



# CINCO DE MAYO

**VIVA LA FIESTA!**

**MAY 2, 2025**



MEMORIES *for kids*

# WELCOME

## A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND GIVING

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

Welcome to our Viva La Fiesta Day of Celebration and Giving! Since the establishment of Memories for Kids in 2011, we have created over 195 memorable experiences for children in Nebraska and Western Iowa whose parents are battling stage IV cancer. Memories for Kids is proud to provide families with a respite from the challenges of a cancer diagnosis. These lasting memories are made possible through the generosity of our sponsors, supporters, and devoted volunteers.

This Viva La Fiesta event owes its success to the commitment and creativity of our event chair, Amy Henderson, the leadership of Guild President, Kelli Hawkins, and the enthusiasm and dedication of the entire Guild board. They truly make an incredible team!

Thank you for your belief in this mission! With your support, MFK will continue to make a difference in lives, assist families, and help children forge memories that are uniquely meaningful to them.

**Lisa Gravelle, Founder**

**Brenda Smith, Governing Board President**

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We are thrilled to have you with us for our Viva La Fiesta – a day dedicated to celebration and giving! This marks our ninth annual spring event and our fifth celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Today promises to be filled with joyful camaraderie and touching stories from the families served by Memories for Kids.

We are incredibly grateful for the presence of such a remarkable organization in our community and region. The mission of Memories for Kids, which is to create lifelong memories for children whose parents are battling stage IV cancer, is made possible by each of you. Your support allows us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many families.

Thank you for your generous contribution to this event and to Memories for Kids. Enjoy the Fiesta!

**Kelli Hawkins, Guild President**

**Amy Henderson, Event Chair**

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# MEMORIES FOR KIDS

CELEBRATING 14 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



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EVENTS



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Memories for Kids Guild presents

# VIVA LA FIESTA!

A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE!

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

VIRTUAL KICKOFF -  

10:30 AM

FIESTA FOOD PACKAGE DELIVERY

11:00 AM  
TO 12:00 PM

IN-PERSON FIESTA HAPPY HOUR  
(Champions Run Omaha)

5:00 PM  
TO 7:00 PM

EVENT PROGRAM WITH FAMILY  
MEMORY RECIPIENT SPEAKER

6:00 PM

## WAYS TO GIVE



OR VISIT  
[MEMORIESFORKIDS.ORG](https://MEMORIESFORKIDS.ORG)

# TACO DIP

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## INGREDIENTS:

### For dip

2 (8-oz.) blocks cream cheese, softened  
1 1/2 cups sour cream  
1/4 cup pickled jalapeños, finely chopped  
Juice of 1 lime  
3 Tbsp. taco seasoning  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
Kosher salt

### For topping

2 cups shredded lettuce  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar  
1/2 cup shredded Monterey jack  
1/2 cup grape tomatoes, quartered  
1/4 white onion, finely chopped  
1/4 cup sliced black olives  
1/4 cup pickled jalapeños, sliced  
Tortilla chips, for serving



Recipe from [delish.com](https://www.delish.com)

## DIRECTIONS:

### Step 1

In a large bowl, stir together cream cheese, sour cream, jalapeños, lime juice, taco seasoning, and garlic powder, and season with salt. Transfer mixture to a large serving dish.

### Step 2

Garnish dip with toppings and serve with chips.



## **FOUNDER**

Lisa Gravelle

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Megan Riebe Reay

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## **COMMITTEE**

Kelli Hawkins – Guild President

Amy Henderson – Event Chair

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## **MEMORIES FOR KIDS GUILD BOARD**

The Memories for Kids Guild is made up of passionate community volunteers dedicated to supporting the organization through their efforts in volunteering, fundraising, and raising awareness. Their mission is to create lifelong memories for children who have a parent with stage IV cancer. This spring event showcases the commitment and hard work of this devoted guild, and we are truly thankful for the time and dedication they have put into organizing this meaningful occasion.



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