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DAY OF DINING HELPS RESILIENT YOUNG WOMAN FIGHTING FOR WHEELCHAIR VAN
Enjoy a Day of Deliciousness on October 1 for a Good Cause

FRESNO, Calif.—On Tuesday, October 1, enjoy a Day of Dining fundraising event at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse (715 E Shaw Avenue) for a very unique cause: proceeds will help a resilient accident survivor to purchase a wheelchair accessible van so that she can support herself and her community. Participate by presenting this flyer: <http://bit.ly/DayofDining> and 20% of your food and soft beverage purchases will help Sofia Carpenter with her quest for mobility.

When Sofia was five, a car accident killed her mother and unborn baby brother and left her paralyzed from the mid-chest down. Sofia entered foster care, learning and growing despite the daily challenges posed by her paralysis. "My foster mom taught me to always believe I can be independent, achieve my dreams, and not let anything stop me," Sofia said.

Now 30, Sofia is closer than ever to her dream of independence and community re-connection. She has an associate's degree in social work that will help her to widen her future prospects and her capacity to support herself. But there is one big piece missing: a wheelchair accessible van, which insurance refuses to cover. Sofia fundraises with the nonprofit Help Hope Live at <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/14738/> She has passed \$5,500 raised toward her \$45,000 goal. "I'm overjoyed with gratitude," Sofia wrote on her fundraising page.

Help Sofia to reach her dreams by bringing this flyer to BJ's between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1: <http://bit.ly/DayofDining>

If you can't participate, make a donation in honor of Sofia Carpenter at any time at <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/14738/> or by calling 800.642.8399. Donations are tax deductible to extent allowed by law, and all donations will offset medical and related costs via Help Hope Live's Southwest Catastrophic Injury Fund.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$135 million to pay patient expenses. ###