses

Most Memorable High School Experience: Having the opportunity to travel to foreign places and experience other cultures.

Greatest Accomplishment: Top downhill racer in the nation as a U16.

Post-Graduation Plans: Go to the beach, enjoy time at my family ranch, and possibly enter a couple of dirt bike competitions.

Aspirations: Pursue college and ski racing opportunities.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: All the conveniences; close proximity to everything the Vail Valley has to offer.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Live every day!



GAVIN GOULD

High School: Vail Christian High School

Family: Mom-Tricia Gould, Brother-Griffin Gould, and The Winston “Win-Win” pup

Most Memorable High School Experience: Graduating.

Greatest Accomplishment: Tied between making it to states in climbing and maintaining a strong GPA while also working and balancing fun.

Post-Graduation Plans: Accepted to Denver University on scholarship to their business program in the fall.

Aspirations: Compete in USA climbing and graduate college.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Walk to Sonnenalp, Edwards is a quick bike ride, and lots of friends close to the area.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Put in the effort; it's worth it!



SAMANTHA CORENMAN

High School: Vail Mountain School

Parents: Don Corenman, Kim Corenman, Rose Stratton

Siblings: Steven Corenman, Jessica Talkington

Pets: Bo (Golden Retriever), Mango (Shih Tzu), Caramel (King Charles Cavalier)

Most Memorable Experience: Swimming with seals in Baja Mexico for a school trip!
Greatest Accomplishment: My senior project on Medical Disparities and how it pertains to Experimental Medical Treatments.

Post Graduation Plans: Work this summer, go to college, and major in business with a double minor in Mandarin and Biomedical Engineering! I hope to study abroad in China as well.

Aspirations: I hope to run an international biotechnology company in either Singapore or China.

Favorite Part of Singletree: The Sonnenalp Club and living on the golf course.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Try not to worry too much about where you're going to college and enjoy your last year!



LUKE OLMSTEAD

High School: Vail Christian High School

Family: My parents, one sister, one brother, and two dogs

Most Memorable High School Experience: The last race in my high school Nordic skiing career. It was a classic Nordic race and one of the best races of my life.

Greatest accomplishment: Because VCHS doesn't have a Nordic team, I race for BMHS. My greatest accomplishments are being a four-time team state runner-up in Nordic, along with being awarded BMHS's Nordic skier of the year my senior year.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to be a counselor at a summer canoeing camp in northern Minnesota that I have attended for multiple years.

Aspirations: I plan to attend college (undecided) and get a degree in engineering.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The central location to the entire valley.



HANNAH SERBINSKI

High School: Vail Mountain School

Family: Mom-Karmen, Dad-Justin, Sister-Claire, Brother-CJ, Dog-Ditka

Most Memorable Experience: Going to semi-finals in states for soccer junior year and our senior camping and sunrise on a school night.

Greatest Accomplishment: Hopefully, going far in states for soccer this year.

Post-Graduation Plans: I want to travel with my mom to Paris this summer as well as other places in the world. Attend college.

Aspirations: I want to travel to every continent and graduate college.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: I like how close my friends are and how close we are to everyone.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Don't take life too seriously, enjoy, and do everything because you never know when a pandemic will take away from living your life.



NICOLAS JAMES LAYTON

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Todd and Kelly Layton, Riley Layton, a sophomore at Kelley School of Business/University of Indiana, Dog: Jesse James and Otis, who recently passed, Cat: Dezi, and Horses: Solomon and Shania

Most Memorable High School Experience: All the friendships and teamwork from four years on the BM Huskies Football Team.

Greatest Accomplishment: Graduating.

Post-Graduation Plans: Planning to attend Western Colorado University.

Aspirations: Continue pursuing my passion for skiing and enjoying life.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Being close to all my friends.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Go to class and learn something.



SAVINA GENEVIEVE MAY

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Dad-Steven May, Mom-Jennie Longville May, Sisters-Vivian, Ashley, Jennifer, brother-Jordan

Most Memorable Experience: Being involved in Battle Mountain plays and choir concerts.

