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The Dream Journal

CELEBRATING YOU AND THE DREAMS YOU MAKE POSSIBLE!

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*Kim meets the
parents of one
of the victims
killed in the
9/11 attacks.*

*Image:
Jeff Harasimowicz*



Kim sacrificed her life for others. You made her Dream come true!

Kim dedicated her life to helping those in need, volunteering at some of the world's worst disaster areas. You helped her return to the place where she made the greatest sacrifice of all.

Kim is one of the most inspiring and humble women you will ever meet. She's a wife and mother to two adult sons. She's also one of the thousands of people who went to help after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Grief-stricken people whose loved ones were missing after the attacks were desperate to know what had happened to them.

At the time, Kim was working for The Salvation Army. She was deployed from Minnesota to New York, where she worked closely with those responsible for sifting through the 1.2 million tons of material that came from the World Trade Center site at Fresh Kills, or "The Hill" as she and her colleagues dubbed it, searching for anything that would help provide answers.

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Tragically, Kim was exposed to toxins in the air. Now, she has terminal cancer.

Incredibly, Kim says, "I know this work will take my life. I do not have any regrets."

Because of your support, we were able to make Kim's Dream of returning to New York with her family come true, where she wanted to share with them what she had done and what it meant.

"The healing process that took place at that moment ... it was amazing. It's a miracle."

Kisa Heyer, CEO of Dream Foundation, accompanied Kim on the day.



*Kim lays a bouquet at the 9/11 Memorial Glade.
Photo Credit: Jasenn Robertson*



*The moving tribute to Kim you made possible!
Photo Credit: Jasenn Robertson.*

After laying flowers at the 9/11 Memorial Glade, Kim went to the World Trade Center. Here, Col. James Betts, National Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army, who helped coordinate volunteers following the attacks, FDNY Lt. Joseph Schiraldo, who was part of the rescue mission, 9/11 attack victim's fiancé and licensed psychotherapist and certified professional coach helping people rediscover their resilience, Karen Carlucci, and Mark Murphy from New York Dept. of Parks and Recreation, representing New York City Mayor Eric Adams' office, and Shane Sheets, Kim's son, contributed heartfelt remarks.

At the 9/11 Memorial, Kim met Diane and Kurt Horning, who lost their son in the attack and wanted to thank her for everything she did.

It was a momentous and moving day and an unforgettable Dream. Full of gratitude and pride, Kim's husband says, "We made memories we will have for years to come."

Thank you to everyone whose compassionate support made Kim's Dream possible, including those aforementioned Silverstein Properties, Roman & Erica, Inc., Thomas Majewski, and Dream Foundation's New York Advisory Council & members of the National Board of Directors.



*Scan the
QR code to watch
Jeff Harasimowicz's
incredible video of
Kim's Dream!*



You helped Lois say goodbye to her loved ones after Covid kept them apart!

A happy reunion made possible by you!

After breaking her hip in 2021, Lois needed extra help and had to leave California to go and live with her son in Texas. Sadly, because of Covid, she didn't get a chance to say a proper goodbye to her family and friends.

When she was told that she had just six months to live, her heart broke at the thought of never seeing them again. She says, "I desire to be able to tell them how much they have meant to me and the love they provided me with and how much I miss them."

Your support helped Lois return to see her Southern California family and friends one last time.

Lois was overcome with gratitude. "I don't know how I can ever thank you for helping me and my son to take this wonderful Dream vacation back to California. It was so exciting to be able to see my family, twenty of my best friends, new friends, and meet my son's biological family.

"I will be forever grateful. God bless you for your interest in helping elderly people see families and friends. You are a true blessing for us."

Thank you for making the world a more loving place!



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Welcome to your March Dream Journal!

I'm honored to share Kim's Dream with you in this edition.



Kisa Heyer

After the 9/11 attacks, Kim selflessly left her family and went to New York to help. Tragically, she developed terminal cancer from toxins at the site.

Thanks to your generous support of Dream Foundation, we were able to help Kim return to New York and arrange a gathering of people who wanted to pay tribute to Kim's sacrifice, including the parents of one of the victims killed in the attack.

It was an emotional, miraculous Dream made possible by all of you. We are tremendously grateful to everyone who donated their time, funds, and emotional support to make this Dream possible—it opened doors to healing that otherwise would have remained closed.

Kim represents the best of us, reminding us that service and compassion can overcome even the greatest tragedies. Thank you for helping us honor her inspiring spirit.

With appreciation, Kisa Heyer, CEO, Dream Foundation

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A refrigerator for a mother's comfort kit

Ruth wrote on behalf of her mother, who has Alzheimer's and is receiving hospice care. Her mother was doing well until her caregiver died, leaving her alone. Ruth had to step in.

Ruth says, "I rearranged my entire life to ensure my mother was safe. I work one or two days a week at Target, and the rest of the time, I am home, caring for my mother night and day." On behalf of her mother, Ruth has requested a refrigerator to store her hospice comfort kit and other medications that need to be refrigerated.

Ruth says, "My mother does not ask for much. Sometimes, she doesn't even recognize me or other family members. Nor does she know who she is or where where she is."

"My grandson and I provide her with round-the-clock support: cooking, cleaning, companionship, and laundry. Thank you for your time and consideration."



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