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Board of Directors  
Member  
Daniel Kuppler  
comes alongside  
Colton to help him  
shred a wave.



# letter

FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

**For 17 years,** Beautifully Flawed Foundation has poured hope and the message of overcoming into the lives of amputees and young people. We have been overjoyed to see how God has worked through our organization to bring life-altering relationships, inspiration, and joy to those who are hurting. Time and again, we stand in awe of the power of simply caring for others and sharing the beautiful truth that this world is indeed full of trouble, but we can take heart, because Jesus has overcome the world! (Paraphrased from John 16:33)

As many of us witnessed Bethany Hamilton find strength in God to overcome adversity and limb loss, we continue to restore hope and inspire others to overcome any trauma, hardship or difficulty in life. The resulting effect is a life-giving community of healing, which encourages others to shine brightly through their unique stories and to their spheres of influence.

Thank you for your partnership in the transformative work of the Beautifully Flawed Foundation. We could not possibly do it without you! You are strengthening a new generation of overcomers whose joy and resilience brings light and hope to the world.

## Katie Ancheta

Katie Ancheta,  
for the Board of Directors  
Board Chairman  
Beautifully Flawed Foundation



**Lisa Curlee, Board Member and amputee, hugs first-time attendee Courtney at the retreat banquet dinner.**



**Katie Ancheta and Natalee, 6x Beautifully Flawed Retreat attendee, smile after making haku leis.**

# note

FROM BETHANY & ADAM

**This past year has been such a blessing! We've been in awe watching how God is using Beautifully Flawed Foundation to encourage and uplift the limb-loss community. It's an honor to be part of this**

**mission—pointing others to the hope we have in Jesus, a hope that gives strength to rise above life's challenges. I'm so excited to see how Beautifully Flawed will keep growing—through God's love and the amazing relationships being built in this special community. We know there are so many incredible things ahead for BFF this coming year, and we're stoked to be part of it! Thank you so much for your love and support—it means the world.**

*Bethany & Adam*



# Beautifully Flawed Foundation Programs

## BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED RETREAT

Our Beautifully Flawed Retreat brings young women (ages 15-26) together who have experienced traumatic limb loss or limb difference to show them they are not alone, that God loves them, and He sees their beauty! The healing and hope found at this retreat is truly unmatched in the amputee world. This four-day experience includes activities that inspire, stories from traumatic amputees, Bible teaching, small group connection times, expert advice, and practical health and wellness tips from onsite doctors, trainers and nutrition specialists.

**"You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you."**

SONG OF SOLOMON 4:7

## FORGE RETREAT

The Forge Retreat is a four-day experience for men who've faced traumatic limb loss or limb difference to discover strength, hope, and courage. Surrounded by Christ-centered community and having opportunities to surf, wakesurf, and more, attendees discover that overcoming is possible and God is forging them with purpose.

Men leave inspired and encouraged in their faith, empowered by the camaraderie of brothers around them, and confident that God takes the pain (fires) endured in this life and uses them to shape them into the men He's always created them to be.

**"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."**

PROVERBS 27:17

## ENCOURAGEMENT PACKAGES

We send a personalized package to bring joy and encouragement to those who have recently experienced a traumatic event or loss. Reaching out with compassion, we send or hand deliver encouragement packages to help restore hope to those affected. Over the years we have sent hundreds of these packages to individuals experiencing some of their hardest seasons of personal loss.

## SHINE FORTH

Shine Forth is a free community event for all generations to be inspired by hope, encouraged in their faith, and reminded through powerful testimonies that overcoming is possible through Jesus. We partner with local churches to host this one-day event where Bethany Hamilton along with former Beautifully Flawed and Forge Retreat attendees share inspiring stories. This is a powerful evening of worship, impartation, and a testament to how God is faithful to heal, restore, and make beauty from ashes.

**Learn more at [beautifullyflawed.org](http://beautifullyflawed.org)**

## Our mission

is to encourage a broken world and offer hope to overcome through Jesus Christ. We believe there is a longing within every individual to overcome the trials, pains and difficulties of life.

