

What We're Working on @ HQ

January 2021



Happy New Year Dream Factory!!

Dreams-You all rock!!!! See the chapter/volunteer highlights section for a few of the great stories of the impact you all are having on the lives of children and their families.

Mid-year Meeting The mid-year meeting is on Saturday March 6 at 11:00 EST. This will be a Zoom meeting. More info will be shared as we get closer to that date.

Mid-year meeting focus-while plans are in the process of being developed, time will be spent on opening up dreams and we anticipate having guests from GKTW at the meeting. Details are not final, but we hope to have a brief information sharing session with time for questions and answers.

Chapter/Volunteer Shout outs-Portland, Maine chapter has completed 4 dreams this year-an average of one dream per month. Way to go Portland, Maine.

Memphis-while the dream is in the planning process, the Memphis chapter has stepped up and offered to complete an end of life dream for a young boy in Georgia. Great job Memphis.

South Central Missouri-completed a dream of a child to have a great Christmas! Lots of smiles in that household!!!

SEMO-Southeast Missouri-recently completed a dream for a special young lady named Callie! They overcame Covid restrictions and medical challenges to make the dream happen for a very special young girl! She was a true princess!

Lexington-has recently completed 2 dreams-one of which was not only the construction but included the decorating of the interior of a SHE-SHED for a young lady!!

Dreams Update-The Opening Up Dreams Again document has been updated and uploaded to the volunteer section of the website using password 1234. This can be found under either the COVID-19 Important Information or the Dream Guides & Program Services sections. **ALL CHANGES IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.** For a few important updates from Give Kids The World - GKTW still has openings for its first phase, which lasts eight weeks from Jan. 17-March 13. But after that period, the Village will be closed for the following three weeks (March 14-April 3) due to an agreement with the Orlando theme parks that DO NOT want children who qualify for GKTW to be at the parks during the high-peak "spring break" season. GKTW has not made any announcements about scheduling families for after April 3. Additionally, another update is if the dream child or another family member tests positive for COVID during the trip then they are able to stay quarantined at the Village for as long as is necessary at no extra cost to the Dream Factory, if needed. Lastly, for non-GKTW trips to Orlando, the Holiday Inn Resort Waterpark and the Sunshine Foundation Village appear to be closed until at least June 2021.

GKTW forms-The updated GKTW forms are now available in the volunteer section of the website using password 1234. Please use these for all GKTW dreams moving forward - even the ones postponed and

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rescheduled. These can be found under the Forms section, and includes 9 separate forms labeled GKTW Form 1-9. Also, the document GKTW Reopening FAQs is also included in this section and has a lot of useful information.

Please be on the lookout for an email from Virginia and the Executive Committee. It was sent to all chapters and area coordinators last week.

Do you have any questions about dreams? Contact Tommie Kendall by email at tommie.kendall@dreamfactoryinc.org or by cell phone (text or call) at 502-216-0378. Your chapter can request a conference call or Zoom meeting with Tommie, or a request for him to attend (virtually) your next chapter meeting.

24-Hour Run For Dreams: The 24-Hour Run For Dreams will be Aug. 7-8. This event is hosted at a park about 30 minutes outside of Louisville. More details will be announced within the next few weeks. We're excited to host the event again this year to help with funds for HQ.

Golf Scramble-we in the process of planning a golf scramble in partnership between HQ and Lexington. The date is Tuesday, May 11th. Look for updates and additional information in the weeks ahead.

Website Contributors Page: We have recently edited our Contributors page on our website. This can be found at www.dreamfactoryinc.org/contributors. If your chapter has a donor who contributes more than \$1,500 and you want them included in this list then email tommie.kendall@dreamfactoryinc.org. This is a great opportunity to provide your major contributors with some national recognition.

Rennay(development and marketing)-we are sad to share that Rennay will be leaving her position at the Dream Factory on February 5th. Rennay is in the process of completing the final steps of her masters degree and plans to pursue job opportunities more in line with her degree and passion. She has had a tremendous impact on the Dream Factory and we will truly miss her!!!

Audit/990's It is January so that means we have submitted our 990's to the IRS and our Audit/Financial report is ready for anyone that is interested to review. Both 990's and the Audit are available on the website (www.dreamfactoryinc.org) on the "About Us" tab.

Convention 2021 We are excited to announce that we will be in Louisville, KY for Convention 2021. The dates are September 24-25, 2021. We know there are many unanswered questions that need to be addressed before folks are comfortable making a commitment to attend and before we are comfortable to host such an event. Please know that if the decision is made to proceed with the convention in Louisville, attendance and participation will be an individual decision. In the upcoming weeks we will reach out seeking information that will aid in the decision making process.



