



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

# Twilight Wish Foundation

Annual Report

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

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## Message from the Founder

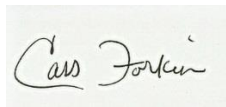
Dear Friends,

For over 19 years, we have been focused on our mission of granting wishes to low-income seniors, granting 4,602 wishes to date. Since our founding in 2003, we have had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of seniors in need across the U.S. and we remain committed to making sure the needs of vulnerable elderly are met.

COVID presented many challenges for us all over the past two and half years. In 2020, we made the decision to focus more on group wishes for basic items that would improve the quality of life of seniors isolated at home in low-income housing communities and in nursing facilities. As the vaccine became more widespread in 2021, we began fulfilling wish requests for seniors living on their own. Currently, we are operating mostly as we had before the pandemic started, even granting larger “living life to the fullest” wishes such as a 104-year old nursing home resident who had her wish to pet a penguin granted in June of 2022 which is featured in our wish stories section here.

While we don’t know what the future will bring, we will continue to keep doing all we can to make our world a nicer place to age, one wish at a time. I thank you all for your support and we look forward to many more years of working with all of you to continue celebrating our seniors and making their dreams come true.

Best wishes,



Cass Forkin  
Founder & Chairman of the Board



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## About Twilight Wish Foundation

### Mission and Vision

The mission of Twilight Wish is to honor and enrich the lives of deserving seniors through wish granting celebrations that connect generations. Our vision is to make the world a nicer place to age, one wish at a time. Through our good works, Twilight Wish is changing the culture of aging in the U.S.

### History

Twilight Wish Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was founded by Cass Forkin on July 1, 2003, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania after a life-changing encounter with several elderly women in a diner. As the women were counting out change to pay for their meal, it became clear to Forkin that they could barely afford even a simple buffet lunch in a diner, so she anonymously paid their bill. They insisted on knowing who treated them and said, "We didn't know there were still people like you out there. We thought you had forgotten us." Those comments and the women's gratefulness for Forkin's simple gesture led to the realization of the genuine need for a national organization that addressed not only simple and basic needs, but also the higher-level needs for an elder's wish of a lifetime.

Twilight Wish granted its very first wish on January 16, 2004, to Margaret Turner, an 81-year-old nursing facility resident. Margaret requested a tombstone for her deceased son who was buried in an unmarked grave. As of June 30, 2021, Twilight Wish had granted over 4,602 individual wishes to deserving elderly throughout the U.S. This equates to nearly one wish granted every other day since our founding in 2003.

### Affiliate Information

National headquarters is located in Bucks County, Pa. This office manages and trains volunteers across the country. Chapters are headed by volunteer regional directors and chapter directors in Alabama, Arizona, New York, Indiana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Colorado, and California. We have seven chapters in Pennsylvania including headquarters, Pittsburgh, New Castle and Erie. Regional directors are responsible for fundraising, wish fulfillment, volunteer management and senior celebration events. All states with chapters have state charitable registrations as appropriate and are covered under national headquarters' 501(c)3 charitable designation.



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## Our Programs

### **Wish Granting Program**

Twilight Wish celebrates seniors and makes dreams come true by granting wishes for recipients over age 65 who do not have the ability to grant their own wishes or are permanent members of a long-term care facility. Wish granting provides a meaningful “thank you” for a lifetime of service to others. Sometimes the wish fulfills an immediate need. Sometimes it fulfills a last wish or a wish of a lifetime. Big or small, all wishes are significant to the recipient as they validate what the senior has specifically done for others over the years.

### **Intergenerational Education Program**

Imagine an intergenerational exchange of knowledge, wisdom and understanding. This is exactly what we set out to accomplish with our Intergenerational Education Program which directly matches local school students with nearby nursing center residents. Students get directly involved with the entire wish-granting process. They learn all about senior citizens and their wishes, raise funds, and grant wishes at a celebratory event. As a result, seniors are validated and respected, and feel an increased sense of dignity and self-esteem. Students gain a respectful understanding of aging and develop compassion and patience in normal day-to-day experiences with seniors. They also learn the value of volunteerism and philanthropy.

### **DUTY Program**

We feel it is our responsibility to honor and respect our elders in their twilight years. That’s why we created our DUTY program. This program is designed to spontaneously thank seniors for all they have done for others by treating them to a meal. How it works: Print out a DUTY card from our website or contact us for preprinted cards. When you dine out and see a senior you would like to treat, simply pay the bill and hand the DUTY card to the server. In turn, the server presents the card to the recipient as a thank you for everything the senior has done for others over the years.

### **Circle of Angels Legacy Society**

Our Circle of Angels Legacy Society allows donors to leave behind a legacy that makes a lasting difference for generations to come and directly benefit those in their twilight years. By designating a percentage of their estate, donors bring hope and joy to economically-disadvantaged seniors through our various programs.

### **Veterans Program**

At Twilight Wish, we feel it is our privilege and duty to help fulfill the wishes of our elderly American veterans. Since our founding in 2003, we have honored more than 950 veterans. In fact, one-third of all the wishes we grant are for veterans. Sometimes a wish fulfills an immediate need. Sometimes it is a last wish or a lifelong dream. Large or small, all wishes provide a meaningful “thank you” to our veterans for their dedication and selfless service to our country.