We believe that longing is answered and fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. With a vision to establish individuals to be overcomers in Christ, the family and friends of Bethany Hamilton, a world-class professional surfer who lost her arm to a shark bite at the age of 13, formed the Beautifully Flawed Foundation a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Jesus said, "In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

# Retreats



**Inspiring hope to overcome through Jesus is the heartbeat of everything we do at Beautifully Flawed.**

This year, we had the privilege of hosting two Fall retreats for women and men with limb difference: the **Beautifully Flawed Retreat** for young women and the **Forge Retreat** for men. With a combined total from both retreats of 26 attendees and eight alumni attendees serving as leaders, our attendees experienced the power of community, healing, encouragement in their faith, fun and camaraderie, and ultimately left transformed, inspired with the hope that overcoming is possible.



**"The Beautifully Flawed Retreat has been a light** at the end of (or maybe midway through) the tunnel since the very first day I lost my leg in January 2024. Knowing that no matter how the next few months went, that I'd soon be meeting other girls with limb differences and surfing in the California water again was something I could always, and often did, cling to. I once saw this account post that **'He knew what He was doing and He knew who He was calling.'** That has held me together more times than I can count. This amputation is hard, it's life changing, but it's not random. It's for me and **this retreat helps propel girls with heavy hardships to turn them into Glory.'**

**COURTNEY**  
BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED RETREAT ATTENDEE

Attendees Courtney and Ryanne enjoy the retreat banquet dinner at Duke's La Jolla.



Alexis, Kamryn, and Courtney get ready to wakesurf on the Carlsbad Lagoon.



Courtney excitedly shreds her first wake.



Wearing the haku lei she just made, Alexis admires the Del Mar sunset.



## **"The Beautifully Flawed Foundation was so much better than I was anticipating.**

Any time I am in a crowded room, I scan the room with my eyes to see who is watching me or looking at me weirdly due to me looking different than most people as a quad amputee. I realized during the middle of the retreat that I had not done that once the entire week. **I've honestly never felt so comfortable and wholeheartedly accepted** as I did at the retreat, and for that, I am so thankful."

**ALEXIS**  
BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED RETREAT ATTENDEE

**"The Beautifully Flawed Retreat can be described as many things, but for me it's inspiring!** Growing up I never knew anyone like me, especially someone missing an arm. I thought I was alone. Being able to just spend a short amount of time with these God fearing women is one of the many grateful blessings I will cherish in my life. Not only did this retreat and women teach me self love, they also taught me that I have a purpose! I will forever cherish these women and this foundation!"

**TAYLOR**

BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED RETREAT ATTENDEE



Taylor learns tips on how to adaptively surf.

# INSPIRING HOPE



Matthew rides a wave and tries a CrossFit workout.



Danny, determined to overcome, lifts the barbell as an arm amputee.



**"It's hard to say which activity impacted me the most.** With a disability, a verse like Philippians 4:13 seems impossible to be true. Seeing everyone in every activity make this verse true is the impact God intended for us all. While some physical things may be impossible, bringing them to God is what we truly learned, in our successes and seem-to-be failures."

**MATTHEW**  
2X FORGE RETREAT ATTENDEE

# TO OVERCOME



**“Forge brought me the opportunity to meet different types of people with limb differences, which helped me embrace my physical impairments. It has given me the liberty to show true joy in the things I once thought were impossible only to be possible in a different and unique way. My favorite moment was by far being in the ocean catching a wave.”**

**DANNY**  
FORGE RETREAT ATTENDEE



Forge attendees after working out in the CrossFit gym.





## From Extreme Loss to Life-Altering Triumphs

Individuals attending Shine Forth raise their hands in worship.



*O*n a warm Friday evening, a couple hundred people arrived at The Mission Church in Carlsbad, California to hear stories of hope from four of our past retreat and event attendees. Yet, nothing could have prepared them for the inspirational night ahead.

Shine Forth is a night for past Beautifully Flawed and Forge Retreat attendees to share their stories of extreme loss to life altering triumph with Christ. Bethany Hamilton's story has been an inspiration to millions worldwide, and Shine Forth was created to do the same thing in an intimate in-person event. Hope drives the night and in story after story we hear the thread of God's goodness and provision.

This Shine Forth in particular was very special. Five years had passed since our last Shine Forth in 2019, so we were beyond excited to bring this life-changing event back to the community and knew God was going to do something remarkable.

