

JOIN MEMORIES FOR KIDS FOR  
A FIESTA TO CELEBRATE

# Cinco de Mayo

MAY 5, 2023

  
MEMORIES *for kids*

# WELCOME

## A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND GIVING

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Thursday, May 5, 2023

Welcome to our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Day of Celebration and Giving! Since Memories for Kids was founded in 2011, we have created more than 150 memories for children in Nebraska and Western Iowa who have a parent with stage IV cancer. Memories for Kids is honored to help families take a break from a cancer diagnosis. These lifelong memories are made possible because of the generosity of our sponsors, supporters and dedicated volunteers.

This Cinco de Mayo event would not be possible without the dedication and creativity of the event chairs, Kim Burkhalter and Julie Liakos; the leadership of Guild President, Megan Reay; and the enthusiasm and hard work of the entire Guild board. They are such an amazing group!

Thank you for believing in this mission! With your help, MFK will continue touching lives, supporting families and helping children create memories that are uniquely special to their family.

**Lisa Gravelle, Founder & Ann Christansen, Governing Board President**

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We are delighted you have joined us for our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta - a day of celebration and giving! This is our seventh annual spring event, and our third Cinco de Mayo day celebration. Today will be filled with festive fellowship and heartfelt stories of the families that Memories for Kids serves.

We are so fortunate to have such an amazing organization in our community and region. Memories For Kids' mission of creating lifelong memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer is made possible because of each of you. We are able to have a lasting impact on so many families because of you.

Thank you for your generous support of this event and Memories for Kids. Enjoy the Fiesta!

**Megan Reay - Guild President**  
**Julie Liakos, Kim Burkhalter - Event Chairs**

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# MEMORIES FOR KIDS

CELEBRATING 12 YEARS OF CREATING LIFELONG MEMORIES

## MISSION STATEMENT:

*Creating lifelong memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer.*



## ABOUT MEMORIES FOR KIDS:

**Memories for Kids** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to create lifelong memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer. While there are many organizations that exist to help children with terminal illness, there is a major void in groups dedicated to help children facing the loss of a parent. We create fun and memorable experiences for children to share with their mom or dad, which gives the entire family a break from the cancer diagnosis. Memories for Kids has presented unforgettable gifts to numerous children and your support will help us continue this mission.

## CREATING LIFELONG MEMORIES



REFER A FAMILY



Make a Tribute



EVENTS



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Memories for Kids Guild presents a

# CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

## A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE!

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

VIRTUAL KICKOFF -  	10:30 AM
VIRTUAL LUNCH PROGRAM -  	12:30 PM
LIVE IN-PERSON FIESTA (CHAMPIONS RUN OMAHA)	5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
ANNOUNCEMENT OF DONATIONS (LIVE AND VIRTUALLY)	6:00 PM



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### WAYS TO GIVE

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OR VISIT

[MEMORIESFORKIDS.ORG](http://MEMORIESFORKIDS.ORG)



# GUACAMOLE

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5 ripe avocados

½ cup sour cream

5 sprigs cilantro - chopped

½ cup red onion - chopped

1 jalapeno pepper - chopped

1/2 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon garlic - chopped or powder

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

2 teaspoons lemon juice

Slice avocados in half, remove pit, scoop out avocado into bowl. Mash to a pulp, leaving larger chunks if desired. Add all ingredients and mix. Enjoy!!

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Thank you to Bob Hurtado for sharing his recipe! You can find Bob's delicious food at Street Eats food truck, Bob's Grill & Cafe and at [www.thecateringcompanyomaha.com](http://www.thecateringcompanyomaha.com)

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# STRAWBERRY MARGARITA RECIPE

This frozen drink is frosty, refreshing and far from syrupy or cloying. Just a little agave nectar sweetens the frozen fruit and a splash of smoky mezcal adds an interesting deep flavor to the bright berries.



