

The Dream Journal

CELEBRATING YOU AND THE DREAMS YOU MAKE POSSIBLE!



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You gave Cherry a girls' weekend to remember!

A girls' weekend in Denver complete with fun, fine dining, culture, pampering and a photoshoot was everything that Cherry dreamed of!

When she was diagnosed with colon cancer, Cherry had just turned 21 and started a new job after graduating from Maryville University, Missouri.

Despite extensive treatment, her cancer progressed. And after two years, Cherry was given the devastating news that it was terminal.

Growing up, Cherry had always dreamed of traveling, but there wasn't enough money. So she diligently applied herself to school and work, thinking she had plenty of time for fun and adventure ahead. Now, she felt hopeless and depressed.

Your incredible compassion and generosity gave Cherry everything she dreamed of and more in a girls' trip to Denver with her best friends, Kayla and Maria.

The girls stayed in style at the luxurious Ritz-Carlton in Denver, where Cherry says, "We were immediately treated like we were at home."

It was the perfect base for all the fun they had planned. They visited the <u>Garden of the Gods Resort and Club</u>, an elegant wellness retreat, which Cherry said was "Super fun." She loved exploring the grounds, adding, "The scenery was beautiful." The three friends indulged in some pampering. Cherry chose a facial and her two friends enjoyed massages before they all lunched together.

The immersive art experience <u>Meow Wolf</u>, kept them captivated for a whole day as they wandered through surreal sculptures and psychedelic paintings. "One of the best experiences ever," according to Cherry.

"Thank you so much... We will never forget our time here."

The girls also had photoshoot with Lucy Beaugard, which they loved. Cherry says, "We all had the best time doing it ... we have so many nice pictures to keep."

And the trip was complete with dinner at $\underline{\mathsf{El}}$ $\underline{\mathsf{Five}}$, where the girls spoiled themselves with



Cherry and her best friends, Kayla and Maria, packed plenty of fun into their Denver getaway.



"We have so many nice pictures to keep." The girls loved dressing up and striking poses for their photoshoot.

steak and desserts surrounded by spectacular city and mountain views.

You made more than just a girls' trip possible. You lifted Cherry from sadness and gave her the chance to travel like she'd always wanted. You gave her the experience of being young and carefree in a great city, having fun with her best friends. Living her Dream, even just for one precious moment.

Dale's vision board made someone else's Dream come true!

Dale is a firm believer in vision boards and had put a stay at the Ritz Carlton on hers. She had almost saved enough for her visit when "The thought came to me that maybe there is someone somewhere with a dream that is much more important than mine."

A quick online search led her to Dream Foundation. "So all the money that I saved for my dream, I donated it to make someone else's Dream come true."

Dale has since stayed at the Ritz Carlton with her best friend Cassie, and the caring pair have gone on to help make more Dreams for terminally-ill adults come true!



"Dreams really can come true when we work together to make them happen." Dale with the vision board that inspired her to help a Dream applicant!



"This was just another really easy way to give."

Mario turned his unused airline miles into Dreams!

Mario Muredda saw that he had a large number of United Airlines miles just waiting around for a rainy day that never came and realized, "Every day they sat unused in my account was a day that they could be helping other people live out their final Dreams."

The healthcare marketing agency CEO and Dream Foundation board member donated his miles, saying, "I think we all have a responsibility to look out for each other, especially in our final moments. Anything I can do to help someone else leave a lasting memory and legacy is something I'll sign up for."

<u>See more ways to help.</u>

Welcome to your August Dream Journal!

number The of Dream applications is rising, with more people asking for help with Dreams involving travel.

Many Dream families are requesting beach vacations. But we also receive requests for family



reunions, first or last journeys to destinations with a special meaning, and days out closer to home. And in this edition, you can see what happened on Cherry's Dream girls' trip to Denver.

No Dreams are possible without you. So you can also see why Mario made the most of his unused airline miles and how Dale donated her getaway fund to make someone else's Dream possible.

To think that you are willing to wait a little longer for your much-anticipated trip to help someone running out of time take theirs is genuinely humbling.

With appreciation,

Kisa Heyer

Kisa Hever CEO. Dream Foundation

Just two of the Dreams currently in progress!

"In trying to figure out what I would like to do with my family before I die, it occurred to me that one of my adopted children/grandson...has never been to a Zoo." Longtime loving foster mother Elsie's grandson lives with autism and will be graduating from high school and moving away. She dreams of a family Zoo trip so she can share one last special experience with him.

Travis, who is living with terminal rectal cancer, dreams of taking his two daughters and wife to Disney World. His wife, Annette, says, "Our daughters have seen their daddy struggle for five long years." Travis wants to see their faces light up and make memories they will never forget.

You help provide inspiration, comfort and closure to those who most need it!

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



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