



# Braveheart Chaplain Ministry



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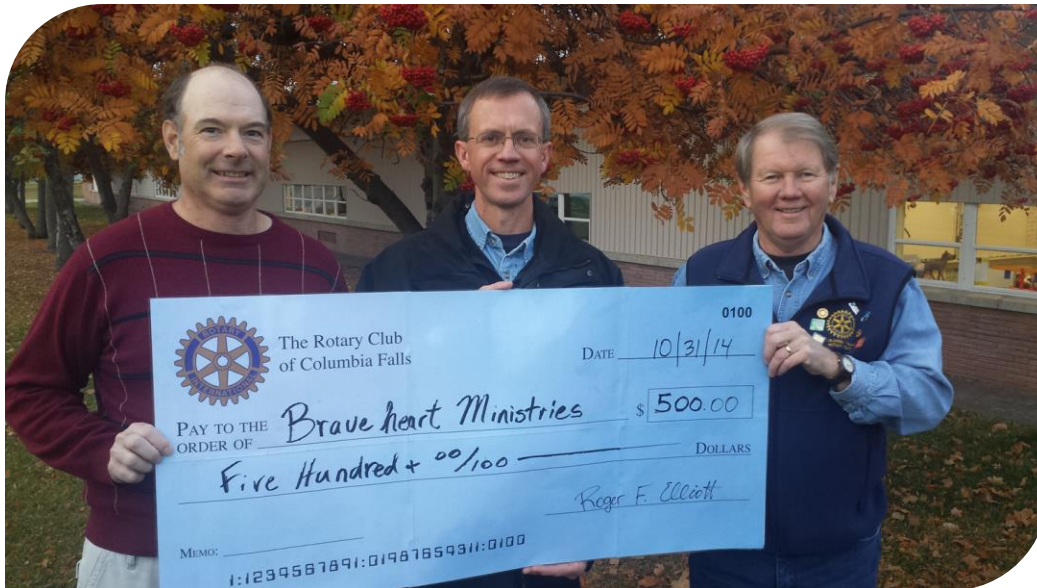
**“Give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good,  
His love is eternal.”  
Psalm 136:1**



If you have had the joy of listening to a young child pray at the end of a day, he or she will commonly express gratitude for the ‘smallest’ blessings such as playing with a friend, finding worms in the yard, eating ice cream, and possibly giving thanks for most of the people he or she can think of. This level of thankfulness helps me think about the many and varied blessings of Braveheart.

There is much for me to be thankful for in relation to Braveheart:

- My family’s support and encouragement.
- My health which allows me to freely participate in the work.
- Agency leadership who provide the opportunity within their respective departments as well as their provision of an office, vehicle, phone, radio, gear and training.
- Our board of directors who help give oversight to Braveheart, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.
- Donors who invest in our responders and their families, as well as in our community by sacrificially giving to the ministry. This includes individual families, businesses, service clubs, and churches.
- Friends who have coordinated fundraisers, published newsletters, produced our family prayer card, and assisted with a wide variety of office tasks.



The Columbia Falls Rotary Club continues to provide financial support to Braveheart.

- Those of you who have spoken words of wisdom, caution, challenge, and vision. They were appropriate and have proven beneficial.
- Personnel who have taught me various skills, allowed me to be a part of their professional and personal lives, and enriched my life through sharing theirs.

Many have also permitted me to walk through some of the most joyous moments along with many dark experiences. They have extended trust to me which was and is a valuable gift.

Numerous meaningful friendships have been forged in the context of patrol cars, medical scenes, training events, and in conversations surrounding traumatic experiences. I am surrounded by faithful friends.

- All of you who faithfully pray for me, my family, the work, resources to accomplish it, emergency responder crews, and community members who have suffered trauma.
- Part-time, volunteer chaplains who devote time to serve departments and to respond to call-outs, often at inconvenient times.
- To Jesus Christ, whom this ministry belongs to as He began it, sustains it, and leads it. It is He who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth - 1 Timothy 2:4.

**‘Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven.’ James 1:17 (The Message)**