



What We're Working on @ HQ

July 2021

Greetings from your HQ staff!

2021 Convention The 2021 convention is back! There will be a few changes from the past. Huge thanks to both the Louisville chapter and the Dyersburg chapter for their generous donations to help reduce costs!! We will share more info concerning the convention in a dedicated email every couple of weeks-this allows everyone to go to one source for all convention related information.

Hotel room

Room reservation info:

Link: [The Dream Factory Annual Conference](#)

Code: 090921DRE

Deadline for reduced rate: Friday, August 20th

Conference registration

Below is the link to the registration form:

www.dreamfactoryinc.org/convention

We are looking forward to seeing everyone. We do not get to see the smiles on the faces of the children or their parents, but we do see the smiles on your faces and hear the passion in your voices as you share your dream stories with each other!

Speaking of smiles and passion-during June and July there were 50+ dreams completed!! Think about that for a minute. In the midst of all the craziness we are experiencing, thanks to each of you, the lives of 50+ children and their families were given hope. In talking with several of the families, in many ways every day for them is a pandemic. They wake up not knowing what their day will bring and they are all too familiar with a sense of lack of control in their lives. They are unsure if what they do today will work tomorrow. Planning beyond the present is almost impossible.



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They were given a sense of peace thanks to all of you. We have all had the experience of looking in the mirror and asking ourselves, “Am I making a difference?”. The answer is unequivocally **YES!** **This is true for ALL volunteers in ALL chapters.** Evidence is found in the 50+ families in June and July, the other 48 families who have received a dream this year, the 150 families that received a dream last year and the 200+ families that received a dream the prior year.

WHY?

Why do we ask you to complete the Give Kids the World Worksheet? As we all know it is a HUGE cost savings to be able to send a family to GKTW. The reason it is less expensive is due to the IN-KIND value we receive from GKTW. Completing the GKTW in-kind worksheet for each GKTW dream is so important so we can track this value and report it as an in-kind contribution which increases our overall revenue reported on our 990’s.

Why are the Meeting Minutes so important? Minutes are the official documentation that gives the chapter the okay to spend chapter funds. We ask that approval of dreams be documented so that each expense for the dream does not need approval up to \$6000. If the dream is going to exceed the \$6000 there should also be something documented in the minutes explaining why the dream is exceeding \$6000 (i.e family size, time of year traveling, etc.) If chapter meetings have been via zoom or email, please provide a summary of these meetings and submit them with the monthly reports. Remember, the auditors read the minutes!

Administrative Services Director Just a reminder to all that Ellen’s work schedule is Tuesday and Wednesday all day and until noon on Thursday. There is often a delay in responses to emails as a result of this schedule. If there is anything that is urgent on a Monday or Friday, please contact either Mike or Tommie.

Opening Up Dreams Update- Holiday Inn Resort Waterpark: The Holiday Inn Resort Waterpark is opening in August 2021! For Dream Factory families, the rates will be \$139 Friday/Saturday nights and \$119 Sunday-Thursday nights. The resort and parking fees will be waived. For the general public, the rates will be much higher and will fluctuate often. Because of limited capacity at the resort (250 out of 777 rooms will be used), and because we do not have an online system set up yet for DF families, all requests at this time should go through Tommie at HQ. Email tommie.kendall@dreamfactoryinc.org for more information or to make a request for a family for August and beyond.