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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)



New Forge attendee Nick and Dustin Dillberg catch a wave together during the sunset surfing session.



Bethany Hamilton with board members Katie Ancheta, Ashley Igo, and Lisa Curlee.

letter

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

THE YEAR 2025 began with our board taking time away for a vision, prayer, and planning weekend, where we focused on aligning everything we do with our core values and mission. From that place of united vision, we launched into the year rooted in our passion to help those with limb difference find hope in Christ to overcome.

And what an amazing year it was!



For the first time ever, we took the Forge Retreat to the renowned Waco Surf Park in Waco, Texas–one of Bethany Hamilton's favorite spots to surf and train. Read about it on page 10.

From ladies being strengthened regularly in our new Pleasant Life Bible study program, to men being forged together into a life-changing brotherhood at our Forge Retreat, to young women amputees finding hope and life in a community that understands them at Beautifully Flawed—2025 blew us away.

It also ignited in us a fervor to expand the work Beautifully Flawed is doing. We are being stirred as an organization to reach more young men and women, to open up new pathways for connection, and to proclaim more freely and resolutely that, in this world there will be trouble, but we need not fear because we know and serve the God who has overcome the world! He is the one who enlivens us to have radical hope and see lives changed and survivors empowered.

Your partnership is more meaningful than ever, as this work would not be possible without you. We hope you enjoy reading about the lives changed in 2025. We, along with every survivor we serve, are overwhelmed with gratitude for your investment. You are raising up the next generation of overcomers who bring light, inspiration, and hope to the world!

Katie Ancheta

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

note

FROM BETHANY & ADAM

ALOHA! Every year when it's time to sit down and write this letter, we're reminded all over again how blessed we are to do this life alongside you. Beautifully Flawed wouldn't exist without your love, your prayers, and your generosity—truly, we couldn't do this without you.

2025 was a year of watching God show up again and again. We got to sit on the beach and watch someone paddle out for the first time since losing a limb—nervous, a little wobbly, and then completely lit up the second they caught their first wave. We watched them find their balance again, kids and adults alike, stepping into something they'd been told wasn't possible for them anymore. Every single time, it reminded me of my own story—how God took something broken and used it for something beautiful—and how that's true for every person in this community, not just me.

That's really what Beautifully Flawed is about. It's not about being fixed or being perfect; it's about being made new in the midst of our flaws and finding out that God's strength really is made perfect in our weakness. This year we got to watch that truth play out on the water, on the beach, in the laughter and the tears, and in the hard-earned victories of this community. What a gift!

As you flip through this year's recap, I hope you feel it too—the resilience, the joy, the sheer stoke in every photo. These are people who chose to rise above their circumstances, and we got to be part of it. That's worth celebrating.

So, thank you for standing with us, for believing in this mission, and for helping us pour into people who just needed someone to believe they could still do hard, beautiful things. We can't wait to see what God has in store for 2026, and we're pressing forward, together.

With so much gratitude and aloha,

Bethany & Adam



Beautifully Flawed Programs

Learn more at beautifullyflawed.org

OUR TWO MOST RENOWNED PROGRAMS, Beautifully Flawed Retreat for women and Forge Retreat for men, are multi-day experiences for young people living with limb loss or limb difference. These retreats create powerful, life-changing moments of connection, healing, and hope following trauma.

For many attendees, this is the first time they have ever met another amputee. Being surrounded by others who truly understand what it's like to live with limb loss—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—removes isolation and replaces it with belonging. Knowing you are not alone has a lasting, transformative impact.

Across both retreats, attendees experience the power of community, renewed faith, practical wellness support, and genuine camaraderie. They leave transformed, inspired, and equipped with the hope that overcoming is possible.

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!

> **"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.

> **"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."**
> PROVERBS 27:17

Shine Forth

We partner with local churches to host Shine Forth, an uplifting 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.

Encouragement Packages

We send a personalized gift package to offer encouragement and hope to those who have recently experienced a traumatic event or limb loss.

Sponsor an Encouragement Package: beautifullyflawed.org/donate/

Request an Encouragement Package: beautifullyflawed.org/encouragement-packages/

Pleasant Life

This monthly virtual gathering for Beautifully Flawed Retreat attendee alumni is a time for young women to build upon the life-giving community started at our retreats, to experience a deeper sense of belonging, and to grow together in faith and friendship.

