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Annual Bucket Bash Looks to Raise \$250,000 to Support the Next 100 Wishes for Adult Cancer Patients in North Carolina

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BUCKET BASH

A fundraiser to grant wishes for adults with cancer

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

NEW LOCATION!

Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd, I-40 at Exit 282 (Page Road)
Durham, NC 27703

Tickets \$125.00

Includes Chef Cook-Off • Drinks • Dinner Buffet • Live Music

Sponsorships

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Tickets and sponsorships available online:
www.fillyourbucketlistfoundation.org/bucket-bash



Fill Your Bucket List Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Leaders from the Triangle's public and private business community, as well as representatives from local media outlets, will get the chance to interact with adult cancer patients, raise money and increase cancer awareness.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (Feb. 7, 2019) – Fill Your Bucket List Foundation will host its fifth annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in the Research Triangle Park from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The foundation hopes the funds raised will allow them another year of granting more wishes to low-income cancer patients.

The sole purpose of the wish-granting nonprofit, founded by Peggy Gibson Carroll in 2014, is to help cancer patients check off lifelong wishes from their bucket lists through donations from their primary fundraiser – the Bucket Bash – where attendees raise money for the organization to support their mission.

“It’s a great opportunity to bring a community of supporters together to a place where they can hear more about our wishes and our mission and meet wish recipients and their loved ones,” Marie Duncan Otto, the foundation’s executive director, said.

The foundation has witnessed a four-fold increase in donations since its first Bucket Bash in 2015. Proceeds have helped to create 100 wishes and affected more than 500 lives. Forty wishes alone were granted in 2018.

This year’s goal is to raise over \$250,000 which will help to support the next 100 wishes throughout the next three years.

“We are planning to talk to our audience about our strategic plan and where the organization is going. We’ll be able to give them the transparency to see that what they’ve invested in has been a good investment and will be a continued good investment moving forward,” Otto said.

Last year’s event – the most successful one yet – took place at North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh. This year’s venue has the capacity to accommodate more than 500 supporters. Sponsors of the 2019 Bucket Bash include Pinnacle Financial Partners, Habergeon and River Place Logistics will enjoy recognition and advertising as part as their sponsorship packages.

All attendees will get an opportunity to experience:

- Delicious appetizers prepared by Carolina’s finest chefs during the Chef Cook-Off
- Tisha Powell, news anchor at WTVD, acting as Master of Ceremonies
- A buffet prepared by Sheraton Imperial Hotel’s skilled chefs
- A bar with two complimentary drink tickets for each guest
- Participation in a wine pull for only \$25
- Kendra Scott jewelry surprise boxes filled with items worth as much as \$250
- Live music

- Both a silent and a live auction featuring sports tickets, family vacation packages and more.

Similar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the organization is “in the business of creating a memory, a smile, and a priceless moment,” Otto said. “But this program doesn’t include the usual stage requirement.”

“We know that we are not medically curing cancer,” Otto said when discussing participation. “We are helping to heal the cancer process by giving people a chance to have an experience that allows them to escape for a little bit.”

Explore the foundation’s wish gallery [here](#) to experience the stories of those who know firsthand the power of a wish-come-true.

Tickets are now available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/cd8/>. If you’re not able to attend the event, click [here](#) to participate in the live and silent auction, or connect with them online by using the hashtag #bucketbash2019.

If you are interested in becoming a wish creator, learn more about their sponsorship options [here](#), and join the fund by Friday, March 13, to guarantee media recognition. For additional information, call (919) 307-7759, or email sponsors@fillyourbucket.org.

About Fill Your Bucket List Foundation

Fill Your Bucket List Foundation, a wish-granting nonprofit has a sole mission: to give a dream vacation to adults battling with cancer. Since its foundation in August 2014, the generous in-kind donations and monetary goods from sponsors and supporters helped to make 100 unforgettable dreams for cancer patients in the Triangle Area come true. The Cary-based group from North Carolina aims to fulfill dreams that will create lasting memories for low-income adults and their families. The foundation's cause infuses hope and balance for those dealing with significant life-altering circumstances. The wish creators are also committed to generating happy memories while improving the quality of life for persons affected by cancer. Among the granted wishes that have changed countless lives are: amazing beach getaways, electrifying athletic events, inspiring trips to Walt Disney World, and deep sea fishing excursions. To receive a wish, candidates must be at least 18 and have a confirmed cancer diagnosis. The organization gives priority to North Carolina residents who demonstrate a strong financial need. Wish recipients must also be deemed eligible to participate in the wish by their physician. The non-governmental organization's primary source of funding comes from their most heartwarming annual wish-granting charity, their Bucket Bash. Are you interested in

becoming a part of Fill Your Bucket List Foundation's empowering cause to bring hope to cancer journeys of patients? Learn more on how to fuel their mission to improve lives, educate the community, raise awareness, encourage screenings, and raise funds for cancer research and cures at www.fillyourbucketlistfoundation.org.