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# Hospice DreamCatchers Foundation, Inc.

## **How To: Kickoff Your Club**

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### So you want to start a DreamCatchers Club...now what?

There are multiple starts to a DreamCatchers club. Students at a high school or university can come together to form a DreamCatchers branch in their community, or a hospice may decide to start a club with their internal volunteers. In both scenarios, however, the focus should be to find students to manage the club. This aligns with the DreamCatchers mission, which strives to bring the youth closer to their communities through Dream fulfillment. The process will continue recognizing that students will be the managers of the club, and will be the ones fulfilling the hospice patients' Dreams.



Now, the club is ready to begin granting Dreams. The hospice staff (nurses, social workers, volunteers) will let their patients know about the DreamCatchers program. They will communicate any patient's Dream ideas to the student-run DreamCatchers club.

#### Hospice Note:

The hospice staff should review each Dream to determine the timing restrictions and limitations as well as patient requirements. Keep in mind, these Dreams must focus on the **patient** and not the patient's family necessarily, and should emphasize and **experience** rather than a "gift".

#### Student Club Note:

The club can choose whether or not to fulfill each Dream based on time requirements, resource availability, and general viability of completion. Be sure to emphasize the patient's **experience**, and do your best to interact with the patient as much as is appropriate.

We are ready to grant the Dream! Now what?

### Before the Dream

Hospice: Ensure DreamCatcher club liability release form is signed by the patient/family member

Student club: Review proper communication to patient and family with hospice. Be sensitive to the impact of the terminally ill patient on the family and others involved.

Student club: Plan out necessary requirements for the Dream, contact relevant parties, and arrange for the Dream day experience. Keep hospice informed of communication and plans. Make/obtain a dreamcatcher for the patient.

Both: Reach out to local media sources to notify them of the club and the Dream. This will assist with future community support of the club in the area.

### During the Dream

Student club: Do your best to interact with the patient and their family and be a part of the Dream, but also give them their space. This is their special day, so let them enjoy it! But, it is also special for you, so make sure to enjoy it yourself as well!

Both: TAKE PHOTOS! This is crucial for documentation of the Dream on our website ([www.dreamcatchers1.org](http://www.dreamcatchers1.org)) and in future media outlets, which can help with future donations for the club.

Student club: Find the right time to present the patient with a dreamcatcher and relay the story. We want to make sure they only have "good dreams" from now on, so hope that they can remember this day by the dreamcatcher (to hang above their bed).

### After the Dream

Student club: For any donations made to your club in the form of money or products, send a "Thank You" note to the donor. The Tax ID Number should be provided (05-0634716).

These monetary donations should be made out to Hospice DreamCatcher Foundation (specify which club, if applicable) and sent to address given. It will be deposited at US Bank and tracked for each club.

Student club: Compile expenses & receipts from Dream purchases. These should be tracked on the DreamCatcher Expense Report form given and sent to the same address above. A credit card will be provided to the club and/or hospice for use on Dream expenses. Contact Allan at [acrommett@outlook.com](mailto:acrommett@outlook.com) for credit card information.

Both: Send photos to [Caitlin@DreamCatcher1.org](mailto:Caitlin@DreamCatcher1.org) with Dream name, short description, and club members involved as well as a recap of the experience.