As each incredible individual shared their story, the ups and downs, the trauma they faced and how God brought them through, tears were shed, hope was imparted, and thanks was given to God for His faithfulness to restore and redeem all things. And ultimately, all left with faith increased and strengthened with the knowledge that Christ can help us to overcome whatever hardships we are walking through.

Nan McMahan, a Beautifully Flawed Retreat attendee, shared her own story of losing her father and her leg on the same day. She paralleled her life and the story of Job in the Bible and recounted how God redeemed Job and restored his wealth and family to him. She has come to know God as the powerful redeemer of painful circumstances as He has given her new life and new joys after tragedy. Her smile and joy was contagious and it radiated through the whole room.



Andrea shares her powerful story.



The Mission Church worship team leads the audience in a time of worship before the speakers share.



Nan inspires the audience with her contagious joy and trust in God.



Josh shares about his motorcycle accident and how God has used tragedy to strengthen and forge him with purpose.

Josh Reed, a Forge Retreat attendee, shared his story of finding strength in the Lord after his accident that left him without a leg. Through trial and recovery, God refined him to become a man of God that powerfully shares with and serves others. His confidence in Christ is clear to see and so many of us were strengthened just hearing him share.

Andrea Zavala, another Beautifully Flawed Retreat attendee, who lost all four of her limbs to sepsis, blew us away with her courage and sweet spirit as she recounted the way God has walked her through hardship. He has been an ever present help in her troubles and He will be in all of ours as we look to Him. Andrea walks through the difficulties of being a quadruple amputee with a grace that is palpable and she left us all hopeful and thankful to the Lord for His presence.

Then a surprise came for us, when a full circle story came from Heather Foster, a woman who previously attended Shine

Forth with her family, and then tragically lost her legs a few months later to sepsis. She shared how coming to Shine Forth before she lost her limbs had prepared her to walk the difficult journey ahead and gave her hope for life after her amputations. We were inspired to hear how she and her family found hope and courage in Christ to overcome this painful loss. To see how Heather is living a vibrant and beautiful life today and embracing all God has given her - she is a testament to God making beauty from ashes.

The night of Shine Forth was uplifting and the testimonies of resilience left us all aware of God's provision and redemptive power. We look forward to all that God will do through the stories shared at Shine Forth this year. *BF*

# Wakesurfing

*For the last two years,* Beautifully

Flawed Foundation (BFF) has had the incredible opportunity to partner with Brave the Wave Co. and Liquid Force to bring wakesurfing to our men's Forge

Retreat. It is always a day full of camaraderie, adapting, and pushing past limits. "Wakesurfing is an activity many people with a physical disability think they will never be able to accomplish. By providing the skills of adaptive wakesurfing coaching, we hope to show each rider they are capable of doing whatever they put their mind to," shared Lexi Kuppler, owner of Brave the Wave Co., BFF Board Member, and below-the-knee amputee.

Since this event has become such a huge highlight at our men's retreat, we decided to bring wakesurfing to our 2024 Beautifully Flawed Retreat for the first time ever! To say the girls were ecstatic to wakesurf is an understatement. The girls boarded boats on the Carlsbad Lagoon in San Diego, California first thing in the morning and didn't return until late afternoon.

"I went wakesurfing for the first time at the retreat and it was surreal. I loved being on the water and looking at the boat to see all the girls and hear their words of encouragement. I gained so much confidence when I was able to stay on the board!" said Kayley, 2x retreat attendee and above-the-knee amputee.

It was a beautiful sunny day out on the lagoon and whether they were on the boat laughing, chatting, and singing karaoke songs or in the water shredding waves for the first time, the Beautifully Flawed attendees had the time of their lives.



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**Kayley**

2X BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED RETREAT ATTENDEE



Retreat leader Hannah shreds on wakesurfing day.



Kaylee throws up a "shaka" while wakesurfing for the first time.



Ryanne gets excited to jump in the Carlsbad Lagoon to learn how to wakesurf.

"Each girl went home with stoke levels high as they cheered each other on, and overcame together the challenges of learning wakesurfing! It was a day filled with riders' first time back in the water since their amputation, to girls who did something they never imagined - a day we will never forget," Lexi recalled.

These brave girls showed each and every one of us what it looks like to conquer fears, persevere, and experience the joy of overcoming. *BF*



Forge leader James wake-surfs for his third year in a row.