Greatest Accomplishment: Organizing Battle Mountains school-wide community service day.

Post-Graduation Plans: Going to college somewhere and enjoying the outdoors before I leave Colorado.

Aspirations: To survive adulthood and help combat climate change.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The streets and trails are great for running, and it's a really pretty and safe neighborhood to live in.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Say yes to every opportunity during your senior year, and don't worry too much about the future because your plans will change, and that's okay.



CATIE REIHE

High School: Vail Mountain School

Family: Brian (dad), Carolyn (mom), Addi (sister), George (brother), Alli (black lab), and Boo (cat)

Most Memorable Experience: The VMS tele-team!

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be attending Boston University in the fall.

Aspirations: I plan on being a Speech Pathologist or Occupational Therapist

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: I enjoy the warm weather and good hiking.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Find the little moments of joy.



WILLIAM FLAHERTY

High School: Laurel Springs Online High School

Family: Ann Flaherty (mom), Charles Flaherty (brother), Max (dog)

Most Memorable High School Experience: 2021 snowball dance with the rest of the senior group (it was just really fun to hang out with everyone).

Greatest Accomplishment: Olympian, 14-year HLH survivor, World Traveler.

Post-Graduation Plans: Have a major surgery, travel, and then college.

Aspirations: Aerospace Engineer.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Having great neighbors.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: One cannot change the past, so do not dwell on the mistakes of yesterday, but instead learn from them and make a better tomorrow for yourself.



CATHERINE DAWSEY

My name is Catherine Dawsey, and I go to Battle Mountain High School! My family consists of my mom-Yvonne, my dad-John, my brother-Ryan, and my yellow lab-Rocky. My most memorable high school experience was going to New York City with my AP Studio Art class this winter. My proudest achievement is becoming a published author and winning the high school division of the Bookworm Children's Writing Contest. My plans for this summer consist of working at Slifer Designs, playing golf and tennis, spending time with my family, and getting ready for college.

I recently committed to the #7 film school in the country, Loyola Marymount University, to study film production with a minor in screenwriting! I aspire to be a successful screenwriter and director in the future! My favorite part of living in Singletree is being super close to the golf course and tennis courts. A piece of advice I would give to upcoming seniors is to go to try new things at the school before you leave because the year goes by super fast, and you won't regret it!



STELLA ADDIS

High School: Vail Mountain School

Family: Brendan Addis, Dana Addis, my brother Beckett, Juno (our Goldendoodle)

Most Memorable Experience: I was really fortunate to participate in a VMS Intraterm trip to Tijuana, where we explored the US border issues facing people there. It was eye-opening and sparked my interest in the human experience and how we are all connected.

Greatest Accomplishment: My freshman year, the VMS soccer team went to the state tournament, and I scored the game winning goal as the final seconds ticked off the clock to send us to the next round. It was an incredible feeling.

Post-Graduation Plans: I'm going to college but still deciding where to go.

Aspirations: I aspire to be a leader and someone that people can look up to. I plan to give back to the environment and help others.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The views and my neighbors.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2023: Live in the present. Senior year goes by super-duper fast.

