



Meme loved discovering more about the positive aspects of Black culture. Photo credit: Noe Todorovich Photography

Thank you for transporting Meme into a world of discovery!

You helped Meme escape into a world of learning with a visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

Many Dream recipients write their own letters in support of their Dream application. But it was Meme's wife, Mary, who wrote a genuinely heartfelt letter that accompanied Meme's Dream request. And when you read it, you can see why.

"Meme...has never been out of the country," Mary wrote. "Never taken a true vacation. Meme has

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been a person who is from humble beginnings and has kept pushing to be an independent and strong individual."

Mary wrote that Meme had always worked hard to be a loving, supportive wife, stepparent, daughter, and sister. That she had already known unimaginable tragedy as her stepchildren died suddenly, at just 11 and 12 years old. As Mary says, "She has experienced a loss like most can never understand."

And then, when she was just 50 years old, Meme was diagnosed with terminal triple-negative breast cancer. Her doctor advised her to do the things that she had always wanted to do now.

Life just isn't fair sometimes. But Meme had you. Your compassion and generosity.

Meme dreamed of visiting Washington, DC, with her sister. In particular, she wanted to see the National Museum of African American History and Culture.



Meme and her sister found the museum visit such an enriching experience that her sister vowed to return with her family.



Meme was captivated by the information packed into the museum's exhibits.

But as Mary put it, "She simply wants a vacation she has never been able to have before this life is over."

"Being in Washington, DC was a treat I will never forget. Thank you all for the donations to take this trip."

You helped provide Meme and her sister with a three-night stay in Washington, DC, and a trip to the museum, where they were transported into a world of discovery and learning.

Meme shared, "The information there was phenomenal. Such great information that sister is going to bring her family there."

There are so many Dreams like Meme's, where you feel you are doing more than sending someone on a trip, however special. That you are righting a wrong in life. Giving someone a break, possibly the first they've ever been given.

We all want to live in a world where we look out for those who need help, but not everybody does it. You do. And that's why we can never thank you enough.



A toy box delivery to the children of Dream recipients lets kids be kids again!

Turo toy drive brings joy to Dream family kids!

Thank you to our partner Turo for running a toy drive! Employees were invited to gift games for the children of Dream recipients through a specially created Amazon Wish List.

One in every three Dream families has children in the home. The arrival of a box of toys, hand decorated by volunteers, brings joy to everyone and makes Dreams extra special. As one Dream family said, "It just felt like a box of pure love."

Turo's toy drive was a fantastic success, with employees—also known as Turists—purchasing all 275 games from the Wish List!

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Three ways to help make Dreams come true through year-end contributions!

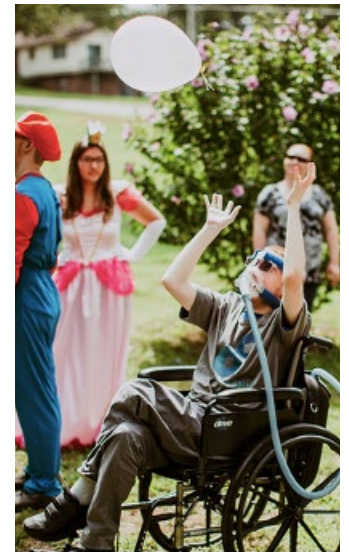
Here are three ways you can make a difference before the year is over!

Qualified Charitable Distributions: If you are required to make annual distributions from your IRA, you can donate up to \$100,000 giving you significant pre-tax savings.

Highly Appreciated Assets: Your donation of appreciated stock or property may also provide significant tax benefits by avoiding capital gains taxes or receiving an income tax deduction.

Donor Advised Funds: These charitable accounts are an increasingly popular way to make a charitable donation as they provide you with current-year tax deductions.

Please consult your financial or tax advisor to help you decide what's best for you.



Your year-end contribution will help people like Milton, whose Super Mario-themed party was everything he dreamed of!

Welcome to your October Dream Journal!

We are so grateful for all of the different ways that you support Dream recipients and their families!



In this edition, we're highlighting employees of our partner, Turo, who ran a toy drive for children in the homes of Dream recipients, buying games on a specially created Amazon Wish List.

And we're sharing Meme's Dream to show you the difference you make to someone facing the end of life.

Looking forward, it's a good time to think about year-end contributions as they can provide you with significant tax savings on your gifts. You will see three ways that you can help make Dreams come true over the coming months and over the next generation.

Thank you for sharing our passion for Dreams!

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kisa Heyer".

Kisa Heyer
CEO, Dream Foundation

Just two of the Dreams currently in progress!

Louis is diagnosed with pulmonary disease.

He worries that his care is draining the life out of his family, and dreams of being able to take his family to a local spa for pampering, and then out for a nice lunch.

Debbie wants to take her daughter and grandson on a trip to Tennessee to visit the Titanic Museum.

She shares that her grandson is "obsessed" with the fate of the unsinkable ship, and she wants to share this special experience with him and show him that life can still be beautiful and fulfilling, even while on hospice care.

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