The stoke was high as three-time attendee and leader Josh rides an epic wake.

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**"Stoke levels are always high at the Forge retreat but especially on wakesurfing day! Watching my bros overcoming the waves is an experience beyond words. Just killer dudes defining what is possible with limb difference, absolutely rad..."**

**James**  
3X FORGE RETREAT ATTENDEE/LEADER



Board of Director Members and owners of Brave the Wave Daniel and Lexi Kuppler celebrate an epic day on the water.

# A Beautiful Place

Beautifully Flawed attendee Lulu gets in the ocean for the first time since her shark attack, overcoming odds and stands up on her surfboard.



## BFF Retreat Brings Healing and Breakthrough

**Ashley Igo is the BFF Board Vice-Chair – she brings professional expertise as a mental health therapist to the BFF community, as well as her personal experience as a traumatic amputee and overcomer.**

**Ashley is working and serving clients in and around her home in Texas where she lives with her family and plethora of pets. We asked her to share how these retreats impact the healing journey of each of our attendees.**

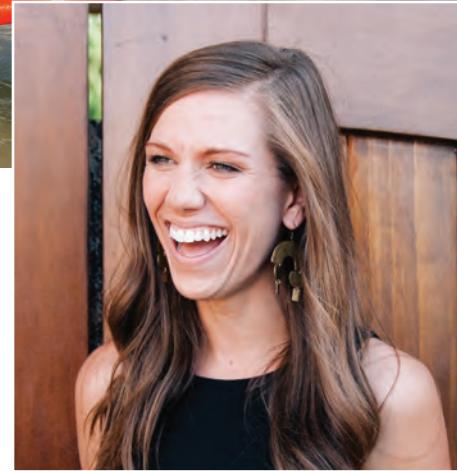
**BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED FOUNDATION:**  
**How did you come to be part of the BFF Community?**

**ASHLEY IGO:** I attended my first Beautifully Flawed Retreat in 2014 after my friends Lauren Scruggs Kennedy and Lisa Curlee encouraged me to apply. I've been an attendee or leader almost every year since, and it's absolutely the highlight of each year.

**BFF:** **What do you believe makes the BFF retreat such a powerful setting for breakthrough and healing?**

**ASHLEY:** Through my lens as a mental health therapist, I see our retreats as a group therapy experience. For most of the attendees, day to day life doesn't include interaction with amputees or people with limb difference. At the retreat, girls and women from all over the world are able to connect through shared experience. There's something

Ashley Igo,  
BFF Vice-  
Chair and  
alumni  
attendee.



so healing about the shared sense of empathy that is ever present, be it during an adaptive workout or a small group session.

**BFF:** **How have you seen the BFF retreat environment (setting, group dynamics, or activities) contribute to emotional and spiritual healing of our attendees?**



First-time attendees try haku lei making in the park overlooking the ocean.



**Friendships forming on the first day of the retreat while making haku leis.**



**Retreat leader Sarah and second year attendee Kaylee laugh together after a CrossFit workout.**

**ASHLEY:** It's incredibly inspiring to watch attendees step into leadership roles at subsequent retreats. Each year, we witness firsthand how the Lord has shaped them through their personal journeys and continues to use their experiences to encourage and uplift others and point to His goodness. Attendees' healing and growth is evident in the increased confidence they carry year to year, the deepened trust they have in Jesus, and, for some, even improved mobility.

**BFF:** What advice do you have for individuals who are seeking healing or breakthrough, whether or not they attend a BFF retreat?

**ASHLEY:** Healing is much like a three-legged stool, each leg representing



**Retreat leader Hannah and first -time attendee Lulu get ready to surf some waves.**



**Ashley and attendees gather together on the last morning of the retreat.**



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**ASHLEY IGO**  
BOARD VICE-CHAIR,  
BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED FOUNDATION



Abigail jumps for joy as she gets excited for Surf Day: a day of adapting and overcoming.

a different aspect of our well-being: spiritual, physical, and mental. Each leg is essential, and without one, the stool becomes unsteady, just as we cannot experience healing without tending to all three of these aspects of our lives.

Though we won't experience complete healing until reunion with Christ, nurturing these three areas is essential this side of Heaven.

