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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/young people 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?