"Pleasant Life has been such a meaningful part of my journey because it's more than just a Bible study, it's a place where I've found genuine connection with women who truly understand what it's like to live as amputees or women with limb differences because we are walking a similar path. There's something incredibly special about sharing life, faith, and struggles with people who just get it. Through these relationships and our time in God's Word, He's reminded me that I'm never alone, that there can be beauty from ashes, and that healing often happens in community. I'm so thankful for the encouragement, friendships, and the way Pleasant Life continually points me back to Jesus."

IRINA BIRD
5X BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED RETREAT ATTENDEE

Shine Forth



Four-time attendee Nan shares her powerful story and inspires all with her unwavering faith in Jesus.

An Unforgettable Night of Inspirational Stories and Transformation



Attendee Lulu and her sister worship during Shine Forth.

HEAVEN TOUCHED EARTH ON THE EVENING of Friday, October 3, 2025. Close to 900 people gathered at Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido, California, for Shine Forth—an unforgettable night of inspiration, worship, and hope for the community.

Hosted annually during the Beautifully Flawed Retreat, Shine Forth brings the community together to hear the powerful stories of young women and men whose lives have been shaped by traumatic limb loss or limb difference and transformed by faith.

Throughout the evening, God's presence was unmistakable. Worship filled the room, and hearts were deeply moved by the vulnerable and courageous testimonies from members of the Beautifully Flawed community, including Nan McMahan, Cam Ayala, and Courtney Echerd, along with a special interview with Bethany Hamilton. Through their stories, this powerful truth resounded: Jesus is our hope, our Redeemer, the One who takes what the enemy meant for evil and turns it for our good and His glory.

For the new retreat attendees, getting to sit in the room and hear firsthand from these alumni who have walked a similar road and be reminded of their infinite worth and value was priceless. It gave each of them a glimpse into what healing, hope, and purpose can look like in their own lives.

The impact of the evening reached far beyond the retreat attendees. Among the hundreds gathered, there were undoubtedly many who quietly carried their own hidden challenges and trials. As story after story of God's faithfulness was shared, hope filled the room. The beauty of God's work in the lives of those with limb loss became an inspiration of what He can do in every life and in every kind of suffering. The same God who brought beauty from ashes in these visible stories is at work in every unseen story as well.



Forge attendee Cam shares about his limb loss story and how God met him in the fire.



Emmanuel Faith Community Church's team led us in a beautiful time of worship to kick off the night.



Bethany and Adam sit down for an interview to close the night.



Over 900 people came to hear from our alumni attendees and Bethany.

From ashes to beauty, from pain to purpose, God's faithfulness lit up every corner of the room. He is the reason we "shine forth" to the world around us! Just as in Isaiah 61, God promises to give a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and the garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. For everyone who walked through the doors that night, Shine Forth was a reminder that even in our most broken places, God is still at work, and hope shines even brighter than the darkness. *BF*



Two-time attendee Courtney shares her story in a moving interview.

Beautifully Flawed

From Fear to Freedom



Catie's joy was contagious after catching a wave during Surf Day.

WHAT BEGAN AS A GROUP OF STRANGERS quickly developed into a sisterhood. Twenty-six young women from across the country arrived in Del Mar, California, and none of them left the same. They laughed together, cried together, and opened their hearts in ways only true understanding makes possible. For many of these girls, it was their first retreat, and it quickly became a sacred space where their lives were forever changed.

There's a deep rest—an exhale of the soul—that comes from being truly seen, and these girls found that in one another. They found family in women who intimately understand limb loss and limb difference: the quiet battles, the daily adjustments, the pain, the perseverance, and the strength it takes to navigate life as amputees and with limb differences. Together, they found a place where they were fully seen, fully accepted, and fully loved.

Beauty from Ashes

The retreat theme of "Beauty for Ashes," taken from Isaiah 61:3, came to life through powerful times of worship, encouraging messages, small group time, and activities that fostered joy and resilience. God's presence was deeply felt. During Surf Day, the girls' enthusiasm, courage, and bright smiles were contagious. You could see the breakthrough victories in their smiles! With the support of our incredible surf volunteers, the girls surfed wave after wave as they realized they had overcome the fears they believed would keep them from ever enjoying life again.