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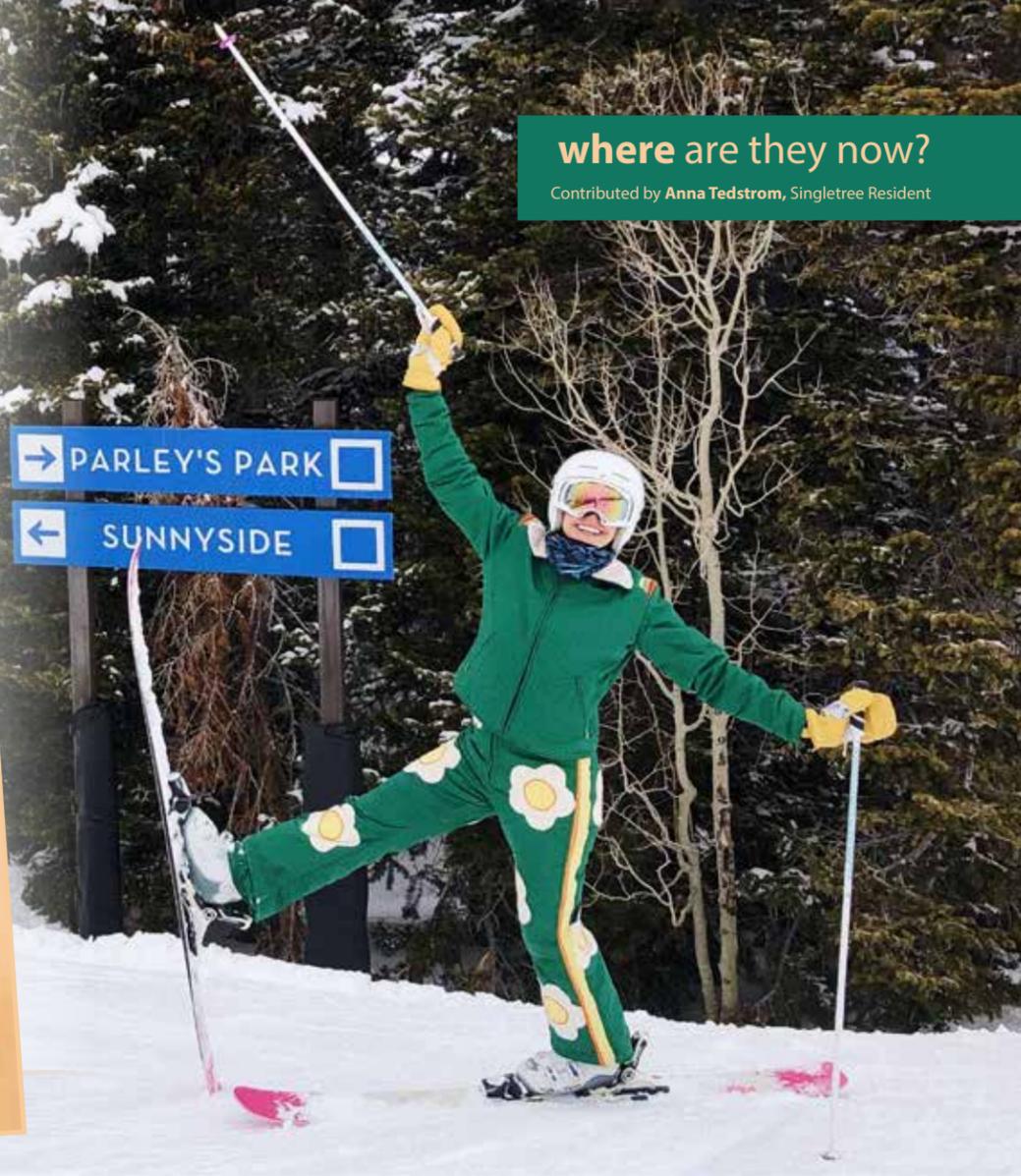
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where are they now?

Contributed by **Anna Tedstrom**, Singletree Resident

While sitting on the chairlift with my sister-in-law, I needed to use the restroom. She suggested I “go” in the woods, then added ... “but you’ll have a cold hooahh!” We giggled at the name ... the old lady term for your lady parts. But it stuck, and that’s how I named my company. A fun name for fun clothes!

Growing up in Edwards, every winter weekend was spent skiing ... whether I wanted to or not. Honestly, as a kid, I dreaded putting on all my heavy ski clothes and gear every Saturday. It was a chore! It wasn’t until I was 10 years old on a Buddy Werner racing team called the “Air Dogs” that I fell in love with skiing. Imagine a group of eight wild personalities that didn’t take skiing or racing too seriously ... sorry mom and dad. We’d goof off, zoom through the kids’ adventure zones, share stories on

the chairlift, and live off of starbursts and gummy worms. It was a full day of play. Those Saturdays showed me that skiing really is an enrichment activity, it doesn’t need to be intense or competitive. It should just be fun!

