

### DREAMCATCHERS FOUNDATION 2022



#### BE THE REASON DREAMS COME TRUE!

Our mission is to create powerful connections for younger and older generations by empowering students and their local communities to fulfill the end-of-life dreams of hospice patients.

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Will you help DreamCatchers Foundation create powerful connections for younger and older generations and empower students and their local communities to fulfill the end-of-life Dreams of hospice patients?

Now, more than ever, with social isolation at an all-time high, our ability to carry out our mission is critically important. To deliver as many Dreams as possible, we are hosting our third annual fundraising event at the Franciscan Renewal Center on April 23rd, 2022, in Scottsdale, Arizona!

We are asking members of our community to sponsor our event, donate services for the event, provide a gift that can be auctioned at the event, and/or volunteer at the event. Sponsorships, donated services, and in-kind gifts are tax-deductible. You can help by providing a cash sponsorship or donation, in-kind donations, or items for our silent auction such as gift certificates, services, art, jewelry, event tickets, and vacation stays. We also need volunteers to assist!

We have seen, firsthand, the immense happiness that DreamCatchers brings to so many in their last days of life, and the peace it brings to their family and friends. We have witnessed students who have chosen a career path dedicated to a lifetime of service because of their association with DreamCatchers. We have experienced the powerful intergenerational connection that transpires when older and younger generations collide in moments of true magic.

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of our community. It is because of contributions like yours that we can fulfill Dreams. We hope that you will join us in support of our mission and making a meaningful difference in the lives of hospice patients and the students who deliver these Dreams, as well as the communities in which they live.

To contribute to our efforts, please contact Kristen Barbarics, Director of Development at: Kristen@dreamcatchersfoundation.org

Thank you for your consideration!

With Gratitude,

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## THE EVENT



### Here's the Deal: SAVE THE DATE!!!



@ 5:30PM

Franciscan Renewal Center Scottsdale, Arizona

All In on End-of-Life Dreams for Hospice Patients!

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Third Annual Casino Night April 23, 2022 • 5:30PM Franciscan Renewal Center Scottsdale, Arizona

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please make public your support of our mission and sponsor our annual celebration at one of the following levels:



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#### Third Annual Fundraising Casino Night April 23, 2022 Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, Arizona

Thank you for your donation to our fundraising event. Please complete this form and email it to Kristen Barbarics, Director of Development, at kristen@dreamcatchersfoundation.org

Donor Name:
Organization name:
Mailing address:
Phone:
E-mail:
I/my company will sponsor the event at this level:
I/my company would like to sponsor a particular element of the evening (gaming tables, dinner, beverages) or provide an in-kind donation for the event's auction:
Please describe exactly what you would like to sponsor/donate:
Please provide approximate retail value: \$
I would like to volunteer for the event! Please contact me at the following email address:

#### Thank you for your support!!!

The IRS classifies Hospice Dreamcatcher Foundation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our tax ID # is 05-0634716. Hospice DreamCatcher Foundation | 10105 E. Via Linda Suite #103, Scottsdale AZ 85258

## SKIP'S FISHING DREAM COME TRUE

In upstate New York, the start of spring means watching small green buds climb through the snow in search of the sun. It means the days grow longer, the jackets are lighter, and Dreams take flight in warmer air. On a spring day in the middle of April, my college's DreamCatchers club made a very special Dream come true. Skip, our hospice patient, wanted to go fishing, a passion of his that was becoming harder and harder to enjoy because of his illness. We all waited patiently for the weather to cooperate so we could bring him to a local river--not an easy task in the spring in upstate New York, where a sunny day can turn to a snowy one in the blink of an eye. We learned that granting Dreams requires thoughtful planning—fishing licenses take longer than we ever imagined!



Finally, we were fully prepared, and the weather was our friend. All the necessary supplies were gathered, the sun peeked out from behind the clouds and cast a beautiful reflection on the river, and Skip was ready for action. He cast a line, and we all watched, eager with anticipation. Fishing is often still and quiet, but Skip was in the mood for conversation, and we were there to listen. He spoke of his time fishing over the course of his lifetime, catching bullhead and other fish all over the country. He joked that he once used poodles as bait for catching sharks. We talked about our shared love of food, and Skip shared his adventures eating kangaroo, octopus, and other unusual fare. As Skip continued to share his life stories with us, I grew anxious he would never catch a fish. The air was full of chatter and laughter, and I thought the fish might keep their distance. At the same time, I knew that the time we spent together was more important than a line full of fish.

As hospice patients consider what they will choose for their final Dream, they often think about what they've done in their lives and are eager to share their memories with us. As Skip continued to tell us about his adventures, he explained that he felt like he had really lived life to its fullest and that death wasn't something he feared. At DreamCatchers, the topic of death and dying isn't unusual like it is in most social settings. Death and dying can be a difficult subject, but listening to hospice patients' acceptance of the end of their lives is transformative for students. Life and death are intrinsically connected, and watching patients live a Dream they've often had for years, makes celebrating life even more meaningful.

As the spring afternoon in upstate New York progressed, we shared sandwiches, snacks, and cookies for dessert, enjoying the warmth of the sun and the company of Skip. There was still no hint of fish as we began to clear away the plates. However, when the picnic had been put away, Skip suddenly felt a tug at the line. With help from club members, he reeled in the line with a smile on his face. Soon a small silver fish, about the size of Skip's hand, became visible from the clear water. As the fish broke the surface of the water, a cheer erupted from the crowd. We all laughed and smiled at the triumph of catching the fish, but the real joy came from the feeling of connection with Skip, of forming a sense of community, and of sharing an experience that will last a lifetime.

-Katherine Vangaever Hobart and William Smith Colleges DreamCatchers Chapter Alumna



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