



The Dream Journal

CELEBRATING YOU AND THE DREAMS YOU MAKE POSSIBLE!

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A moment to remember for Amber's family.

Thank you for giving Amber and her family the gift of time together!

Amber and her family had never seen the ocean. You gave them their first experience of being by the sea—and a great deal more!

You understand how important it is to spend time with the people who matter most to you. Time away from everyday life, where you can just focus on being together with no distractions.

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

That's what Amber dreamed of. Amber is a 34-year-old former USPS mail carrier. She is a wife and mother of two teen boys, ages 13 and 16. She is also living with a terminal illness.

As you can imagine, all she can think about is her boys. She says, "They are the light of my life, along with their father, Morgan, who is helping me every step of the way through this difficult journey."

Like most Dream recipients with families, Amber dreamed of sharing a fun, relaxing, vacation. Something that Morgan and her boys could look back on for the rest of their lives.

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Amber says, "Given that we are from rural Indiana, we have never seen the ocean. It has always been a dream of mine, and I know it would be a beautiful experience for my boys to feel the sand between their toes and hear the waves crashing on the beach."

Thanks to your generosity, Amber and her family loved their vacation in Destin, Florida, where the family shared delicious meals and visited the Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park. Amber says, "We had such an amazing time meeting the animals."

When you make Dreams like these possible, you give Dream recipients and their families so many precious firsts and lasts—such as the first shared experience of the ocean, or the memory of being together as a family for the last time.

Says Amber, "We will never forget it!"



Amber and her sons, Xavier and Elias, will never forget your gift of a family vacation.

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One of Amber's favorite moments from their vacation at Destin, Florida—a family photo shoot.

Betty Dominguez – bringing happiness to those in need

A washer-dryer, a refrigerator or a laptop computer. Things we might have and take for granted, but these are the very items that bring joy to many Dream recipients. Betty Dominguez has been helping make Dreams come true since 2001 and loves to help provide Dream recipients with practical and essential items that make their lives more comfortable or keep them connected. She says, "I enjoy being a part of helping bring happiness to those in need."



Betty has been helping make Dreams come true for over 20 years!

Special thanks to Kiel Rucker of [Head & Heart photography](#) for the image.



A volunteer since 2006, Barbara has helped with 41 Dreams!

Barbara Allcock – helping in tender times

For many Dream families, Barbara Allcock is the warm voice they hear on the telephone. As a dedicated volunteer, she secures their travel and hotel accommodations, arranges activities, and manages the many details that enhance their Dream experience. Barbara's relationships with Dream families often continue long after their Dreams are completed.

Barbara became involved with Dream Foundation in 2006 after seeing first-hand the difference a Dream makes when Dream Foundation's family of supporters made her friend Terri's final Dream come true.

Terri's experience inspired Barbara to help other Dream recipients in her memory. Barbara says, "It's a wonderful feeling to be able to make a positive difference in someone's life during an unsure and tender time."

For her support of another of Dream Foundation's volunteer-led programs, Barbara was also honored with the award of Flower Empower's Corporate Volunteer of the Year in 2020.

[See more ways to help.](#)

Welcome to your September Dream Journal!

Beyond your compassion and generosity, every one of you who helps make Dreams come true has your own powerful and compelling reason for wanting to support others when they most need it.



As you can see in this newsletter, for Betty Dominguez, it's about being able to provide Dream recipients with items that many of us take for granted.

For Barbara Allcock, it comes from an intimate and deep understanding of the difference a Dream can make to someone facing the end of life.

Whatever your reason for helping make Dreams come true, you are the beating heart of Dream Foundation.

Without you, there would be no Dreams, no lives touched, no memories made.

Thank you for everything you do.

In appreciation,



Kisa Heyer
CEO, Dream Foundation

Thank you for helping make Dreams come true!

Here are just two of the Dreams currently in progress.

Living with autism and now a diagnosis of terminal cancer hasn't diminished Kelli's zest for life. Her mother writes, "Because we know the beach is one of the places Kelli is happiest, we would love to be able to bring her to a beach house for a few days where we could gather as a family to all spoil and love on her."

Jacobi is obsessed by trains and loves to eat. As he is developmentally delayed, his mother writes on his behalf, saying, "Jacobi would love to get on a train and go to any larger city that has a train museum, a place to sit and watch trains go in and out of a station all day long and where there is lots of food!...I can't even put into words the joy that this could bring to my son."

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