



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Shining Moments - Fall 2021

Greetings!

"This land will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." Truer words were never spoken. While we do honor veterans year round at Twilight Wish, we always pause on Veterans Day to remember and thank those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, all who served our country in times of war and peace and all those who continue to serve. From all of us at Twilight Wish, to our veterans, thank you for your service and our freedoms.



I'm happy to announce two staffing updates here at headquarters. First, Donna DeQuila, who had been Director of Finance & Administration since 2019, has moved into a new role as Director of Business Development. And, we are excited to welcome Ellen Argudo who has joined Twilight Wish as the new Director of Finance. Sadly, we are once again in the search for a new Executive Director. For family reasons, Brant Lingle could no longer serve as a full time Executive Director. We wish Brant and his family well.

I am also excited to share with you all that our annual Week of Wishes (WOW) event is once again slated to happen in 2022. Sadly, COVID forced us to cancel it for both 2020 and 2021. As you may remember, WOW coincides with National Skilled Nursing Care Week which will be from May 8-15th in 2022. Stay tuned as we share updates in the months leading up to WOW!

Hope you all enjoy the upcoming holidays with your loved ones!

Best wishes,

Cass Forkin

Founder & Chairwoman of the Board

Gloria receives the gift of sight, thanks to local Lions Club

We often collaborate with other organizations to grant wishes, but our recent collaboration with the Mattoon Lions Club left us speechless. Not only did they offer to help us with Gloria's wish for eSight glasses, but they covered the full cost of the glasses which was over \$4,000! Gloria, 79, has been losing her sight to macular degeneration for a long time. Without an assistive device, she has a visual acuity of 20/400 in both eyes. Now, with her new eSight glasses, she can read the eye chart at a 20/40 level. Gloria is so grateful to for this incredible gift! To read about her wish in the Mattoon Journal Gazette, [click here](#).



We need your help to grant this wish!

We just received this very sweet wish that we would love to grant! Many of the residents at Palm Garden Nursing Home enjoy spending time reading the Bible. They do not allow the residents to share them, so each Bible is like a



gift. They get to keep them in their rooms and use them daily. Many of the Bibles that Palm Garden currently has are small print which is difficult for the seniors to read. Their wish is for 95 large print Bibles so that each resident has their own. Please help us grant this simple wish. We need to raise \$600 to make it come true! [Donate today!](#)

Phillip has wish for keyboard granted!

Our Westmoreland County chapter recently surprised Phillip by granting his wish for a keyboard. Phillip, 90, has been blind since birth and is recently widowed. He enjoys participating in "music night" in the community room of his apartment building with his neighbors. Although he enjoys playing the guitar and singing, he really wanted a keyboard so he could share even more of his musical talents with his neighbors and friends. Volunteers from the Westmoreland County chapter surprised him with a new electric keyboard and accessories!



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