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Many of us have lost someone we love to cancer or know someone who has. My grandmother died from breast cancer when I was 4 years old. She wanted one thing before she died: to go to Disney World as a family with her grandchildren. Sometimes I think about how great it was that we were able to make her wish come true. Through all of the hardships that came with cancer, she was able to live out a happy moment that she always wanted and it brought joy to her and to us.

But what if we couldn't do that for her? What if we weren't fortunate and couldn't afford this? That's a very real scenario for many people and their families. A North Carolinian with cancer spends an average of \$256,000 a year on treatment, some of which is not covered by insurance.

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In the midst of physical, emotional, and economical strain due to cancer Fill Your Bucket List Foundation strives to help.

Fill Your Bucket List Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by Peggy Gibson Carroll in 2014 that grants wishes to adults with cancer. Peggy's father was diagnosed with lung cancer. Since he didn't have much time to live she asked him to make a bucket list of the things he wanted to do before he died. She then realized with all the memories that were made after his wishes were granted that not everyone can afford to do this, especially with the financial blow of cancer. So with that in mind she created the foundation.

Now four years later Fill Your Bucket List Foundation has granted 68 wishes. The goal is to grant 100 wishes by the end of the year to those affected by cancer in North Carolina.

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Fill Your Bucket List Foundation receives no state or federal funding. We would like your support to help us grant wishes. So how can you help? You can do this in 3 ways: #1 is the spreading the word, #2 is donating, #3 is volunteering.

Spreading the word about us and our mission is an invaluable tool. You can help us make sure our message reaches those affected by cancer by talking to friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors. Another way to spread the word is by nominating someone in need of a wish. This spreads the word to the person in need as well as an extended circle of family, friends, and acquaintances.

Donations are greatly appreciated and every donation helps. It doesn't have to be a big donation to make a big difference. You can make your tax deductible donation by mailing a check to us at P.O. Box 806, Cary, NC 27512 or donating online at www.fillyourbucketlist.org/donate.

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You can see how your donation has helped someone by going to our website under the “wishes granted” tab.

Volunteering is something every nonprofit appreciates. We are always in need of volunteers for our fund-raising events and in our daily operations. To find out about volunteer opportunities contact us through our website or call us at 919-307-7759.

Just to sum this up, ways you can help are: spreading the word---there is no greater way to reach people than by word of mouth, donating---any donation can go a long way in helping grant someone’s wish, volunteering---every volunteer is always needed and appreciated and goes a long way in helping us reach our goals.

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We accept donations and volunteer help any time, all the time. Every dollar donated and every hour of volunteer assistance helps grant a wish. Donations and volunteers are what makes Fill Your Bucket List Foundation successful.

Through your generous donations, volunteer work, or simply spreading the word about the foundation, you are making the lives of people battling cancer in North Carolina better by helping them make their wish come true.

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Questions:

How do you determine who gets a wish granted?

In order to qualify for a wish, a person must be over 18 years of age and diagnosed with cancer.

We help adults because all similar agencies are geared toward children.

Priority is given to North Carolina residents or those receiving cancer treatment in North Carolina, and who demonstrate financial need.

How does a person nominate or recommend someone for a wish?

We welcome nominations for potential wishes and just ask that you complete the form that is available online at

<http://www.fillyourbucketlistfoundation.org/nominate>. You may nominate yourself or a friend or family member. You may call us at 919-307-7759 with any questions or concerns about the form or nomination process.

How much does the average wish cost?

Wishes vary. The requests can be anything from a family trip or vacation, a date-night, a gathering of family and friends, a car or household appliance, or help with unpaid bills.

We budget about \$4,500 per wish, and take care of everything associated with the wish---coordinating the wish and all costs involved---so the people involved can relax and enjoy.