

Angela's Lifetime Dream Comes True Lifestories, Poems & Essays

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Dear Ms. Hansen,

Words alone cannot express my delight and gratitude. Your wonderful organization, And particularly your angel, Wish Director Anna Nelson, together have made my dream come true. As you know, my dream was to have my lifestories, poems and essays compiled into a book, which will become my legacy to my family and friends.

It's really amazing reading familiar words in the format of a book gives them new Meaning! I have spent several happy hours reading this beautifully printed, glossy-Pink-covered (for breast cancer) book, as if it were someone else's work! I am so impressed with the quality of the printing and I hope you will thank Dimi Press for me. But most of all, I thank you and Anna for choosing my dream, for taking my dream seriously, for thinking yes, I was reaching for the stars, but attainable ones, and For not giving up. I would have understood completely.

I don't know. Since my diagnosis of Stage IV breast cancer, I have been impressed with the qualities of openheartedness and love in those who work with us, either as healthcare providers or in organizations founded just for us. These qualities cannot be bottled and stored, which is a good thing! Instead, these qualities take the form of wonderful foundations such as yours, and which shake up our notions of life on this One-way journey. For me, your generosity and kindness have lightened my path and made it possible for me to really smile and feel again that surge of adrenaline. Ambition and LIFE that heretofore had receded into the past. Bless you, and thank you.

Sincerely,

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