



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

## Shining Moments Newsletter ~ Spring 2022

### Hello Donna,

Thank you to all who supported our recent Twilight Wish WOW Moments "Week of Wishes!" it was wonderful to see our chapters granting some really incredible wishes which you may have seen if you follow us on social media.

Here at headquarters, we arranged for a petting zoo to visit a local nursing home and brought the Uptown String Band to another facility, thanks to one of our wonderful volunteers! The week culminated in a celebratory luncheon in Doylestown which would not have been possible without our generous sponsors.

Our past wish recipient in 2015, Twilight Wish Advisory Board Member since 2017, and one of the original Rosie the Riveters from WWII, Mae Krier, was honored with the first annual award named in her honor. The Twilight Wish "Ah-Mae-Zing" Senior Advocate of the Year "Mae Krier Award" was named after Mae for all she has done to advocate for recognition of the millions of women of WWII who contributed to the success of the war and paved the path for women of today. Decades of her work came to fruition as Twilight Wish got involved in 2016 with the creation Mae's Rosie Postcard designed and sponsored by our founder. The Twilight Wish Postcard seen here was mailed to every Senator, Congressman and woman, and two Presidents and Vice Presidents all signed personally by Mae. National Rosie the Riveter Day was declared on March 21, 2017 and Twilight Wish hosted the celebration at the Lincoln Room in the Capital Building in Washington DC.

In addition, the National Congressional Gold Medal for the Rosie the Riveters has been approved and designed by Mae, and, there have been so many more successes. Even today, at 96, Mae flew to the Netherlands to represent the US Rosie the Riveters. Though Mae couldn't be there, founder Cass Forkin presented the award to her at her home and her husband, Bill Belknap, took the photos and videos on our Facebook. The annual award was designed by Cass Forkin and Ruth Anne Wood - Board Members, and, created by Ruth Anne Wood and Susan Anderson. Every year going forward, this award will be presented to a



special "Senior Advocate of the Year." Mae was thrilled to receive the award in her name.

Although a few of our chapters' wishes are highlighted below, there were several more wonderful ones granted including fashion shows at two senior facilities, one in Connecticut and one in Pittsburgh. In addition, our Westmoreland County chapter surprised Melvin and his wife by telling them his wish to travel to Disney and take a photo in front of Cinderella Castle for their 50th anniversary will be granted in June! Stay tuned for this special wish to come! Thank you to all our supporters, volunteers, staff and board members for all they do to make our world a nicer place to age, one wish at a time!

Best wishes,

Peter Stinson  
Executive Director

Cass Forkin  
Founder and Chairwoman



## Selfies with Pope Francis!

The senior residents of the Sisters of Charity enjoyed a spring fling celebration, thanks to our central Connecticut chapter. The sisters enjoyed a nostalgic singalong led by one of the nuns there. They also did a service project for a local soup kitchen and a flower making craft to beautify the sisters' living space. The most popular part of the day was the chance to take "selfies" with a cardboard cutout of Pope Francis!

## A Day at the Beauty Salon

Our Allegheny County chapter recently surprised Brenda by granting her special wish to get her hair done and then travel to Virginia to see her family with her sister and friend. As part of her wish, she wants to pay for the first tank of gas and take them out to lunch when they are in Virginia. They are both so generous to Brenda, but because she lives on a fixed income, she couldn't afford to reciprocate on her own. She was thrilled to be able to return their generosity - and get her hair done! To watch news coverage of her wish, [click here](#).





## "Pawsitively" Adorable Wish Granted!

Our Westmoreland County chapter granted a purrfectly sweet wish to 86-year-old Ruth during Week of Wishes. Ruth lives in a nursing facility and has been very isolated and lonely. When she lived on her own, she had cats to keep her company and she still misses them dearly, keeping their photos on her windowsill. The Westmoreland chapter arranged for Ruth to spend private time with cats at the Caffeinated Cat Cafe in Greensburg. As you can see, she loved it! They also gave Ruth an interactive stuffed cat to keep her company in her nursing facility!

## Thank you to our Week of Wishes sponsors!

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