### The Dream Journal

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CELEBRATING YOU AND THE DREAMS YOU MAKE POSSIBLE!

#### Inaugural Issue



A special hug for Michael at a barbecue becomes an image to treasure.

# Thank you for giving people like Michael beautiful photographs to share with family and friends!

When people learn that they are facing the end of their life, their thoughts often turn to the memories they will leave behind for the people they care about. You help them capture precious moments to share.

Do you love to look at photographs of happy times with family and friends?

Thanks to your support, Dream recipients and the people they care about have been given something extra-special—stunning portraits that hold joyful memories they can look back on throughout their lives.

If you could speak with Dream recipients, you'd hear that many of them think about the kinds of memories they want to leave for the people they love—comforting, happy memories. The kind that make you smile.

So with your help, we began offering safe, socially-distanced photography sessions with family and friends, alongside the Dreams that people asked for. You can see just some of the results here, and we think you'll agree they are stunning!

## The portraits you make possible capture memories that last a lifetime.

U.S. Army veteran Michael was overwhelmed when you helped fulfill his Dream of speaking with his lifelong hero, Battlestar Galactica's star Edward James Olmos —especially when the rest of the cast joined their Zoom call!

He also loved the portraits that you provided, and so do his family and friends.

Lisa was very grateful for the Dream weekend away with her best friend that you gave her. She was the primary caregiver for her husband, and received her terminal diagnosis just five months after he died. The weekend trip was just the break she needed.

Lisa also loved the fun of getting together with her family to take these images that will last forever.

Thank you for giving Dream recipients more than they ever dreamed of!

**Special thanks to** Kristin Cashmore of <u>Bella Vie Studio</u> for Michael's photographs and Andrea "Andi" Marie Hawkins of Andi Marie Photography for Lisa's.



A moment captured on camera turns into a legacy for Lisa and her granddaughter, Kimber.



Lisa and her family love these images of a carefree day.

## "It was amazing watching Ron's face light up with awakened memories of his younger days on a bicycle."

What inspires you to help make Dreams come true? Cameron Casey grew up understanding the power of giving. His parents, Tim and Louise Casey, have been helping make Dreams come true for 21 years and wanted to share their values of helping others with their sons.

At 12 years old, Cameron and a handful of classmates rode their bicycles across America. Cameron used this extraordinary adventure to raise funds for Dreams. Then, after college, he reconnected with Dream Foundation and served on the finance committee.

Now a father, Cameron and his wife Rynell are passing on the family tradition of helping others to their two children.

Special thanks to Kiel Rucker of <u>Head & Heart</u> <u>photography</u> for the image.



Cameron delivers Ron's Dream at Sarah House hospice.

# "In just a few clicks, you can set up a Facebook fundraiser for this great organization."



Thank you to Jennifer Gillon Duffy and Dale Linder who both ran recent fundraisers for Dream Foundation on Facebook!

Jennifer has been helping make Dreams come true for over eight years, and was struck by how easy it is to get a fundraiser up and running on Facebook, remarking that it took just a few clicks.

Dale started her Facebook fundraiser around the time of her birthday. She wanted to pay it forward, after gifts from people like you made her own daughter's Dream come true. Her initial goal was \$500, but she ended up raising an astonishing \$3,065—enough to make an entire Dream come true!

See more ways to help.

#### Welcome to the inaugural edition of your quarterly newsletter!

This is where we celebrate you and the Dreams you make possible!

We are especially grateful for your support in these challenging times and our heartfelt gratitude goes to all



of you who responded to our recent appeal. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, we can continue to deliver Dreams to those whose need has never been greater.

Following a recent Dream, we received a letter from a family saying: "Thank you for the reminder to continue to live, laugh and love to the fullest—now more than ever. What you gave to us (memories) can never be taken away and is forever a part of our legacy."

Thank you for all of the ways in which you turn dying Dreams into living legacies that last through generations.

In appreciation,

Kisa Heyer

Kisa Heyer CEO, Dream Foundation

#### Thank you for helping make Dreams come true!

Here are just two of the Dreams currently in progress.

Angelo loves to share the figs he grows with his community. He dreams of having a professional prune his trees so that the fruit will be perfect for the summer harvest. His social worker says that his eyes lit up when he learned that people like you might help.

Doris loves going to the mountains. Your support continues to make Dreams involving travel come true as we work within restrictions and follow expert guidance to ensure the safety of all those involved. Doris dreams of one last trip to the mountains with her husband: "He has given up his career, time and part of himself to care for me...To go back to the place we feel connected to would be the only thing I could ask for...thank you."

> You can help make end-of-life Dreams come true with a gift of \$25.



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