**BFF:** How do you hope the healing process at retreats will continue to grow in the future?

**ASHLEY:** Hope for future retreats and Beautifully Flawed programs lies in a deepened understanding of knowing the Lord and embracing His purpose for us to live in community. These gatherings offer more than just moments of respite; they create spaces where we can connect, grow, and build lasting relationships grounded in faith. With the introduction of the new virtual Bible study, Pleasant Life, there is an incredible opportunity to continue these connections beyond the retreats.

This program offers a way for us to stay engaged with attendees as we navigate life's various stages—getting married, raising children, enduring surgeries, and more. It's a vision for long-term community, where relationships extend far beyond the retreat experience, allowing us to support and encourage one another in our physical, spiritual, and mental health. Through these ongoing connections, we can share our struggles, celebrate our victories, and grow together in faith for decades to come. *BF*

# Band of Brothers



There comes a time in our lives when life doesn't go as planned. When tragedy hits and adversity strikes, we find ourselves swirling downward in doubt, confusion, and pain, our faith tested to what seems like the limits. It's in these moments we realize we can't do this on our own.

If it wasn't for Jesus, a band of brothers, and community, **Cam Ayala** would have a very different story to tell. >>>

## Born with a painful disease

called Lymphedema, Cam Ayala experienced chronic pain, swelling and infections in his body as a result of it. In 2022, he went in for a knee replacement surgery, hopeful that this would improve his state of living. However, the surgery didn't go as planned. Due to a surgeon error, Cam was faced with a weighty decision. On June 22, 2022, Cam opted to have an above the knee amputation on his right leg.

### Journey to Recovery

The journey to recovery and navigating limb loss wasn't easy to be sure: "When my amputation first took place, I was afraid [and] ashamed to look at my body in the mirror because I felt like I was inadequate. It is easy to tell ourselves that we are 'fearfully and perfectly made' (Psalm 139), but to TRUST and BELIEVE in that is another level of faith."

Yet, if it hadn't been for his faith in Jesus and his strong community – believers and the limb loss community – who rallied around him in the healing journey, those days, weeks, and months after his limb loss would have looked drastically different. "Community has been EVERYTHING to me in my limb loss journey. But more importantly, my community of believers has transformed my faith journey. I had



Attendees Josh and Cam share stories, laughter, and encouragement during small groups at the Forge Retreat.

people who love me reinforce that I am Complete-IN-Christ. It really did help me overcome that challenge. Even the day after my amputation, I had countless people in the limb loss and limb difference [community] pour their love, support, and knowledge onto me. I know that because of God's grace, mercy, and the collaborative nature of ALL my communities that I am able to live the life I do today." Having experienced the power of this firsthand, Cam felt called to begin mentoring and coming alongside individuals fighting disease, Lymphedema, or journeying through limb loss.

### A Pivotal Meeting

Because of his relationships within the limb loss community, Cam came to meet Chris Rains, a 3x Forge Retreat attendee at the time. When interviewing Chris on his podcast "Above & Below" in 2023, Cam heard about the retreat for the first time. Fast forward one year, Cam found himself in a wetsuit in the Pacific Ocean, relying on his favorite mantra "Faith Over Fear" to face his fear of the sea and sharks, and learning how to adaptive surf at the 2024 Forge Men's Retreat. Never had he imagined he'd overcome that fear, stand up on a surfboard and catch a wave as a leg amputee, let alone do CrossFit, jiu jitsu, and wakesurfing as well. "But God did," Cam said.



PROVERBS 17:17 (NKJV)

Cam feeling the stoke after catching a wave and standing up on his board for the first time.



But that wasn't all God had in store for Cam. Little did he know, God brought him to the Forge to bless him with something he didn't even realize how much he needed — a community of men who were not only brothers in Christ, but brothers in limb difference as well.

## Discipleship and Growth

"The Forge Retreat allowed me to experience the body of Christ in a way in which I had not experienced since my limb loss journey began. My favorite moment was when one of the brothers opened up about his past, his doubts, and his fears. By the end of his testimony, we all embraced him with



Cam and the other Forge attendees hit the CrossFit gym determined to adapt and finish the workouts.