Fast forward to my junior year of college, I invited my

best gal friends to come skiing in Vail over a long weekend. We all bunked up at my parents’ house in Singletree! The gals were all varying levels that first year. Some were bored on the bunnies, others terrified on a steep section of green. I needed to break the ice and get the girls out of their heads to just enjoy our time together outside. So, I found my mom’s old onesie with tight legs and fringe and packed a music speaker. It completely changed the mood! We danced down the catwalks, cheered each other on, and gave out points for every fall – “You learn when you fall!”

At the end of the day, they all wanted to go vintage shopping at Holy Toledo. That’s when I knew I needed to bring fun ski clothes back!

I officially started *Hooahh* in September of 2021 with the mission to make skiing more appealing by creating fun, vibrant ski clothes that you want to show off in. I love to start with vintage pieces and pre-loved items. I tailor them to fit, patch over holes, and fix broken zippers to extend the life of the garment and keep them out of the trash. Then, I add unique decorative designs to each piece so that you stand out! I am happy to work on custom orders, so if you have an old ski jacket, pants, or bibs that you love, I can reimagine the piece to give it a new attitude!

We sell online at **hooahh-us.com**, have pop-up shops at craft fairs, and have a few products available at Outdoor Divas in Vail, and Holy Toledo in Minturn (thank you Kim Walker and Heather Schultz for taking a chance on me)!

The biggest challenge so far has been stepping out of my comfort zone to walk into stores and sell my idea. It takes a lot of courage to introduce yourself



to someone you don’t know and to ask them to spend their money on something you made. Although I performed theater at Battle Mountain High School and studied design at Parsons in New York, it’s so much more daunting when you’re chasing your dreams. You’re opening yourself up to critique and rejection. I’m so lucky to have Singletree and Edwards as my home, with supportive friends, family, and



neighbors. By putting myself out there over and over again, I’ve met incredible creatives, business owners, ski lovers, and fashionistas!

Thanks for reading my story and I can’t wait to see all of you on the slopes. You can also find me on Instagram **@hooahh_us**. If you see the gal hootin’ and hollerin’ in fun ski clothes, please come say hi!



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THE PAUL CUTHBERTSON FOUNDATION

empowering exceptional mountain youth

who's making a difference

Contributed by Mike and Betsy Cuthbertson, Singletree Residents
Article Written by Tim Swift, Singletree Resident

In the early afternoon of May 18th, 2019, Paul Cuthbertson, the 21-year-old son of Betsy and Mike Cuthbertson, began a six-mile backcountry trek to the Polar Star Inn to attend a weekend get together with his co-workers at RA Nelson LLC, a longtime local general contractor. Paul was a competent and careful backcountry veteran and completely comfortable making the climb to the Polar Star, but he never made it to the hut.

When he failed to arrive, his co-workers set out looking for him early that Saturday morning and contacted Vail Mountain Rescue to report that Paul was missing. After an exhaustive search on skis and snowmobiles, Paul's body was found in a tree well, and his cause of death was determined to be exposure and hypothermia. Somehow along the way, he sustained injuries that included cerebral edema, a dislocated shoulder, a broken nose, and a series of contusions. He had made a

splint for his dislocated shoulder using one of his ski poles and a jacket.

Betsy and Mike were left facing the ultimate horror that parents have to face – the tragic loss of a child whose life had just begun. To compound the horror, Paul's passing was not the first death of a child they had had to face. Tragically, Paul's older

sister, Nichole Sara Cuthbertson, passed away at 4 1/2, shortly after Paul was born. Nichole suffered for years with a degenerative brain disorder that caused frequent and devastating seizures. Nichole knew of Paul's impending birth and waited to meet him. After Paul was born, he



"Live for those who cannot"
Paul Cuthbertson



and Nichole would lie together, and his mere presence would calm her, and the seizures would briefly stop. Their time together was brief but beautiful. Paul lived his life always mindful of her.

