

# Steven Spielberg Contributes £25,000 to Van Der Beek's Fundraiser

## Description

Steven Spielberg and his wife, Kate Capshaw, have contributed to James Van Der Beek's GoFundMe page, aiming to support the actor's family following his death. The Oscar-winning director donated \$25,000 to help Van Der Beek's wife, Kimberly, and their six children. The GoFundMe account has been set up by close friends to assist the family, stating they are financially strained due to medical expenses.

James Van Der Beek, aged 48, passed away on Wednesday morning after battling colorectal cancer. He had revealed his diagnosis in November 2024, explaining that he had been dealing with it privately since August 2023.

By Thursday at 3 p.m. PT, the campaign had raised over \$1.8 million, surpassing its \$1.5 million target. Initially, the goal was set at \$550,000. As donations increased rapidly, organisers raised the target multiple times, and the page surpassed \$1 million within a day of its creation.

Although Spielberg and Van Der Beek never collaborated on projects, the actor's character in *Dawson's Creek* admired Spielberg, with movie posters in the character's bedroom. Last year, Spielberg delighted fans with a video message during a reunion of the series.

Notable figures, including director Jon M. Chu, who donated \$10,000, and Oscar-winner Zoe Saldana, who contributed \$2,500 monthly, have also supported the GoFundMe.

The page highlights Kimberly and the children facing an uncertain future due to the financial strain from medical bills. It urges community support to help them maintain stability during this challenging time.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **contributed** /kən'trɪb.ju.tɪd/ (verb): Gave or supplied in order to help achieve something.
2. **financially** /fai'næn.sɪ.lɪ/ (adverb): In a manner relating to finance or money.
3. **support** /sə'pɔ:rt/ (noun): Assistance or help given to someone.
4. **uncertain** /ʌn'sɜ:r.tən/ (adjective): Not sure or having doubts about something.
5. **diagnosis** /,daɪ.əg'nəʊ.sɪs/ (noun): The identification of the nature of an illness or problem.
6. **campaign** /kæm'peɪn/ (noun): A planned set of activities aimed at achieving a particular goal.

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is a coordinated series of activities to achieve a specific goal?

- Option: Assailant
- Option: Campaign
- Option: Challenging
- Option: Debut

2. Which term describes something involving a new way of doing or thinking about something?

- Option: Gratitude
- Option: Experimental
- Option: Headliner
- Option: Incident

3. Nostalgia is a sentimental longing or wistful affection for what?

- Option: Franchise
- Option: Nostalgia
- Option: Ovation
- Option: Collaboration

4. What are physical harm or damage to someone's body?

- Option: Aggression
- Option: Daredevil
- Option: Injuries
- Option: Tapestry

5. Which term best describes a state of great disturbance confusion or uncertainty?

- Option: Aggression
- Option: Turmoil
- Option: Unvarnished
- Option: Motivation

6. What type of film or television show provides a factual report on a certain topic?

- Option: Documentary
- Option: Gratitude
- Option: Restrictions
- Option: Incident

7. What is the identification of the nature of an illness or other problem?

- Option: Diagnosis
- Option: Ovation
- Option: Assailant



Option: Headliner

8. What is the quality of being thankful or showing appreciation?

Option: Experimental

Option: Gratitude

Option: Collaboration

Option: Motive

9. Who is a person who physically attacks another person?

Option: Campaign

Option: Assailant

Option: Aggression

Option: Debut

10. What are limitations placed on someone or something?

Option: Nostalgia

Option: Headliner

Option: Debut

Option: Restrictions

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The outcome of the match was \_\_\_\_\_ as both teams were evenly matched.

12. The detectives tried to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the crime.

13. The police are currently \_\_\_\_\_ the incident that took place last night.

14. The young singer made her \_\_\_\_\_ performance at the talent show.

15. The actor received a standing \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of his powerful performance.

16. The famous band was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the music festival.

17. The magician's performance was so \_\_\_\_\_ that the audience was left in awe.

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two artists resulted in a stunning piece of art.

19. The novel weaves a rich \_\_\_\_\_ of historical events and personal stories.

20. The difficult puzzle proved to be a \_\_\_\_\_ test of the player's skills.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The reporter gave an account of the situation without any embellishments.
22. The stunt performer amazed the crowd with his risky acts.
23. The coach warned the players against showing unnecessary on the field.
24. The popular fast-food chain expanded its to new locations.
25. Watching old cartoons brought back a sense of for the good old days.
26. The security team quickly responded to the that occurred in the stadium.
27. The detective agency was now the mysterious disappearance of the valuable painting.
28. The victim identified the as the person who attacked him in the parking lot.
29. Understanding the behind the crime was crucial for solving the case.
30. The company faced internal due to conflicting leadership decisions.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Campaign 2. Experimental 3. Nostalgia 4. Injuries 5. Turmoil 6. Documentary 7. Diagnosis 8. Gratitude 9. Assailant 10. Restrictions

**Gap-Fill:** 11. uncertain 12. motive 13. investigating 14. debut 15. ovation 16. headliner 17. electrifying 18. collaboration 19. tapestry 20. challenging

**Matching sentence:** 1. unvarnished 2. daredevil 3. aggression 4. franchise 5. nostalgia 6. incident 7. investigating 8. assailant 9. motive 10. turmoil

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