



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Shining Moments - Spring 2021

Greetings!

Twilight Wish has granted almost 4,000 Twilight Wishes since 2003. During the course of granting these wishes, people would often ask me as the founder of Twilight Wish, "what is *your* wish?"

My heartfelt wish was to have the funds to hire a full-time executive director. I saw this as the next step to allow us to expand Twilight Wish chapters and celebrate tens of thousands more senior wishes across our great country as we grow exponentially.



My wish just came true!

A donor angel wrote me our world did not do enough to honor and care for those who are aging. He said he was glad I had founded Twilight Wish so he could make a difference for seniors. He left Twilight Wish his legacy and we began the Executive Director search in early January. The Board of Directors held a three month intense search including multiple interviews of qualified applicants.

We are pleased to present our new Twilight Wish Executive Director, Brant Lingle, who is joining the Twilight Wish headquarters staff in Jamison, PA. Brant has decades of experience in fundraising, nonprofit management and administration. Brant will be instrumental in the growth of our awareness, volunteers, chapters and fundraising as we grant many more Twilight Wishes. Brant can be reached at Brant@TwilightWish.org or 215*230*8777 ext. 101 or his cell at 267*254*1133. You can read more about Brant under our "About" on our website at www.TwilightWish.org.

Experiencing my heartfelt wish come true served to remind me how important the truly wonderful things we are doing by granting Twilight Wishes are in making older Americans feel loved, remembered, valued and thanked every day. As Founder and Vice Chairman, please join me and the Twilight Wish Board Directors and Staff in welcoming Brant Lingle so we can grow our good works exponentially. We wish Brant all the success in the world waving the wish granting wand in service to seniors as the Executive Director of Twilight Wish Foundation, Inc.

Best wishes,

Cass Forkin

Founder/Vice Chair/CVO

Much needed wish granted for Rosemarie

Our Allegheny County chapter certainly brightened Rosemarie's day by granting her simple, but much needed wish last month. Rosemarie, who had just turned 95, still lives on her own and relies on her scooter to get around. She sleeps in a twin-sized hospital bed and has been using old full size sheets on it. Because she lives on a fixed income, she couldn't afford to buy new bedding or a battery for her scooter. Luckily, our dedicated chapter volunteers stepped in and granted her wish! To see this wish granting in action, [click here](#) to watch KDKA coverage of it!



Another lift chair wish granted!

If you think it seems like we grant a lot of wishes for lift chairs, you would be right. Medicare only covers the cost of the mechanism that lifts the chair, not the chair itself. Many seniors who live on a fixed low income cannot afford the cost even though lift chairs are an absolute necessity for them. John's wish for a lift chair was just granted by our Westmoreland County chapter, thanks to the ongoing generosity of Blackburn's Medical Equipment. John is a Vietnam veteran who lives on his own. According to his home health aide who nominated him, he has difficulty standing up from his rocking chair and couch. John has been falling often and had to call EMS to help. Having a lift chair will allow him to continue to live on his own independently.



Celebrating our biggest wish ever...ten years later!

Truck Driving Mama Wish Anniversary Celebration!

Join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our biggest wish to date, the "Truck Driving Mama" wish! In June 2011, we granted Margarett's wish to ride in a big rig cross country. Margarett, who was 82 at the time, rode shotgun as our volunteer truck driver, Annabella Wood, drove her from Pennsylvania cross-country to California and then to Florida. If you're in the Vero Beach area, please stop by our celebration on Monday, June 21st. We will be at the TA Truck Stop - 8909 20th Street in Vero Beach from noon to 2 p.m. Stop by to celebrate with us - there will be complimentary barbecue, food, beverages, give-a-ways and an Elvis impersonator will be performing. Join us as we celebrate and meet our wish recipient, Margarett, now 92, Annabella Wood - the volunteer truck driving mama, Women in Trucking, Twilight Wish, TA TravelCenters of America and more. Come have fun!



Donate today!

With your help, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of low-income seniors across the U.S.
To donate online, [click here](http://www.twilightwish.org).

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