## **INGREDIENTS:**

2 cups frozen strawberries  
4 ounces blanco tequila  
1 1/2 ounces agave  
1 ounce lime juice  
Ice  
1 ounce mezcal  
2 strawberries, for garnish

## **DIRECTIONS:**

Blend the frozen strawberries, tequila, agave, lime juice and some ice in a blender. Pour into 2 glasses; top each with 1/2 ounce mezcal.

Recipe from - Food Network Magazine

## SPECIALTY ITEM AVAILABLE

Jeff Hanson™

Changing the World Through Art™

This beautiful painting was completed by Jeff Hanson's parents in the style that continues Jeff's goal of reaching \$10 million for cancer research and organizational support. The **Road to Volterra** measurement is 22" x 28", and the painting is valued at \$3400.

Painting donated by the **David Spence Cancer Foundation.**

*Special thanks to our Guest Auctioneer, Andrew Liakos.*



*Road to Volterra*

*"Every act of kindness helps create kinder communities, more compassionate nations and a better world for all – even one painting at a time."*

*– Jeff Hanson*



# YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

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The Memories for Kids Youth Advisory Board is a group of high school students from across the Omaha community who help us create and implement fundraising events that facilitate amazing memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer. The students learn how a board functions by electing officers, creating agendas and running meetings using Roberts Rules of Order. They are challenged to create and implement their own fundraiser for Memories for Kids. The Youth Advisory Board is also responsible for a wide variety of duties including assisting with mailings and other organizational activities. The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.



## Memories for my kids - Book completed by the Youth Advisory Board



Memories for my kids was a three-year project completed by the Youth Advisory Board. The book was designed as a way for a parent to share personal information with his or her children.

These books are shared with our memory recipients. They also make a great gift for parents or grandparents.

To purchase a book, please email [info@memoriesforkids.org](mailto:info@memoriesforkids.org)

# TRIBUTES

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

### In Honor of

#### **Trisha Solko**

Loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. A beautiful person inside and out.

Jennifer and Mike Peterson

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#### **Sandy Joseph**

Mother of Jen Wulf.

John Joseph

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#### **Jean Spence**

My mother, Jean Spence, was diagnosed with Stage 3 Hodgkins Lymphoma at the age of 33. She has now been in remission for 25 years!

Meghan Hope

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#### **MFK Guild Board**

Thank you to the MFK Guild Board Champions for your work to support MFK!

Meghan Hope

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Anne Soukup

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#### **Max and Kim Samland**

Frank's Trenching. They are the reason I am aware of this organization and this is my way of thanking them. They are an amazing business and owned by amazing people!

Dustin Kowalewski

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#### **Dennis Murphy**

Dennis amazes me! After his wife, Derrith, passed away, he has embraced his role as the sole parent to his three kids. He continues to wear so many hats and support the needs of his children.

Jan Martin

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#### **Kathy Weaver**

Kathy volunteers many hours at ReRUNS and we are making a donation in her honor.

Gina  
ReRUNS R Fun Inc.

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#### **Nicole Clark**

Each year ReRUNS invites our most dedicated volunteers to direct some of our donations. These volunteers work countless hours at our bi-annual events to help ReRUNS continue to give back to our community.

I wanted to let you know that Nicole Clark has selected your Non-profit to receive part of their yearly donation. We are grateful for Nicole's many hours of service and her dedication to our mission to "DO GOOD" for families in our community.

Gina  
ReRUNS R Fun Inc.

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#### **Ella Shanahan**

Ella Shanahan is a classmate of mine and suggested your organization in lieu of a birth-day present for her party.

Attie Dorn

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#### **Ella Shanahan**

Kristy Pietro

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Anne Soukup

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#### **Ella Shanahan**

In recognition of Ella Shanahan's birthday.

Molly Howard

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#### **Don and Bette Peterson**

In recognition for my amazing parents, they are a true blessing to our family!

Ann and Bob Norden

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Lois and Stephen Mahowald

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Mary Westfall

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### In Memory of

**Chris Jessen**

For making every day "The Best Day Ever"

Kay Jessen

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**Lynn Spence**

My grandmother, Lynn Spence, died 3 months after her 50th birthday of Ovarian Cancer leaving behind two children and a family that loved her dearly.