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**CAM AYALA**  
FORGE RETREAT ATTENDEE

tears, hugs, prayer, and encouragement. That's what discipleship is all about. Healing happened in that moment, and not just for my brother, but for me as well. I now have a band of brothers that I can call or text anytime. There are not just my brothers-in-Christ, but brothers who are also living with limb loss/limb difference who understand me in ways in which no other Christian brothers have ever been able to."



Forge attendees pray over one another on the last day of the retreat.

Knowing this group of men opened the door for complete vulnerability. It created space for all to bring 100% of themselves to the table, to be raw and honest about struggles as men and as men journeying through limb loss. Because of that, the healing and relationships formed were nothing like Cam had known before — he found a band of brothers he'll have for life. *BF*

# "Courage,



Casey surfs at her first Beautifully Flawed Retreat in 2014.

Sometimes it feels as if darkness has us surrounded. Hope can seem completely lost and the tragedy too great to overcome. But then, in the midst of it all, there comes a whisper that says, "courage, dear heart." It's a whisper much like Aslan's (the Jesus figure in the Chronicles of Narnia) to a girl named Lucy who was riddled with fear, hopelessness, and burdened by a weight she didn't think she could carry. And yet, those three words set her free.



Sweet friendships are formed at the 2017 retreat.

# “Dear Heart”

Casey and Bethany Hamilton re-connect at Casey's second Beautifully Flawed Retreat.

*It's a whisper* that releases perfect peace and breathes hope into the soul. It heals the broken-hearted and infuses strength and bravery back into one's bones. It's the voice of the Savior reminding us of who we are, that we're never alone, and He will carry us through.

This is a glimpse of what Jesus has done in Casey Parker's story. In the dark seasons, Jesus was right there with her, imparting hope and courage, orchestrating divine encounters and putting people in her life that would help her through.

At a very young age, Casey encountered great loss. Born with a disorder called Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency (PFFD) that causes the upper part of the femur bone to either be malformed or missing, Casey became an above the knee amputee in December 2001. She was only one year old. Experiencing limb loss at such a tender age and going through 10 major surgeries afterwards, her childhood was a very difficult one, forcing her to have to grow up quickly. She was faced with the insecurities of feeling “less than,” doubting her God-given worth, which were only accentuated by strangers' stares, being treated differently, and even denied jobs.

By a completely divine encounter in 2013, Casey met Bethany Hamilton where she learned about the Beautifully Flawed Retreat for young women with limb difference. Taking a leap of courage, she applied to attend the upcoming retreat and a year later, at 14 years old, Casey found herself learning to adaptively surf at the foundation's second-ever retreat: “I love the surf day. There's just something about watching how excited the girls get catching their first wave. I always feel closer to God whenever I'm near the ocean, and because of the retreat, surfing has become one of my new favorite hobbies.”

The retreat so profoundly impacted her life, that Casey decided to return as an attendee again in 2017 and 2024. But these two times were different. Listening to the whisper of courage, Casey made the decision to overcome the shyness that had held her back at her first retreat. Finally allowing her walls to come down and giving room for



Jesus to move and heal in only ways He could do, Casey found the freedom, healing, and friendships she'd been longing for: “When I'm at the retreat, I feel seen and heard in ways that foster true connection. I'm able to embrace vulnerability, talk about my struggles, celebrate my successes, and share my hopes and ideas for the future with friends who understand life with limb loss. I walk away inspired and thankful to know such brave women [and] I know any one of [them] would be there for me in a heartbeat if I needed them.”



With other attendees cheering her on, Casey attempts adaptive jump roping at the 2024 retreat.

God knew what Casey needed even before she did herself. Because of her listening to the Holy Spirit's prompting and stepping out in courage, Casey discovered beautiful, life-giving friendships in women who inspired her with their resilience, bravery, and vulnerability. She found people who would be there for her, uplift her in her darkest moments, all the while, reminding her of who God created her to be. *BF*

# Partners

## SPONSORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### COBIAN

FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS, alongside Bethany Hamilton, we have been proud corporate partners of Cobian. As a sandal and footwear brand with a Christ-centered message, "To radiate love, support those who seek to overcome challenges, and inspire others to do the same," Cobian has faithfully supported our programs over the many years.

