



You helped Kari return to Oahu, Hawaii, with her extended family!

When Kari learned she had terminal cancer, she thought she'd never get to show her own kids the island she had loved as a child. But you gave her more than she'd ever dreamed of!

Kari's dad was driving her to a chemotherapy session when she got the call to tell her that her Dream would come true and her family was on their way to Oahu, Hawaii. She says, "It was magical to hear!"

Kari and her 9-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son live with her parents. They are a close-knit, loving family.

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

Kari fell in love with Oahu as a child, during a family vacation on the island. When she had kids of her own, Kari and her parents often reminisced about the pineapple fields, the luau dinners they'd enjoyed, and what it was like to snorkel among rainbow-colored fish, to relax on perfect beaches and to feel the trade winds blow. Her children listened, enthralled.

Kari had always meant to take her kids to Oahu so they could experience the island for themselves. But with a diagnosis of terminal cancer, that seemed impossible. Then she learned that generous people like you would help make her Dream come true.

"I am just so thankful for all that everyone did to make this a magical trip, not just for me, but for my family and extended family, to see God's beautiful creation and receive such generosity from such beautiful people. Thank you so much!"

Southwest Airlines helped with flights, and Ola Properties provided a beautiful villa spacious enough for Kari, her kids, her parents, and her brother and sister-in-law, so they all got to share a vacation none of them will ever forget. Your gifts gave Kari a fund used for food so she could put aside money worries and make the most of her time on the island.

Kari loved showing her kids the places she remembered from her childhood vacations on Oahu, saying. "It was quite the memory lane

and memory-making." They all enjoyed family meals out, snorkeling in a lagoon, going to the beach, and relaxing together in the villa.

"I forgot I was sick with cancer at times," Kari shared. "I truly felt I was on vacation there."



The aloha spirit of Oahu helped Kari feel healthy again.



Family mealtimes make magical memories, thanks to you.

Thank you, Colleen and Michael, for 25 years of making over 561 Dreams possible!

Over the past 25 years, Colleen Barnett-Taylor and Michael Taylor, owners of Barnett Performance Products, have helped us serve more than 561 Dreams. In recognition of their gracious support, we were thrilled to induct them recently into the Quarter Century Club for their 25 years of giving, and honor them with the Leadership of Excellence Award for their leadership gifts. Says Colleen, "Dream Foundation has been close to our hearts for a very long time. We feel blessed to be part of this wonderful cause!"



Colleen Barnett-Taylor and Michael Taylor—leaders in philanthropy!



Mrs. P crochets another lap blanket for a Dream recipient with Tita by her side.

With love from Mrs. P and Tita!

Sherry Ponce's unique crocheted lap blankets have kept more than 150 Dream recipients warm and cozy.

Known best as Mrs. P, she started crocheting blankets for Dream recipients in 2016. With her dog Tita always beside her, she lovingly creates lap blankets that she hopes will offer something more than warmth. "I like to think of every blanket giving a hug to someone who needs one," says Mrs. P.

And Tita takes credit as well. Every gifted blanket carries a tag with the message: "Made with love for you, from Mrs. P and Me."

[See more ways to help.](#)

Welcome to your January Dream Journal!

Every gift makes a huge difference to someone waiting for their Dream, and a few of you have recently reached Dream milestones that warrant special celebration!



Colleen Barnett-Taylor and Michael Taylor deserve a special mention. You can read more about the awards they were recently given in this edition, including being inducted into our Quarter Century Club, whose members have been helping make Dreams come true for 25 years or more.

Other recent inductees to the Quarter Century Club include B & B Foundation; Roberta and Stan Fishman; J. Paul Gignac; Robin and Roger Himovitz; Hutton Parker Foundation; Holly and Bob Murphy; Lanette Perry; Elizabeth and Kenny Slaughter and Steve and Katie Zelko.

Thank you for your continued support!

In appreciation,



Kisa Heyer
CEO, Dream Foundation

Just two of the Dreams currently in progress!

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

Helen has mobility issues and dreams of a lift chair to put in her den so she can sit comfortably and spend more time with her husband. She says, "The den is where my husband is most of the time, and it would increase our time together, which would make me very happy."

Seven-times decorated U.S. Navy veteran Chris dreams of taking his wife to New York. He writes, "I'd love to take her to a Broadway play, visit the Statue of Liberty (where my grandmother landed at the turn of the century) go to Times Square, take my wife to the Empire State Building, find a wonderful Italian restaurant to eat and stay in a very nice hotel."

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