

Shining Moments - Summer 2021

Greetings!

I had the great pleasure to attend my first wish granting this summer - and it was a big one! Eighty eight residents of Greenleaf Nursing & Rehab here in Doylestown had their wishes for really simple wishes granted. Stuffed bears, new sneakers, perfume and a window bird feeder were just a few of the wish requests that we fulfilled. The gratitude and joy of the residents was really something to see firsthand. My most significant Twilight Wish moment was the joy and surprise of each resident when they received our signature "Certificate of Appreciation". With a smile of wonderment they would reply, "What did I do to receive this certificate". We would share with them they deserve appreciation for all the good, joy and love they have given in their lives. What a WOW moment!



Wishes like this wouldn't be possible without our supporters and

donors, so we thank you for your generosity and support. When you give to Twilight Wish, you are helping to relieve isolation and bring joy to seniors in need. Below are a few of the wishes we have recently granted. If you would like to donate and help us continue honoring our oldest generations, <u>click here.</u>

As we navigate the continually-evolving COVID situation, the well being of our seniors remains our primary focus as we continue to operate following safety protocols to minimize risk and keep them safe. We will continue to be guided by our vision of making our world a nicer place to age, one Twilight Wish at a time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best wishes,

Brant Lingle Executive Director

Cheryl reunites with her sisters for the last time

Thank you to all who donated to help us grant Cheryl's wish to reunite with her four sisters in her hometown in Connecticut. Because of your generosity, her last wish was granted this past week. Cheryl is 72 and in hospice care for end-stage COPD and acute respiratory distress syndrome. Because she requires oxygen 24/7, she needed a portable oxygen unit with a backup battery to meet airline regulations. Because of your generosity, we were able to make this happen. The last time the five sisters were together was over 20 years ago so this was a very special and poignant reunion for all of them as they know it is likely the last time they will all be



together. About her wish, Cheryl said "I feel overwhelmed, loved, grateful, thankful and blessed." WVIT - NBC in Connecticut did a wonderful job capturing their time together - <u>watch it here.</u>

Fran's wish for a wheelchair canopy comes true!



Such a simple, but life-changing wish was recently granted by our Allegheny County chapter for Fran. She lives alone and is confined to a wheelchair. Fran, 77, loves to ride her motorized wheelchair on a nearby trail and enjoys the fresh air, scenery, birds and people along the way. Several times though, she has been caught in the rain while out and gotten soaked before she could get back to her apartment. Nominated by her friends, her wish was for a canopy for her wheelchair. Fran was thrilled to have this wish come true as you can see in the <u>KDKA story</u>. No doubt this will improve her quality of life because as she says in the video, she likes to go out 5-6 times a day! When asked about what having her wish granted means to her, she said "I am so humbled and grateful for this!"

Margaret hits the casino one more time!

Our Westmoreland County chapter just granted Margaret's wish for a trip to the local casino. She is 91 and still lives on her own, but is wheelchair bound. Like most seniors, Margaret has been isolated during the pandemic. During a recent visit with a social worker, she mentioned how she used to enjoy going to the casino with her daughter. Thank you to Live! Casino Pittsburgh for rolling out the red carpet for Margaret and making her day so special. She had a wonderful day! "I just appreciate this trip out so much," said Margaret. "It really means so much to me."



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