In addition to his sister, Paul also experienced the loss of friends and family who passed before their time. In an effort to never forget those he knew who passed too soon, he created the motto "Live For Those Who Cannot." He never wavered from this commitment and, when he went off to college, had the motto tattooed on his forearm. In addition, Paul designed a Native American dream catcher bearing Nicole's initials and a dove in memory of his good friend and classmate who had also died

before his time. He had this touching design tattooed over his heart. When Paul died, Betsy and Mike were again faced with the horrific loss of a child, but rather than curse the darkness, they chose to light a candle. Just months after his passing, they started the Paul Cuthbertson Foundation under the mantle that Paul had lived under all his life. They created **The Live For Those Who Cannot Scholarship** to help our community's youth who have deep ties to a Colorado mountain community. It prioritizes individuals ages 13-25 that can demonstrate a financial need, have a strong work ethic, are dedicated to mentoring other youth, and are deeply involved in their community. These scholarships range from \$500 to \$5000. It is the Foundation's intent to increase these scholarships as funding efforts continue.

The Foundation's website, thepaulcuthbertsonfoundation.org, succinctly outlines its purpose and mission: "Since its inception in 2019, The Paul Cuthbertson Foundation has provided more than \$25,000 in cash scholarships to applicants who demonstrate intellectual curiosity, show fierce determination, and who exemplify Paul Cuthbertson's passion for the mountains. Grantees have included youth pursuing medical and nursing school, an aspiring Broadway actress, a ballerina, a videographer, a competitive mountain biker, a World Cup alpine ski



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racer, and numerous other athletes pursuing outdoor winter snow sports.”

One grateful winner expresses her sincere appreciation for being selected as a recipient of a Live For Those Who Cannot Scholarship. In her words,
Thank you so much to the Paul Cuthbertson Foundation for helping me continue my snowboard career. I am forever grateful for the support, and I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of the Live For Those Who Cannot Scholarship. This money will be put towards travel and entry for my contests next season. Thank you again. - Ellie Weiler



The Paul Cuthbertson Foundation is another shining example of turning an unspeakable tragedy into something positive. We can only admire the strength that Betsy and Mike have demonstrated and thank them for remembering their son in this way. Our entire community owes them a debt of thanks.



If you would like to add to the positivity that Betsy and Mike have shown, please scan the QR code below to go to the donation page of the Paul Cuthbertson Foundation website, where you can make a gift. Each gift is 100% tax-deductible and helps both keep Paul's memory alive and directly benefits deserving youths throughout the Vail Valley. Thank you for your support.



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Closed	1241 Winslow Road	Duplex	3	4	2,255	Unfurnished	\$1,695,000	\$752	24	\$1,570,000	\$696	2/24/22
Closed	102 Mission Place	Townhome	3	3	1,837	Unfurnished	\$1,600,000	\$871	1	\$1,600,000	\$871	2/28/22
Closed	11 Stagecoach	Single Family	3	4	2,723	Furnished	\$1,725,000	\$633	6	\$1,725,000	\$633	3/16/22
Closed	151 Howard Drive	Single Family	4	4	3,166	Partial	\$2,950,000	\$932	0	\$2,950,000	\$932	3/17/22

Willow Decent is 7 years old, and she is in the 3rd grade at Stone Creek Charter School. On this day, we start out with what's happening at school ...

What are your favorite subjects at school? Well, I really love science and math. And recess.

What are you doing now in science? We are doing dioramas in science. It's these little boxes. And so you pick an animal that you're going to do, and you decorate the background with what the biome is. Then you can either make the animal or have the animal toy, and you put it in there.

A PERFECT DAY FOR WILLOW



kids' corner

Contributed by **Willow Decent**, Singletree Resident

What animal are you doing? The panda. It lives in the rainforest, and I really like the rainforest. They're pretty and full of lots of beautiful animals. And I think pandas are cute.

And what are you learning in math? In math, we're learning about counting money.

