



The internet has remapped the boundaries of human interaction. Like the telephone and the television, the internet has the power bring the people and things that are most important to us, right to our doorstep. No web-based company takes the duty of bringing people together more seriously than Famous Friends™ - where HOPE meets Hollywood!

#### WHO WE ARE:

Established in 2006, Famous Friends™, also called F2™, is a unique community outreach initiative of the non-profit *Rhode Island MicroEnterprise Association, Inc.*

#### WHAT WE DO:

Using the power of celebrity and technology, Famous Friends™ strives to inform, encourage, and engage everyday people in the worthy efforts of philanthropy and volunteerism.

As our name suggests, at [www.famousfriends.org](http://www.famousfriends.org) visitors have a backstage pass beyond the sound stages and velvet ropes of Hollywood.

Once logged on, guests will have the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items donated by world-famous celebrities.

Proceeds from all auctions will benefit a variety of charities in need.

By bidding, visitors help their favorite celebrities to shine the spotlight on very significant causes.

#### OUR FIRST GOAL:

Famous Friends™ first goal is to raise funds for a notable non-profit organization in Warwick, RI - the hometown of Famous Friends creator, Jenny Goodrich.

The imPOSSIBLE DREAM makes dreams come true for children with disabilities throughout Rhode Island. Famous Friends aspires to raise 100% of the funds needed to build a fully accessible fitness center for children and adults of all abilities on the grounds of their existing accessible playground.



Jenny Goodrich  
Project Coordinator



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What kind of donation do you need?**

To be considered a Famous Friend, entertainers should donate exclusive, rare, and autographed items. Typically, our Famous Friends make three different kinds of donations:

- One ultra-exclusive item
  - an award, clothing / stage costume, or other personal effects, etc....
- A collection of small items
  - a box set of CD's or DVD's, posters, t-shirts, etc...
- One large item along with a collection of smaller items.

**ALL** donations **MUST** include a letter signed by the entertainer.

### **Who will benefit from my donation?**

Profits from the auction of your donation will support the mission of two worthy non-profit organizations.

- **75%** of profits will benefit our current partner, the imPOSSIBLE DREAM.
- **25%** of profits will benefit the continued work of Famous Friends.™

To learn more about Famous Friends™ and the imPOSSIBLE DREAM see the included description or visit us on the web at [www.famousfriends.org](http://www.famousfriends.org)

### **How will I know the funds are used appropriately?**

Famous Friends™ will provide a tax-deductible letter and receipt that explains how funds were put to use.

### **Who will pay shipping costs for my donation?**

Famous Friends™ will cover the cost of shipping your item.

# THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM, INC.

Founded in 1982, the imPOSSIBLE DREAM, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to making dreams come true for children with chronic illnesses in Rhode Island. Over the past 24 years, the imPOSSIBLE DREAM has made over 500 dreams come true. In 2006 alone, 27 dreams came true, at a cost of over \$70,000.

Some dreams are fun and special occasions such as: a family vacation to Disney World, a grand birthday party, meeting a celebrity, or becoming "policeman for a day." Other dreams arise out of necessity such as; wheelchairs and lifts, a spa for therapy, specially-designed recreational toys, a computer equipped with important technologies, and other adaptations to make a child's environment more functional. Everyone at the imPOSSIBLE DREAM believes that *no matter how it comes to be, dreams should not impossible for a child who is already limited by a physical or emotional barrier.*

In 1990, through the generous support of donors, the imPOSSIBLE DREAM opened a fully accessible playground and recreational facility, where children of all abilities can play together.

The playground is filled with swings, see-saws, sandboxes, playhouses, a miniature golf course. What was, at one time, an operable train and station has recently been transformed into a sensory playroom for children with autism. This season the imPOSSIBLE DREAM hosted 33 field trips for area schools and other organizations. Shows such as "Adoption Rhode Island" and NBC 10's "Tuesday's Child" have filmed segments at the playground.

The park's recreational facility is often rented to a variety of organizations and social groups. Last year, the facility was home to the Warwick Montessori Castle. Until recently, twenty students attended school at the Montessori Castle.

Not long ago, families arrived at the castle to find that the school was gone. Coordinators had disappeared. They had taken all of the school's materials and left the imPOSSIBLE DREAM with a heavy burden, not only to console families who attended the school, but also the children who's dreams rested on the financial support it provided.

Despite these obstacles, the imPOSSIBLE DREAM has had an incredible impact on the physical, emotional, and educational needs of children in Rhode Island. The imPOSSIBLE DREAM plans to further this mission by building a fully accessible fitness center for children and adults of all abilities, on their existing site. When asked about the inspiration for this project, director Diane Penza poses one simple question:

"Where do children go when they outgrow the playground?"

Famous Friends strives to raise 100% of the funds needed to build and maintain the facility through the innovation of celebrity internet.



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