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SBA Applauds Dreamers Coffee's Efforts to Improve the Lives of Those Living with Disabilities

Dreamers Coffee encourages the employment of individuals living with disabilities and partners with Spina Bifida Association through October 25th

Arlington, Virginia – Dreamers Coffee was founded in 2015 by Diane Grover who has a daughter, MaryEllen, who has Down Syndrome. Disheartened by the statistic that only 17% of individuals with a disability are hired in the workplace, she realized she had a lot of work to do before her daughter was old enough to hold a job.

Working with Memphis, TN based J. Brooks Premium Coffee Roasters, Diane designed her own specialty coffee blend that she could sell to raise awareness about this issue. She has also made a commitment to employ individuals of all abilities, and she calls her representatives Dreamers.

Beginning July 2016 and running through **October 25th**, World Spina Bifida Day, Dreamers Coffee will be donating a portion of the proceeds from various gift baskets to the [Spina Bifida Association \(SBA\)](#).

Orders can be placed through the website www.dreamersgivesback.com or customers can visit the online store of the Dreamer closest to them by visiting www.dreamersmerchants.com.

One particular Dreamer named Mary Grace Williams inspired this partnership with the Spina Bifida Association (SBA). Mary Grace was born in 1985 with the birth defect. She has had many medical complications and surgeries and uses a wheelchair to ambulate, but she never let that slow her down. Blessed with unwavering optimism and determination, she's a self-professed people person who is living her life the way she chooses.

“So many times I have watched from the sidelines as others have achieved their goals and dreams,” Mary Grace said. “My Dreamers Coffee store is something I can do independently, and I’m excited about getting to know my customers and networking with my contacts both locally and far away.”

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The Spina Bifida Association (SBA) serves adults and children who live with the challenges of Spina Bifida. Since 1973, SBA has been the only national voluntary health agency solely dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with Spina Bifida and those whose lives are touched by this challenging birth defect. Its tools are education, advocacy, research, and service. Through its network of Chapters SBA has a presence in more than 125 communities nationwide and touches thousands of people each year. Lives are changed by the programs SBA has created, the services provided, and the results of our advocacy efforts.

For more information about SBA visit spinabifidaassociation.org.