



# What We're Working on @ HQ

April 2021

**Happy Spring!** With spring comes hope and positive energy! While we are not yet through the fog of the pandemic, we are beginning to see possibilities and opportunities and turn those into dreams for the kids we serve. Just as spring brings feelings of hope, each of you is a source of hope to some child, some parent and some sibling out there that you have not met yet. You do not know their name or where they live, but there is a child in your community who is dependent on the hope each of you provide. Each of you is the lighthouse in your community shining a never-ending beacon of hope to the children and families we serve. Thank you for everything you do to make dreams happen!!!

And, a special thanks to all the chapters from HQ. Your support, either financial or otherwise of HQ, is very much appreciated by all of us. We appreciate your patience as we continue to operate one person short.

**Convention 2021**-We are excited to announce that we will be in Louisville, KY for Convention 2021. **The dates are September 24-25, 2021.** It will look different but we will see each other, share stories, learn from each other and celebrate the kids and families we serve!! We will be safe and follow all guidelines in place at that time.

As plans are developed, we will share with everyone. Hotel reservation information and other important information will be in the May newsletter. The dates are set so mark your calendars.

**BOD quarterly meeting**-**Saturday June 5th at 11:00 am EST.** Call in information will be shared closer to the date. **Please send the name of the person representing your chapter on this call to Mike.**

**Dreams**-We would like to remind chapters that if you would like to assist another chapter that has a backlog of dreams but insufficient funds, we will match the chapter with funds to a chapter with dreams. Please remember that the chapter that funds the dream is the chapter that counts the dream on their dream report.

**Chapter Highlights**(while it is impossible to share all the great things going on in all the chapters, this section is designed to share some of those great things each month)

- **Kansas City**-is hosting a Rockin For Dreams event in mid-May. Social distancing will be in effect and the event will be compliant with local event requirements.

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- **Maine, York**-recently held a month long fundraiser in which a local author donated 50% of signed book sales to the Dream Factory!
- **Lexington, Kentucky**-Recently held a virtual raffle with the winner taking away \$10,000. They reached out to traditional sponsors from their gala to sponsor the winning amount which made all or nearly all tickets sales count as profit.
- **Rochester, NY**-Recently held a highly successful scavenger hunt. This enabled the chapter to let people in their community know that the Dream Factory is alive and well!
- **Southwest Missouri**-has a pickleball tourney scheduled for mid-May. Again, social distancing and all local requirements will be followed.
- **Cheerful round up campaign**-this campaign is starting to build momentum! We will be sharing more details in the coming months.
- **Lexington and HQ**-are working together on a golf scramble to be held Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. With 10 days to go there are only 2 open team spots remaining.

**REAL ID**-We became aware this week that the implementation date is now **May 3, 2023**. As of that date, anyone flying in the US will be required to have an ID that is REAL ID.

**Dream Factory Week at GKTW**-this is really shaping up to be a great event. It looks like we are going to have the maximum 25 families participating that week. We also have several groups of volunteers from various chapters attending as well. And we are working on a videographer attending with the goal being a Dream Factory video!!

**Annual Report**-The 2020 Annual Report will be available on our website as of Friday, April 30. This is only available in digital form this year. Please share with your volunteers, supporters and donors.

**Email**-All chapter email accounts should have a new and more secured password. This safety measures went into effect on April 1. If any chapter is having difficulties with creating a new password then reach out to [tommie.kendall@dreamfactoryinc.org](mailto:tommie.kendall@dreamfactoryinc.org).