Every detail of the retreat was intentionally designed to reflect God's heart of love for His daughters. Each girl received a thoughtfully curated gift bag—a huge thank you to all of our product donors!—an afternoon of glam, sunset beach photos, and a beautiful bohemian banquet dinner overlooking the ocean. It was an unforgettable time!

And in the midst of it all, these amazing girls experienced something even greater: they learned about the unwavering



love of the God who created them with intention, purpose, and beauty, whose love for them knows no limits.

They left this retreat refreshed, with hope renewed and courage stirred. They left knowing they are beautiful, cherished, and loved, and that deep in their core, they belong. They were reminded that their stories do not end in the ashes of tragedy, but that God takes those very ashes and transforms them into something beautiful. He truly knows how to turn pain into purpose and redeem all things.

We are beyond thankful for Jesus' loving-kindness and faithfulness in all these girls' lives! Each of them is a gift to this world. We've been forever changed and inspired by them. The 2025 Beautifully Flawed Retreat was, simply, amazing in every way. *BF*



Our attendees experienced a fun afternoon of glam getting their hair and makeup done for the banquet dinner.

"I had the amazing opportunity to go to Beautifully Flawed—a retreat for girls with limb differences and those who have experienced limb loss. We built lifelong friendships, found sisters we never knew we had, worshiped together, and did things we never knew we could do. This retreat healed a piece of my heart that I couldn't have healed on my own."

NORA ELLSWORTH





A moment of prayer before Surf Day.



Bethany shares an impactful, encouraging word to all the attendees.



Before every group session, there were beautiful moments of worship.

Forge

Forged in the Fire, Sharpened by Brotherhood



EVERY MAN WHO ENTERS THE FORGE RETREAT brings a story. Stories marked by loss, pain, perseverance, and unanswered questions. But somewhere between surfing, floating on a lazy river, fishing on the lake, late-night conversations, the vulnerability and honesty, and the moments of prayer and worship, God begins to work on hearts. He begins to heal in ways only He can, and those stories begin to shift.

Walls come down. Courage rises. Identity takes root again. What once felt like the end becomes the beginning of a brotherhood built through shared fire and unshakable faith.

Throughout the retreat, Proverbs 27:17 was a verse that surfaced again and again: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Whether surfing together, taking a leap of faith down the massive water slides, stepping into the discomfort of cold plunges, practicing breath work, or hearing each other's stories, that verse came to life in every experience as these men sharpened one another through encouragement and brotherhood.

Through the Fire

One of the most powerful moments of the retreat was a live knife-forging demonstration led by Joel Snyder, who hosted the Forge Retreat. Joel, a police officer and blacksmith from Kauai, took what began as nothing more than an old slab of metal and, over the course of two days, forged it into a strong, balanced, and powerful handcrafted blade.

As the men watched every strike, every spark, and every pass through the fire, the retreat theme, "Through the Fire" took on a deeper meaning. Joel connected each step of the forging process to Scripture, revealing how God uses pain, pressure, and even the fires of life to forge us into the men He created us to be. It was an impactful visual reminder that while forging is a hard and







For the first time ever, we took our multi-day retreat to the renowned Waco Surf Park in Waco, Texas—one of Bethany Hamilton's favorite spots to surf and train. The state-of-the-art facilities, with a "perfect wave" surf experience, were the perfect catalyst for these men to encounter God, spark adventure, build unbreakable bonds of brotherhood and camaraderie, reclaim courage, and be forged with purpose.



A powerful time of worship.



Joel Snyder continuously hammers the heated slab of metal, demonstrating the hard process of forging a knife.

grueling process, it is never without purpose, and what God produces on the other side is always far greater.

These nine men left transformed. They left with deepened faith, renewed hope, and a greater sense of purpose. Though many may have stepped into this retreat feeling alone and in the fire, by the end, they had gained a band of brothers for life, who will always have their backs, pray for them in every season, walk through the fire with them, and remind them that God never wastes anything in our lives. That is what the Forge is all about. *BF*





First-time Forge attendee Connor braves Waco Surf's giant water slides.