Meghan Hope

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**Margaret Higgins**

I've donated in memory of my grandmother, Margaret Higgins, to honor the multiple cancer diagnoses she faced with both Breast Cancer and Mycosis Fungoides. She was a wise and witty matriarch who taught us love, faith, and so much more.

Meghan Hope

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**Allen Johnson**

Michelle Johnson

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**Jack Ryan**

Megan and David Hawk

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**Ross Bruening**

Allie Bruening

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**John J Tigges**

Margaret Tigges

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**Mr and Mrs L.F. Bromert**

Margaret Tigges

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**Derrith Murphy**

Derrith lives on in all of you but we still miss her every day.

Lori and Matt Rusch

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**Ryan Albritton**

Sue and Scott Whiton

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**Ryan Albritton**

Sue and Scott Whiton

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**Allen Johnson**

Michelle Johnson

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**Chris Jessen**

Chris was an amazing husband, loving father, and loyal friend. We miss him every day but are thankful to have had opportunities to make some unforgettable lasting memories with him. Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

Kay Jessen

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**Amy Parr**

Kathleen and Phillip Powell

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**Cathy Stephan Gravelle**

Mike Gravelle

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**Travis Wells**

Michelle Thornburg

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**Ron Hager**

Ron and I met later in life while he was battling cancer. He had stage IV cancer and a family of adult children and several grands. I asked him if he could do anything before dying, what would it be. We made memories! We traveled as a family, we did Disney with the grands, we photographed every moment and made albums for everyone. We had as much fun as we could before losing him. It was incredibly important to his family, the memories made and shared. You are making that happen!!!!

Amy Scott

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**Jim Clark**

Jim was an active contributor to MFK. We're sure he would like us to continue supporting you in his honor.

Maureen and Joe Clark

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### In Memory of

#### Michaela Harper

Toody and Kody Moffatt

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#### Allen Johnson

Allen was a wonderful friend and we miss him every day. MFK gave the Johnson family a wonderful gift when most needed.

Kimberly Samland

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#### Ryan Albritton

Julie Sorensen

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#### Amy Parr

Amy always had the smile and hug for you that you didn't know you needed. She is greatly missed.

Kara and Troy Plumb

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#### Bob Schall

Elaine Schall

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#### Judy K Kubat

Chris and Brian Reilly

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#### Amy Parr

Amy, my daughter and mother of two, passed away on January 22, 2021.

Maureen Parr

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#### Ryan Albritton

Six years ago, you gave Ryan's family a trip to the Mets Spring training in Florida. We will always be so very grateful for that memory made!

Jill and Jim Dorman

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Sue and Scott Whiton

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#### Cathy Stephan Gravelle

Susan and Edmund Stephan

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### In Memory of

**Bob Schall**

Margaret Tigges

**Bob Schall**

Wayne and Diane Redmond

**Bob Schall**

Gerald and Patricia Maguire

**Dean DeWispelare**

In loving memory of my brother Dean DeWispelare. Thank you! Thank you for the beautiful wedding for Dean's son Cole. Dean was one of the very best and very humble...your gift was just beautiful and a day we will cherish forever!

Deanne and Jerome Kabourek

**Lana Hollertz**

My mom, Lana, passed away from terminal Cholangiocarcinoma in September of 2016. She was an amazing mother, wife and friend.

Lexie and Shane Frahm

## HONOR THOSE THAT INSPIRE AND INFLUENCE

A donation to Memories for Kids Annual Tribute Campaign is a special way to honor or remember a loved one, caregiver or champion. Become a supporter of Memories for Kids and help families take a break from cancer.

You may donate to honor or remember a loved one by visiting [memoriesforkids.org](http://memoriesforkids.org).



# DONATE

PLEASE SUPPORT MEMORIES FOR KIDS  
HELP US EARN THE GENEROUS  
MATCH DONATION!!

## TO DONATE

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