



Dreams Are Ageless

OUR MISSION

Hospice Dreams is a non-profit wish granting organization dedicated to fulfilling unmet wishes, decreasing stress and improving quality of life for adult hospice patients.

ABOUT US

The end of life is something every member of the community will face, whether it is their own or that of a loved one. Hospice Dreams seeks to ease the grieving process by providing families a safe and personally significant opportunity to strengthen bonds and create lasting memories during the end of a loved one's life.

Hospice patients choose not to pursue curative treatment for their illness, but to live comfortably and according to their own terms. Hospice Dreams provides hospice patients with the opportunity to spread that comfort to their loved ones by sharing a Dream day, taking family pictures and making memories that will last long after they have passed.

OUR HISTORY

March 2008: Dream Program is created when Passages Hospice receives donations from a family who wanted to help others. Program becomes registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Five Dreams fulfilled in northern Illinois.

2009: Dream Program expands into central and southern Illinois, fulfilling 15 Dreams.

June 2010: Program begins rapid expansion, setting the stage to fulfill more than 75 Dreams in 2010.

August 2010: Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears becomes first celebrity to participate in a Dream, which was featured on WGN's Medical Watch segment in Chicago.

April 2011: Dream Program becomes Dream Foundation, a name better reflecting its non-profit status. Steven Tyler becomes second celebrity Dream participant.

October 2011: Office location opens in Bradley, Illinois. Website, www.hospicedreams.org, goes live.

January 2012: Dream Foundation begins doing business as Hospice Dreams, demonstrating its commitment to fulfilling dreams for hospice patients across the Midwest.

September 2012: Hospice Dreams is named the Midwest Regional Small Charity of the Year by the Stay Classy philanthropic organization and is recognized on a national level.

2013 Goal: 150 Dreams!

BIG NAMES GIVE BACK

Celebrities that have helped us fulfill Dreams include:

Kurt Busch - NASCAR driver

John Cena - Professional wrestler

Blake Dewitt - Chicago Cubs player

Dave Duerson - former Chicago Bears safety

Terry Fator - Ventriloquist

Kosuke Fukudome - Chicago Cubs/White Sox outfielder

Bobby Jenks - former Chicago White Sox pitcher

Ron Kittle - former Chicago White Sox left fielder

Paul Konerko - Chicago White Sox first baseman

Bob Love - former Chicago Bulls player

TJ Mathews - Former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher

A.J. Pierzynski - Chicago White Sox catcher

Darius Rucker - Country musician

Tom Thayer - former Chicago Bears center

Josh Turner - Country musician

Steven Tyler - Lead singer of Aerosmith

Brian Urlacher - former Chicago Bears linebacker

Jose Valverde - Detroit Tigers pitcher

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Organizations that have hosted or helped us grant Dreams in the past include:

Abraham Lincoln Museum

American Veterans Motorcycle
Riders Association

Chicago Cubs

Chicago Sox

Chicago Bears

Chicago Bulls

Chicago Botanic Garden

Chicago Shedd Aquarium

Chicago Zoological Society

ExxonMobil

Harrah's

Hollywood Casino

Kankakee Valley Park District

Kraft

Lyric Opera of Chicago

NASCAR

Patriot Guard Riders

Peoria Park District

Rep. Jack Franks and Chris Lauzen

Ringling Bros. and

Barnum & Bailey Circus

St. Louis Cardinals

St. Louis Rams

Southwest Airlines

The Cheesecake Factory

The Signature Room at the 95th

University of Illinois and

Fighting Illini Basketball

U. S. Navy

WWE Wrestling

and many more!

FAST FACTS

Total hours we spent Dreaming last year: 1,120

Number of dreams we've granted: 200 and growing!

2013 operating budget: approximately \$75,000

Number of Board of Directors members: 6

Number of years we've been granting Dreams: 5

Most common Dream requests: sporting games, family reunions/celebrations, birthday parties and concerts

Recognition: Named Midwest Small Charity of the Year in 2012 by the Stay Classy organization

BOILERPLATE

Hospice Dreams helps fulfill unmet wishes and improve quality of life for hospice patients and their families. It is a non-profit organization and 501(c)3 charitable group, supported by memorial donations and through partnerships with generous corporate sponsors.

Hospice Dreams was founded in 2008 by Passages Hospice, to ensure that hospice patients received the gift of a final Dream. It soon expanded to serve hospice patients of any provider. For more information about Hospice Dreams or to donate, please visit www.hospicedreams.org.



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