"The Forge Retreat was the springboard I needed to start pursuing faith through God and gave me a sense of direction that I'd been missing my whole life. The Lord showed me that no matter how isolated I may feel, I am never truly alone. Being on the waves and learning how to surf opened my eyes to all the possible experiences I had previously thought I'd never be able to do due to my limb difference and gave me the motivation to want to seek that out in other parts of my life. I loved every second of the Forge Retreat and recommend it to anyone who's trying to find themselves spiritually and struggling with limb difference."

NICK ROMERO

In Loving Memory of Khayman DelaRosa

*Some people leave a lasting imprint on our hearts – **Khayman** was one of those special souls. An above-knee amputee who joined us at the 2025 Forge Men's Retreat in Waco, Texas, Khayman was a genuine light to our brotherhood. His love for the Lord and others was evident from the start, his gratitude was contagious, and his incredible sense of humor always brought laughter at just the right moment.*



Though his time with us was far too short, his legacy lives on through the Khayman DelaRosa Memorial Scholarship, giving a first-time attendee the opportunity to experience the faith, fellowship, and brotherhood of The Forge. Khayman, your light continues to shine, and your legacy will forever sharpen men for Christ.

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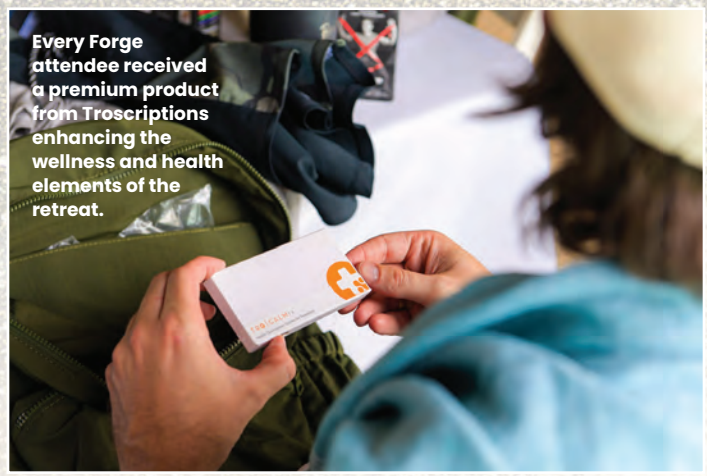
Through your generous product donations and wholehearted support, you are directly helping create a life-changing experience for young women and men with limb loss and limb differences. Your generosity reminds them they are seen, valued, and never alone, while inspiring the hope that overcoming is possible.

They leave knowing their story is not defined by loss, but by resilience, purpose, and the limitless possibilities that lie ahead. Thank you for helping make this possible.





First-time attendees Ava and Abbie with Bethany Hamilton during Surf Day.



Every Forge attendee received a premium product from Troscriptions enhancing the wellness and health elements of the retreat.



Forge attendees experience the benefits of red light therapy.



Natalee and Abigail chat during small group time.





Paper Sunday gifted every girl a beautiful, personalized journal with her initials.





After learning how to surf, the girls got to enjoy an amazing lunch on the beach provided by Rubios.





Mahalo!

TO OUR DONORS

YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH US made a difference! We are deeply grateful for your generous financial support of the Beautifully Flawed Foundation over the past year. Each gift opened the door for one more person to learn about the love and care of God; to experience events and programs that reshaped their perspective on limb difference; and to find a safe place to thrive and grow. Hearts were changed, hope was restored, and new freedom was born—all because of your generosity!

We hope that you are inspired by the gratitude and joy shining through the smiles on every page of this report!

Aloha,

The Beautifully Flawed Foundation Team

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Beautifully Flawed attendees enjoy an afternoon together making haku leis on the beach.

THE 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

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GRANTS
$15,000

PROGRAM FEES
$16,200

CORPORATE DONATIONS
$15,661

GENERAL (PRIVATE DONATIONS)
$76,745

TOTAL INCOME
$123,606

Expenses

PROGRAMS
$101,346

GENERAL
$116,547

TOTAL EXPENSES
$217,893



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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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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 example, a $50 monthly donation allows us to give a scholarship to a retreat attendee needing financial assistance.
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