What are your favorite things to do when you're not in school? Well, in the summers, I like to go outside and jump on my trampoline. I love to sled. And ski. In the summers, I play tennis and golf. I like tennis better, but I love to drive the golf carts. And I like to hike.

What is one of your favorite hikes? There's a trail nearby, and it's got this river that's got lots of beautiful butterflies. And I really like to sometimes just chill at home.

Do you like to read? I love to read. I love *The Locker Ate Lucy!* I really like National

Geographic books. And engineering books, and I like graphic novels. This one is called *The Witches*. And I like books about the human body [*The Incredible Human Body in a Book*].

What do you think you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a vet or a singer.

Do you play a musical instrument? Yes. Piano. I'm not looking at the letters anymore; I'm only reading the notes.

What do you love best about being a Girl Scout? Well, I love giving things to people. And I love selling cookies. Because then we can make more money to give to people, animals, and hospitals.

What else do you like about Girl Scouts? I love going on trips. Sometimes we raise more money than we need. Then we go on trips to earn badges. Like this



summer, I get to go to a water park to earn a Water badge.

What badges have you earned so far? Baking, Friendship, and First Aid.

What did you do to earn the Friendship badge? That was actually our first day. We made friends with all the Girl Scout girls.

What did you bake for your Baking badge? We made Band-Aids. I'll tell you how. You start with graham crackers as the Band-Aids. And then marshmallows for the white part. And for the blood, we used icing.



If you had a superpower, what would it be? If I had a superpower, it would be flying because I always wanted to fly. I just love being in the air. Maybe if someone was falling, I could catch them.

What are your favorite vacations? Hawaii, Florida, and California.

What do you like to do on the beach? I love to roll around in the sand and go in the ocean. I love to boogie board. And I love to find crabs and put them in buckets.

If you could give adults one piece of advice, what would you tell them? I would say, "Don't work too hard. Because sometimes they might have a kid at home, like with a babysitter, and you're at work, and they get home, and they have so much to deal with, right? 'Oh, what about my work, taxes?' But my kid needs me to play with them,' right? Just don't work too hard."

What's your favorite color? Red and blue. I just think they go very great together, and when you mix them, they don't make brown; they make purple.

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And what about your favorite foods?
Pizza, popsicles, and pancakes.

What is it like to be an only child? It's very fun. But sometimes, you kind of want a sibling or someone to be around you to play with.

What are the good parts and the bad parts? The good parts are that you don't really have to share your toys unless you're playing with someone. And you get a lot of quiet. You don't get a lot of sound screaming and yelling. But sometimes you feel lonely.

What is your perfect kind of day? My perfect favorite kind of day is in the summer. Jumping on my trampoline. Playing with my friends. Maybe being in my teepee in my backyard. Having popsicles. And at the end of

the day, watching a movie and going to bed.

It sounds like the perfect day indeed!
Thank you, Willow! Here's wishing you many perfect days this summer ...



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Jami Nix Rahn:

creating art for social change

The first two years of this decade have made it clear that the problems of an individual nation on an individual continent are impossible to hide in this globally connected world of information and sharing of the human experience. In the last half-century, humanity has been hyper-focused on creating online spaces that share a collective consciousness as well as collective concerns.

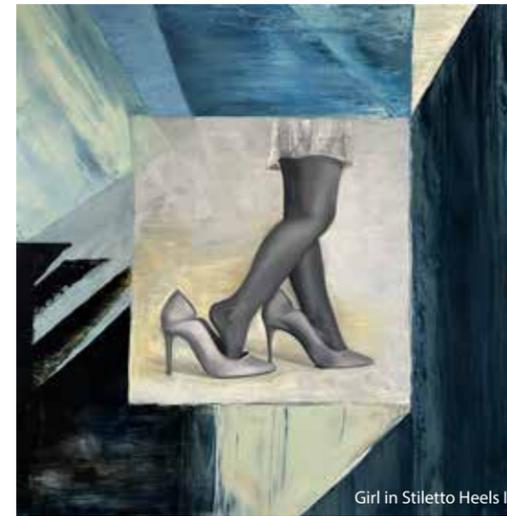
What once was a world away now seems intrusive enough to spark outrage and compassion on a global scale as it is shared across the nations with the click of a button. The Nationalism of the last two centuries marches towards Globalism, and the ability to put aside our differences and recognize our collective humanity is the mark of a 21st-century citizen of the world. As such, the atrocities and suffering created with human trafficking that has existed in places such as India are actually problems we here can help ease and solve through awareness and action.