This year alone, Cobian went above and beyond to partner with Beautifully Flawed Foundation in hosting a Charity Luau at Mike Hess Brewing in April, bringing back our powerful community event Shine Forth in the fall, and volunteering at the October retreats as well! From getting in the ocean to teach our attendees how to surf and overcome, to gifting each of them either rad Cobian sandals or cozy moccasins in their specific shoe size, they inten-



Attendees show off their new moccasins gifted by Cobian at Surf Day.



Each Forge attendee received a pair of Cobian sandals in their specific size.



Lulu wears the handcrafted Beautifully Flawed gold bracelet from Mae Cargo.

tionally blessed and impacted our attendees. Their team truly lives out their mission to be "Salt + Light" in this world and we at Beautifully Flawed Foundation have been so grateful to be on the receiving end of just that.

On top of that, Cobian continues to give a portion of profits from their Bethany signature collection of braided sandals' sales to our foundation. To have a partner like Cobian who's so perfectly aligned with our mission and values is truly special and we look forward to working with them in the years to come. *BF*

### MAE CARGO

SOMETIMES GOD USES LITTLE THINGS, like hand-crafted, gorgeous jewelry pieces, to remind us how precious, beautiful, and valuable we are! At our 2024 Beautifully Flawed Retreat, every single girl received a specialty jewelry item from our corporate partner Mae Cargo's Beau-



The jewelry collection's cross-inspired ring.

tifully Flawed Jewelry Collection. We are so grateful and honored to have found such a like-minded partner in Kate, owner of Mae Cargo, and to see how this collection she dreamed up has blessed so many girls since its launch in 2023.

Whether it was the stunning necklace designed specifically

with a toggle clasp so attendee's could put it on adaptively, a gold bracelet, or cross-inspired ring, our Beautifully Flawed attendees couldn't stop wearing these beautiful gifts. To see the girls beaming as they put on these jewelry pieces all by themselves is absolutely a joy to witness — and that's what this collection is all about. Yes, they are absolutely stunning, ocean, faith, and Hawaiian-inspired, but more than that, these jewelry pieces are a reminder for all women, limb difference and all, of how loved, cherished, and altogether beautiful they are! *BF*

## CARLY JEAN LOS ANGELES

**CHEERS TO CLOTHES THAT** make you "feel beautiful in every season of life"! In July 2024, we had the incredible honor and opportunity to partner with Carly Jean Los Angeles in the launch of their Bethany Hamilton collaboration clothing collection.

Carly Jean Los Angeles (CJLA) was started in 2015 by owner Carly Jean Brannon who wanted to create "a capsule clothing and lifestyle brand that exists to help women simplify their closets and feel beautiful in every season of life." And that's exactly what they've done. CJLA is an online clothing brand that has become well-known for their high-quality clothing that is perfectly timeless, absolutely darling, and makes all women of all ages and seasons of life feel truly beautiful and celebrated. We loved the heart and mission of this amazing clothing company and that we share so many of the same core values.

With 33 stunning pieces embodying all things beauty, Hawaii, and aloha, the Bethany Hamilton x Carly Jean Los Angeles collection included six giveback items, specifically designed with Beautifully Flawed Foundation in mind.

With four hats, a shirt, and a tote bag, these pieces perfectly conveyed the heart and mission of Beautifully Flawed Foundation to inspire hope to overcome through Jesus. Not only that, but 50% of the giveback items' sales went directly towards supporting our programs for young women and men with limb difference. Thanks to Carly



Attendees at the banquet dinner wearing their gorgeous Beautifully Flawed x Mae Cargo necklaces.



Bethany Hamilton, CJLA owner Carly Jean Brannon, and team in Princeville, Kauai for the Bethany Hamilton x CJLA clothing line collaboration.



Retreat attendee and leader Hannah wears one of the collection's giveback items, the Beautifully Flawed inspired hat.



Sarah wears one of the Bethany Hamilton x CJLA giveback hats during Surf Day at the retreat.

Jean Los Angeles and the support of the community, we were able to raise \$12,500 from the proceeds of those giveback items. We are so grateful for this special collaboration and to have found such a wonderful partner in Carly Jean Los Angeles. *BF*

# The Year Ahead



*As we move along in 2025,* the Beautifully Flawed Foundation will continue to live out our mission to encourage a broken world and offer hope to overcome through Jesus Christ through different platforms:

**PLEASANT LIFE** This spring we launched a new program called Pleasant Life for our past attendees of the Beautifully Flawed Retreat. This is a monthly gathering on zoom where the gals get to reconnect, learn from the Bible together, learn new wellness tips, have discussion times, and overall be strengthened by this uplifting time together.

