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Dear Family, Friends, and Dream Makers,

Welcome to Galaxy of Dreams, a true celebration of a decade of "Making Dreams Come True"™ with The Fairy Godmother Foundation of New York! This is our tenth Annual Costume Ball & Gala to support our Foundation, which was created to honor Linda Shohatee and improve the quality of life of children, teens, and young adults living with complex medical, physical, mental health, and developmental needs. Since our founding, we have been able to make over 400 Dreams Come True, thanks in large part to your support and the dedication of our volunteer Board of Directors.

We are so very appreciative of each and every individual, foundation, and organization that has made our Dream Program possible through donations and in-kind support. Evenings like these mean the world for an organization like ours, so thank you for being here and supporting us! For those looking to make even more of a direct impact, we welcome you to fund a Dream by visiting our Dream Board!

Many of our Dream recipients have cancer, have undergone or await solid organ transplants, or live with complex medical, behavioral, or developmental needs.



Recent Dream experiences brought to life by your generosity included Jonas Brothers concert tickets, a trip to meet the cast of the TV show Supernatural, aquarium and zoo memberships, Broadway getaways, gaming computers and Playstations, and so much more!

This year, we celebrate two outstanding individuals, Ron & Katie Capitulo, who founded this organization in 2017 and have supported its mission every day since.

Thanks to the social workers, nurses, physicians, child life specialists, teachers, and other professionals who have made Dream referrals; and special thanks to our wonderful volunteer Board of Directors for giving their time, talents, and financial support in bringing the Fairy Godmother Foundation of New York to life.

We are forever grateful to everyone for joining us on this amazing journey of "Making Dreams Come True."™

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INTRODUCTION *Presented by MC Keith Price*

DANCING DREAMS PERFORMANCE *Sponsored by OceanFirst Bank. Presented by Joann Ferrara, Dancing Dreams Director & 2019 Fairy Godmother Foundation Honoree*

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2026 DREAM AWARDS

HONOREE PRESENTATION
Ron & Katie Capitulo

DINNER & DANCING 9PM

PERFORMANCE *Featuring Sara Lily*

LIVE DJ *Sponsored by The Society of Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses – Marcel Kaganovskaya DNP, PMHNP, FNP, Executive Director*

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LINDA'S STORY



The Fairy Godmother Foundation of New York, Inc. was created to honor the legacy of an extraordinary young woman, Linda Shohatee (1997-2016). Linda spent more than half of her life in hospitals and despite the obstacles she faced, her story is one of strength and tenacity. Linda saw herself as a "survivor" and was relentless in her determination to live life to its fullest.

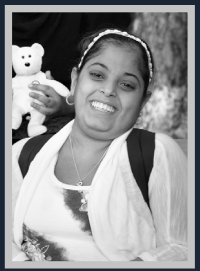
The Fairy Godmother Foundation of New York is committed to replicating the kindness and generosity that Linda experienced during her lifetime by granting manageable, meaningful experiences to enhance the quality of life of children and young adults living with complex medical needs.

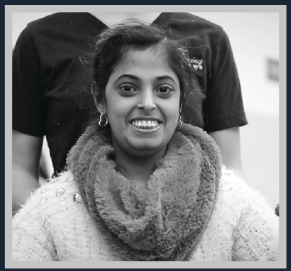
Linda loved Broadway; she performed with Dancing Dreams, dancing at Lincoln Center in the "Nutcracker in a Nutshell." She was a fan of Katy Perry, who visited and sang with Linda at NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital (CHONY), when she was hospitalized with a serious illness. Linda made many big trips in her lifetime. She loved going to Camp Sunshine in Maine, where she sang in the Talent Show with her Camp friends. Thanks to the Marty Lyons Foundation, Linda was granted a "wish" trip to Disney World. Linda had a great sense of humor; she was direct and had no hesitation sharing her opinions.

Linda even co-authored an article in a professional nursing journal! A fashionista, Linda loved Christie & Co. Salon in Bayside and everyone there. She had several families: her family of birth, her healthcare families at Mount Sinai, CHONY, and St. Mary's, her school family at Marathon High School, and the Capitulo Family, who met Linda when she was two years old. Ultimately, Katie Capitulo became Linda's very own "Fairy Godmother." Although Linda's life was full of challenges and far too brief, it truly was "Linda's Happy Life."









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We would like to recognize the many honorees that have received Dream Awards at our galas these last ten years – each of whom continues to Make Dreams Come True!

PERFORMERS



DANCING DREAMS

Dancing Dreams is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides dance classes and performance opportunities for children ages 3-21 with medical or physical challenges, enhances leadership skills and self-esteem of teens ages 13-18, and provides community outreach and education in the area of disability awareness and tolerance. Dancing Dreams has performed at all of the Fairy Godmother Foundation Costume Galas and was founded by Joann Ferrara, RPT, who received the 2019 Dream Maker Award from the Foundation. Visit www.dancingdreams.org to learn more.