Bob and Libby Swenson have taken on the task of ending human trafficking in India with their non-profit Freedom 58 Project. Freedom 58 is a traveling art exhibit featuring portraits and stories of survivors of human trafficking that aim to bring awareness of the global horrors and work towards bringing in donations to support the organizations that fight these traffickers in their individual nations, including the USA. Most notably, Freedom 58 supports the



celebrating the arts

Contributed by **Jami Nix Rahn**, Singletree Resident
Article Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident



Girl in Stiletto Heels I



Girl in Stiletto Heels II



GB Road

organization Love Justice International, where Libby Swenson is the Regional Director of Development.

There was a piece presented in this magazine in April 2021 that raised awareness of the Swensons' commitment and passion for ending human slavery in their lifetime. The article was followed by a well-attended event at a Singletree home in July, where celebrated local artist Jami Nix Rahn met the Swensons and became involved in creating art for the exhibit, *Faces of Freedom: Voices Calling for an End to Modern Day Slavery*.

Jami and her husband, Tom, attended this event and admired the artwork, and understood the goal of using art to raise awareness of the real-world problem of human trafficking. "After hearing Bob and Libby Swenson speak at a reception in Edwards, I felt as an artist that I must contribute to this extraordinary project," says Jami. She's always been a rather unabashed supporter of the struggles of women through her artwork; this meeting seemed clandestine.

"I had a conversation with Bob, and I let him know I am an artist and interested in helping the organization. I said to him, 'I think you should do something other than beautiful portraits; maybe you should have something that's not so pretty. Something that brings up emotion,'" Jami recalls. As an abstract artist who is no stranger to transmitting big collective emotions onto her canvases and bronze sculptures, Jami was honored to be selected to create three paintings for the Faces of Freedom exhibition.

When an artist creates for Freedom 58, they are provided a story or a picture and asked to translate that onto canvas. In Jami's case, as an abstract artist painting in a style described as a modern take on Orphism and Cubism, she was given the freedom to research concepts and ideas for her Freedom 58 paintings. In the painting, *GB Road*, Jami depicts the most notorious brothel, Number 64, and the darkness that occurs above the glittery shops and machine factories that make up this part of Delhi.

"When I begin a painting, I feel that it is very important to research my subject thoroughly. I want to tell a story with as much truth and passion as possible. *GB Road* in Delhi is infamous as a red-light district, but deceptively as you pass by the shops on the ground floor, you will see hardware stores and retail shops buzzing with activity. There are machine shops making drill bits and bread makers, and there are shops displaying beautiful materials and Saris of all colors. But look deeper, and you will find shadowed figures in shaded windows and narrow stairwells leading to hundreds of Kothas (brothels) that occupy the upper floors," Jami muses, her eyes on the painting.

Jami created two versions of *Girl in Stiletto Heels* for Freedom 58. Both versions of the painting are extremely heartbreaking for a mother. "Bob presented me with the story of young girls in stiletto heels, and as the mother of two girls myself, this story hit me all that much harder," she says. According to Bob's story, a volunteer who works for Love Justice International went undercover in a Delhi nightclub. She observed young girls, as young as 7, being paraded across the stage in short skirts and heels that were far too large for them. When she approached the women who had led the young girls to the stage, they were quickly hustled away.