**THE FORGE** For the first time, we will be hosting the Forge, a retreat for men with limb loss, at WacoSurf in mid-June. WacoSurf boasts a two-acre Surf Lagoon where our attendees will ride the perfect wave with Bethany Hamilton as their coach. The Forge will provide a means for young male amputees to connect with others with similar challenges, be encouraged to live life to the fullest, challenge themselves in new ways physically, and ultimately be strengthened to find hope in Jesus Christ.

**BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED** Our 12th Annual Beautifully Flawed Foundation Retreat (BFR) for young women with

limb loss will once again take place in Del Mar, CA, in October. This retreat brings young women together who have experienced traumatic loss to show them they are not alone and that God sees and loves them. The healing and hope found at this retreat is truly unmatched in the amputee world. The Beautifully Flawed Retreat includes stories from traumatic amputees, Bible teaching, small group connection times, expert advice, and practical health and wellness tips from onsite doctors, trainers and nutrition specialists. Attendees will gain inner strength and deepen their relationship with Jesus — all while building lasting friendships with other ladies who know what it's like to overcome great challenges.

**SHINE FORTH** Our annual Shine Forth event will also take place in October. This unforgettable night gives our Beautifully Flawed and Forge attendees an opportunity to use their



At the Forge Retreat, amputee men arrive as strangers and leave as brothers, with their faith renewed and strengthened.



voice, sharing their stories of heart-break, triumph and hope. Tickets are open to the public and typically sell out quickly. We are excited to see how God will use our 2025 event to point others to hope through Jesus.

## ENCOURAGEMENT PACKAGES

Our encouragement packages are getting a makeover! Thanks to supporters who have reached out to share their stories, they will be more meaningful and impactful than ever. Throughout 2025, we will continue to send them to individuals who have recently experienced a shark attack or traumatic limb loss event. These care packages show recipients they are not alone and bring hope and light in some of their darkest moments.

There is much to look forward to in 2025! We are excited for how each of these programs embodies our core values and furthers our mission, of encouraging those who are hurting by offering hope to overcome through Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued partnership to bring life and hope to those who need it most! *BF*

# Financials

## Income

GRANTS

**\$131,890**

PROGRAM FEES

**\$24,588**

CORPORATE DONATIONS

**\$21,913**

GENERAL (PRIVATE DONATIONS)

**\$119,737**

INSPIRATIONAL PRODUCT SALES

**\$2,212**

**TOTAL INCOME**

**\$300,340**

## Expenses

PROGRAMS

**\$217,990**

FUNDRAISING

**\$25,937**

GENERAL

**\$31,370**

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$275,297**





Allie Marie Smith, award-winning author, speaker, podcast host, and life coach, hugs first time attendee Rianne after she completes a CrossFit workout.



Forge attendee Morgan and his surf instructors throw up shakas after an epic Surf Day!

*We are deeply grateful* for your generous financial support this past year. We acknowledge that the great work of BFF is only possible because of your kind giving. God is using you to share the love and hope of Jesus with those who desperately need it. We pray this magazine is encouraging to you, providing a small glimpse into the huge difference you are making. Because of you, the phenomenal young women and men of the BFF community have a secure platform to be heard, seen, and encouraged to shine as they overcome. Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope and healing to those who need it most!

Aloha,

The Beautifully Flawed Foundation Team

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Our mission and programs would not be possible without the financial generosity of our community. Help advance the work we do to strengthen and inspire hope to overcome in young people living with limb loss or limb difference by making a one-time tax-deductible donation.

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### Become a Sustaining Supporter

Our monthly donors' support makes all the difference. Whether it's \$20, \$100, or more, these monthly donations sustain and advance our programs year-round. For instance, a \$50 monthly donation would allow us to give a scholarship to a retreat attendee needing financial assistance.

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### Partner with Us

Our corporate partners work with us to support our mission, vision, and core values and scale our impact. There are many different opportunities for our corporate partners to financially contribute or provide goods and services to support our programs.

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### Sign Up for Our Emails

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