

About **Let There Be Mom**

When, How and Why we started...

*In October of 2006, the idea was first conceived and after several months of research and questions **Let There Be Mom** was registered with the state of SC (January 2007). In April of 2007, **LTBM** was granted 501(c)(3) status, officially becoming a tax exempt non-profit organization. The first mom was served in August of 2007.*

*The founder of **LTBM** did not have any personal experience with losing a mom or dad, nor did she have any close friends that had passed leaving young children behind. She can look back over her lifetime, however, and recognize certain seeds that were planted that have now grown into **Let There Be Mom**. She credits the idea and timing of this endeavor to God's plan.*

What we do...

***Let There Be Mom** focuses on bringing peace to the hearts of moms & dads who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. We do this by working with the mom to provide tangible ways to express their love, hopes, and dreams to their children. These memories give the children something to embrace and to share with generations to come. (LTBM is NOT a wish granting organization).*

Criteria the family needs to meet for our services...

Any mom who is diagnosed with, or whose child's father is diagnosed with, a life threatening illness and has at least one child, under the age of 18, living at home, qualifies for our services.

Resources devoted to a family...

***Let There Be Mom** is still in the early stages of serving families. At this time, we have set a monetary limit of \$3000 per family and anticipate spending approximately 3 months with each family. It is necessary to set limits so that we can serve other families in need.*

The process...

*Once a mom submits an application for services, two **LTBM** volunteers are assigned to be her Team Leaders. These volunteers contact her and set up an initial meeting. At that meeting, the team completes a questionnaire with the mom that is designed to get to know her (or her child's father) and to develop a legacy that is fitting for the ailing parent.*

After brainstorming and developing a plan, the Team Leaders add more team members, if necessary, and begin working on the legacy, as well as coordinating meal and errand teams. Team Leaders will maintain regular contact with their assigned mom throughout the process.

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How we get our funding...

We are a non-profit organization with, 501(c)(3) status. The majority of our funds come from our signature fund raiser Dine Out for Mom (local restaurants participate by donating a portion of their sales from one specific day to LTBM). Other sources include grants from foundations, individual donors, memorial funds, and other organizations/businesses holding fund raising events on behalf of LTBM.

How far do our services reach...

We are currently servicing families in the Upstate of SC. Any family within a reasonable driving distance of a willing volunteer (approximately 60 miles) that meets our criteria will be served.

Why “mom”...

***Let There Be Mom** decided to focus on moms because they are generally the emotional thinkers. Even if it is the dad’s legacy we are working on, mom plays a BIG role in guiding him.*

How you can help...

Please visit our website for updates on our needs, volunteer applications, fund raising events, and donation procedures.