Girl in Stiletto Heels I demonstrates Jami's abstract intentions that serve as the more realistic impression of a young girl walking in oversized heels. *Girl in Stiletto Heels II* depicts a young girl being lured into the adult world of trafficking. In the background, she leaves behind her childhood where children are ●●●

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running free, playing a game of parachute. The figures to the right depict the world that will soon steal her away to a world where women become machines run by traffickers that will imprison them for life. The stiletto shoe floating in the water is a reminder of the women that have come and gone.

It's very emotional, very trying, very impossible to understand that this is something that happens within our world. "When I was doing this one, in particular, I could barely hold my hand to the brush," says Jami. "It's definitely highly emotional to work on a piece like this, and it makes the work all that more important. Sometimes I feel a little pressure that I'm not doing well enough on it. I want people to really feel it, to feel the rage and injustice and sadness and despair, and I feel the burden of whether I can get that emotion across to viewers."



Jami has always been involved with supporting organizations that attempt to disband human trafficking, formerly while in Florida and now during her full-time residency here in Colorado. "Love Justice International across the world offers these little huts, little safe houses, like an underground railroad to freedom, to help intercept these girls and women before they are sucked into the world of slavery," Jami relays. "It costs about \$100 to run these houses every day, and if my art can raise awareness to donate to this organization, I know I am directly saving women, girls, and, yes, even boys from a short and terrible fate."

These images and more are on display at the exhibit, *Faces of Freedom: Voices Calling for an End to Modern-Day Slavery* at Colorado Mountain College through October 2022. To donate, please visit <https://www.lovejustice.ngo>. You can also find additional articles and information about the Freedom 58 Project by following their blog.



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Granddaughter, Avery, loving her pup

meet thor:

A Pup of
Character
and
Bravado

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With retirement on the horizon and being on a waitlist for over six years (although not universally endorsed at home), it seemed appropriate to bring a dog back into the Brown household. In 2005, we began our first journey with a Frenchie, Bandit. Our children were young and in need to learn the joys and responsibilities of having a pet. I had been raised with Springer Spaniels and Labs, but the Brown household needed to find an option on a smaller scale as the majority of our time was chauffeuring our children all over Colorado playing volleyball, soccer, hockey, and golf. So, after multiple dog breed questionnaires, the breed “French Bulldog” continued to show up in the top three breeds that aligned with our family and lifestyle.

We knew very little about the breed but did our research, and the breed’s qualities seemed intriguing. Here are just a sample of what you can expect from a Frenchie:

Origin: Derived from downsized “toy” bulldogs and were known to accompany sailors in on boats for the rating capabilities. Originated in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century.



Thor riding home from Utah on Lori’s lap



Avery time with Thor



Thor and his big brother, Major



Daughter Britney getting some therapy



Thor’s favorite morning activity: laying on the heating register



Thor resting after a play day

Temperament: Playful, affectionate, friendly, and good-natured. Excellent companion and great friend. Likes to be around you constantly. Easy to steal as most Frenchies will go off with anyone who even looks as if she or he might want to pet them. We can attest to this first hand, as our first Frenchie would go on walks with anyone passing our house and took many a ride with the golf course maintenance crew as they passed by our house in the morning.

Special Skills: Amateur psychiatrist. Entertains family and friends.

Jobs: Good watchdog, but not a guard dog. Think they can swim but sink like a rock. Good with children and other dogs, especially if they are raised with them.

Size and Shape: Typically under 28 lbs., compact build with upright “bat” ears, round and alert eyes with a short muzzle.

So, on Friday, January 14th, of this year, Lori and I journeyed to just north of Ogden, Utah, to pick up our second Frenchie (Blue Haven French Bulldogs). This little fella was 10 weeks old and weighed 8 lbs, and looks were similar to our first Frenchie, Bandit. With this pup being a retirement gift, I felt the need to impart a fun name that possessed the character and bravado these cuties demonstrate. He has a white streak on his forehead reflecting a lightning bolt, and with my affection for The Avengers, the name “Thor” seemed to be a great fit.

Thor is now just over 4 months old and weighing in around 14 lbs, so look for Lori and me this summer strolling the neighborhood with our new family member, Thor ... or see you on the trail!

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