

Take the time to name those people who helped you get to where you are today. Just use the prompts on the following page — about the family, friends, influences, places, work colleagues and other sources of inspiration that made your life possible — to help you fill in your dream team on the blank page.

## Who is Your Dream Team?

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**Friends:**

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**Mentors:**

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**Places:**

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**Work:**

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**Behind the Scenes:**

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**Anyone Else:**

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**Your Family: Parents, Grandparents....** Let's start with the obvious. You wouldn't physically be here if it weren't for your parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and so on. So name as many of the relatives from which you are a direct descendent as you can.

**Ancestors** Ok, we know that not everyone can go that far back. So as a placeholder, why don't you include the names of any country from which you have known ancestors. **Relatives** There may be other members of your family – siblings, children, aunts or uncles, cousins – who have played an important role in helping you become the person you are. Name them here. **Your Partner or Spouse**

And of course, there are our spouses or partners who support our efforts in countless ways. If you have a special someone who has helped you become the person you are, name them here. **Your Friends: Childhood** Who we grow up with can often shape who we become. Name any friends (that you met before you were 18 years old) who left a mark on your life. **Young Adulthood** Whether it's college, the military, or your first job, our friends during those first years when you leave home often help you become the person you are. Name any friends that you met when you were between the ages of 18 and 30, that had an impact on you. **Adulthood** There are other friends we meet a little later in life, maybe after we change jobs or move to a new town. They seem to come along at the perfect time providing inspiration or help during difficult times. Through their actions, they helped you in a meaningful way. Add their names now.

**Your Influences: Mentors & Advisors** Through their words and actions, mentors and advisors help steer us in the right direction. Name anyone who has given you important advice or taken you under their wing. **Teachers** Similarly, teachers or professors can play a critical role in helping us find our way. Name any teacher or professor - at any level - who changed your life for the better. **Coaches & Instructors** Coaches and instructors also play a role in helping us develop the habits and skills that become invaluable throughout our lives. What coaches or instructors taught you invaluable lessons – either on the field or in life? **Caregivers** Good physical and mental health is often a key contributor to leading a happy life. Name any doctors, nurses or other caregivers whose care made a major difference in your life. **Spiritual** For many, a spiritual leader is instrumental in instilling values or providing guidance throughout life. Name anyone from your church, religion, or spiritual life that has helped you along your journey. **Places: Schools** Sometimes it's not any one person but an entire place that provides you with a chance to change your life. Let's start with schools. Include the name of any school or college you went to, if you believe they were a net positive for helping you become the person you are. **That Made an Impact** Where we spend our time exposes us to different experiences that shape us. Name any place where the people there impacted where you are in life today - it could be place you lived, worked, regularly visited, vacationed, or prayed. **Work: Connections** It's common to get a little help in your career. Name anyone who has ever made a connection, given a reference, helped you get a job or take advantage of a business opportunity that improved your career in a meaningful way. **Colleagues** There may have been other people in your work who have been instrumental in your career. They could be a boss, client, agent, associate, someone who worked beside you or that you supervised. Name anyone who made a real difference in your work along the way. **Capital** Money obviously matters. Name anyone who ever given you a loan, paid a debt, or provided important financial advice to either help you invest in your dreams or get through a difficult time. **Behind the Scenes: Inspiration** Sometimes people we never meet have a profound impact on our lives. Their lives and work inspire us. They could be writers, musicians, performers, leaders, athletes, humanitarians, or just an all-around awesome person. They could be someone famous or less well-known, but include them here if they have left a mark on your life. **Organizations & Programs** Other times, people we never meet started something that years later would help us move up in life. It could be a community organization, public program or business innovation. Here is a short list of the many possible things that may have helped you along the way. Cut and paste any of the names below into the box below or add your own: The Assembly Line (Henry Ford) Big Brothers Big Sisters (Ernest Kent Coulter) Boy Scouts (Robert Baden-Powell) Food Stamps (Henry Wallace) Girls Scouts (Juliette Gordon Low) Head Start (Jule Sugarman) Internet (Tim Berners-Lee) Interstate Highway System (E. J. Mehren) Personal Computer (Steve Wozniak) Pell Grants (Claiborne Pell) Public television (Hartford N. Gunn Jr.) Small business loan (Dwight Eisenhower) Unemployment benefits/Social Security (Frances Perkins) YMCA (George Williams) YWCA (Emma Roberts and Mary Jane Kinnaird)

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