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Dance for Every Child

PERFORMERS



KEITH PRICE

From red carpets to recording studios and everywhere in between, Comedian, Actor, Writer, radio personality, Keith Price is on it! Keith Price is a dynamic and diverse comic energy who brings every aspect of himself to the stage for the purpose of laughter and understanding. He was the first out, African-American personality on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. He produces and performs in comedy shows in and outside of New York City. He also is the host and executive producer of his own podcast, *Keith Price's Curtain Call* available on Broadway World, iTunes, Google Play Music, as well as, *MOCHAA with Bobby Rivers*. Being the first generation American son of Honduran immigrants, growing up gay in Texas, and seeking comedic glory in NYC is enough for any sitcom. His first one man show, *EBONY CHUNKY LOVE*, is the subject of an award winning documentary of the same name.

PERFORMERS



SARA LILY

Sara Lily is a California-born, New York-based actor, singer, dancer, and all-around storyteller with a flair for finding the heart (and humor) in every role. She caught the performance bug at age four, putting on puppet shows for family and friends, and never looked back.

She earned her B.A. in Dramatic Arts and Communication from the University of California, Davis, then moved to New York to train at Circle in the Square Theatre School, graduating from their Professional Musical Theatre Program in 2018. Since then, she's been living the dream (and the hustle) performing, auditioning, teaching, and taste-testing every gluten-free bagel in Manhattan. Favorite credits include *Spring Awakening* (Wendla u/s, directed by Broadway's Stafford Arima), Violet (title role in an upcoming short film), and Marian in *The Music Man*.

HONOREES



RON & KATIE CAPITULO

Katie & Ron Capitulo founded the Fairy Godmother Foundation of New York, Inc.® in 2017. Married for 53 years, they have both had illustrious careers in healthcare. They met Linda Shohatee, the inspiration for the Foundation, in 2000 – after their daughter Melissa took care of Linda on a Transplant Unit while working as a Child Life Assistant during her summer break from nursing school. During the latter part of her life, Linda spent nearly every weekend, holiday, and vacation with the Capitulo family, along with their children Valerie & Dana, Melissa, and Andrew & Samantha; and their grandchildren Collin, Fiona, and Liam. Linda was a constant companion, presence, and part of the family for major life events – at celebrations, births, and weddings.

Nearly ten years ago, moved by the life of Linda Shohatee, Katie and Ron transformed the simple idea of "making dreams come true" into a thriving foundation that has supported more than 400 children and young adults living with complex medical needs. Collaborating with a group of close friends and colleagues who became the founding Board of Directors, the Fairy Godmother Foundation of New York, Inc.® was born. Their vision, heart, and unwavering dedication continue to shape the Foundation's mission and inspire those who tend to it.

Dr. Katie Capitulo is an internationally recognized hospital nurse executive, educator, researcher, professor, and nonprofit leader whose career has been devoted to advancing compassionate care for vulnerable populations and empowering patients, families, and staff. Katie has served as an Advanced Practice Clinical Nurse Specialist, Director of a major Children's and Women's Hospital in New York City, and Chief Nurse Executive for leading academic medical centers in New York. She has also served on the boards of local, national, and international nursing associations and nonprofits, including the American Red Cross, NYONEL, AWHONN, and WCET™ and sits on the editorial boards of major nursing and interprofessional journals. She is the President of the Foundation's Board, Chair of its Dream Committee, and the pro-bono Executive Director... but most importantly, Katie was Linda's Fairy Godmother.

Ron Capitulo, a healthcare professional, worked as a laboratory scientist in New York City hospitals and as a volunteer director of a Home Care Program. Ron also built successful subsequent careers as a Realtor and Financial Tax Adviser. For nearly a decade, Ron has served as the pro-bono bookkeeper for the Foundation, working with the Queens College non-profit MBA program and faculty to set up the Foundation's accounting system. His leadership, generosity, and hands-on involvement have helped build a strong network of donors who share in his commitment to giving children with complex medical needs opportunities for hope and joy through unforgettable experiences. Katie & Ron's devotion to the Foundation continues to elevate its mission with compassion, dignity, and love.

NOTE FROM A DREAM PARENT

I really don't know where to start, but to say thank you. A had the most incredible weekend she has ever had. She met everybody that she was hoping to meet, was treated like a princess, got photos and autographs that she wanted, and got a couple of extra special hugs from extra special people. She also made some amazing friends along the way.

After one of the photo ops, she looked at it, and said, "Look Mom, it's a real smile on my face. I haven't smiled like that in four years." That means everything. For 3 days she didn't have to worry about doctors or treatment. She could escape as much as her body would let her. I could never thank you enough for this gift. It's a gift that will continue giving as she now has these memories to look back on when times are extremely dark. She's still on cloud 9. Even her doctor today was so happy to see how happy she was.

So, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You truly made her dream come true, and I couldn't be more grateful.

Thank you,
A & Mom

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The Fairy Godmother Foundation has granted over 40 Dreams to date in 2026, and over 400 since our founding in 2017. These are just some of the many Dreams you've helped us grant for children and young adults with complex medical needs – including those with cancer, blood disorders, solid organ transplants, neurological disorders, and muscular dystrophy.

YOU CAN HELP US MAKE MORE DREAMS COME TRUE TONIGHT BY DONATING AT OUR DREAM BOARD!

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MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

On the following pages, we'd like to share a three notes of remembrance from mothers in the Fairy Godmother Foundation community... In doing so, we also want to honor all of our Dream recipients who have died, and thank their families for making memories with us.

MARLI JEAN GELFAND



"A few weeks before Marli passed, I walked out of our hospital room to get a cup of coffee. Standing close by, I overheard a doctor talking to another mom. She was saying how the little girl was having a hard time and maybe she should talk to someone. When I came back in the room, I shared what I heard with Marli. Her immediate response, "Maybe I can talk to her."

I was moved to tears and said, "Let's figure this out."

We decided to write her a letter. Marli dictated some information about herself, how she understands how hard it can be in the hospital, and listed some ways she copes. Her nurse delivered the letter for her. Later that day, the child life specialist came to Marli to let her know she made the little girl's day! Marli helped that little girl feel less alone, there was another 7 year old girl with siblings at home in the hospital like her.

Marli received a letter back and continued to write letters over the next few days. She also assured the girl she didn't have to write back if she wasn't feeling well.

This is my Marli. Our Marli. She was pure magic."

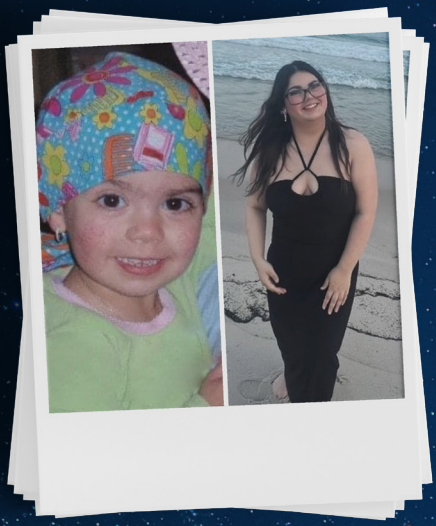
VIVIANE SCAROLA



“Viviane was born in Haiti and joined our family at two years old. From the very beginning, she was bold, spirited, curious, and eager to discover all that life had to offer. She grew up experiencing the unkindness that can come when someone is seen as different, and learned early to navigate a world that did not always treat her as she deserved. Through those experiences, and with the love of her family and friends, Viviane developed a remarkable strength, a strong sense of self, and a deep understanding of the world around her.

When she later faced cancer, she brought that same courage and strength to an unimaginable journey, while still holding on to her friendships, her joy, and the simple pleasures of being young. Through it all, she still wanted what every child wants: to be a kid, to laugh, to have fun, and to spend time doing ordinary kid things with her friends. Viviane was an athlete, a singer, an artist, a violin player, a dancer, a makeup enthusiast, an animal lover, a performer, a piano player, a music fan, and an adventure-seeker. She was also a cherished daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend. Her life was far too short, but she lived it with an authenticity and enthusiasm that were uniquely hers. The love she gave, the people she touched, and the way she made us see the world will stay with us forever.”

MAKAYLA ANN MARGULIES



“Makayla was a true fighter from the very beginning. At just 2 years old, she faced a battle with cancer that required a liver transplant and lung resection. After enduring so much at such a young age, she went into remission for 15 beautiful years. Then, at 18, in January 2025, Makayla was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma of her right ribs. She bravely faced aggressive chemotherapy, surgery to remove her ribs, and reconstruction of her rib cage. Through it all, she continued to fight with incredible strength and courage, but ultimately, the toll of treatment was just too much. On May 2, 2026, Makayla’s battle came to an end, but her spirit will live on forever.

Makayla was so much more than her cancer. She was full of life, always positive, strong, and full of sass! You would never know how much she was going through because she never let her illness define her. She loved spending time with her boyfriend, friends, and family, making memories and enjoying life to the fullest. Her beautiful smile, feisty personality, and the light she brought into every room will never be forgotten. Makayla may have lost her battle with cancer, but cancer never took away her spirit, her strength, or the love she gave so freely. She will forever be remembered as the brave, beautiful, strong-willed girl who fought harder than anyone could imagine and lived with a heart full of love. Forever 19, forever loved, and forever in our hearts.**”**

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