## Wishes Granted from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

<u>Date Granted</u>	<u>Recipient's Name</u>	<u>Wish Description</u>
07/07/21	William D.	Hearing aids
07/07/21	Lois G.	Hearing aids
08/13/21	Deborah O.	Lift chair
08/17/21	Lisa W.	Hearing aids
08/18/21	Fran K.	Canopy for wheelchair
08/22/21	Margaret S.	Casino trip
09/16/21	Harston Hall residents	Simple needs items
09/29/21	Cheryl M.	Wheelchair batteries
09/29/21	Sharon M.	Hot water heater
09/29/21	Angel D.	New TV
10/01/21	Rita G.	Lift chair
10/01/21	Janet C.	Lift chair
10/03/21	Evelyn C.	Attend Dallas Cowboys game
10/06/21	Mariann M.	New Android tablet
10/07/21	Gloria L.	e-Sight glasses
10/13/21	Charles C.	Lift chair
10/14/21	Lewis B.	Lift chair
10/15/21	Phillip H.	Electric keyboard
10/18/21	Barb B.	Wheelchair ramp and glasses
10/20/21	Elizabeth C.	Wireless headset radio
10/21/21	Judith C.	Car lift for scooter
10/21/21	Richard S.	CD/radio player
10/24/21	Uniontown residents	102 residents have simple needs granted
10/28/21	Ella Mae S.	Coloring books and colored pencils
11/10/21	Christine M.	New mattress
11/21/21	John K.	Vikings vs. Packers game
11/21/21	Stella K.	Vikings vs. Packers game
12/01/21	Kendar B.	Walker
12/06/21	Butler residents	21 residents have simple needs granted
12/14/21	Susan M.	Trip to Gatlinburg
12/16/21	Garden Spring residents	40 residents have simple needs granted
12/16/21	Arthur M.	New mattress & bedding
12/18/21	Ed S.	Have trees trimmed
12/20/21	Palm Garden residents	95 residents received Bibles
12/20/21	Grundy Hall	154 residents receive personal care items
12/20/21	Mary Anne G.	New coat
12/23/21	Lee M.	Shopping spree
01/03/22	Vince W.	Steelers vs. Browns game
01/04/22	Danielle W.	Recumbent exercise bike
01/06/22	Phyllis M.	Trip to the beach



## Wishes Granted (cont'd)

01/11/22	Mary U.	CD/radio player
01/11/22	Raymond S.	CD/radio player
01/11/22	Robert S.	CD/radio player
01/11/22	Robert G.	Nature sound machine
01/11/22	John S.	Android tablet
01/17/22	Rob M.	Record player & records
01/19/22	Rose S.	Lift chair
01/21/22	Susan B.	Adjustable bed
01/26/22	Georgia G.	Lift chair
01/31/22	Arvella B.	Hearing aids
02/01/22	Michael A.	Vacuum cleaner
02/04/22	Grundy Hall	Art supplies
02/05/22	Elizabeth S.	Wheelchair ramps
02/05/22	Adrian R.	See Lion King
02/24/22	Myrtle W.	New clothes
02/24/22	Chris C.	Visit Vatican
02/28/22	Dan S.	Prosthetic eye
03/09/22	Teranell K.	Rollator
03/09/22	James M.	New bed and bedding
03/18/22	Harry K.	Computer and printer
03/22/22	Ann C.	Kitchen table and chairs
04/18/22	Sue M.	Visit family in Wisconsin
04/20/22	Beverlee S.	Hearing aids
04/21/22	Gerald G.	New refrigerator
04/25/22	Joyce M.	New clothes and shoes
04/26/22	Doris M.	New dresser
05/01/22	Larry E.	Gift card for gas to visit family
05/03/22	James W.	New furniture
05/09/22	Neshaminy Manor residents	Mummers perform
05/10/22	Sisters of Charity	Spring fling celebration
05/10/22	Ruth B.	Visit Cat Café
05/11/22	Garden Spring residents	Petting zoo visit
05/11/22	Santo P.	Blood pressure cuff
05/11/22	Paul W.	Hospital bed mattress
05/11/22	Francis D.	Amplified phone
05/11/22	Carson Towers residents	Fashion show
05/12/22	Cleveland A.	New gas stove
05/26/22	Raymond A.	New couch
06/01/22	Bertha K.	Pet a penguin
06/16/22	Judith H.	Go to the movies
06/16/21	Sherry D.	Family beach portrait
06/22/22	Beverly B.	Lift chair



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## Wishes Granted (cont'd)

06/22/22	Beverly B.	Lift chair
06/24/22	The Retreat residents	19 residents treated to spa day
06/28/22	Renee K.	Dinner at Red Lobster with family



## Wish Stories



At 104 years of age, Bertha had one wish: to pet a penguin! When asked why, her reply was “because they are adorable and my favorite animal!” With the help of Mystic Aquarium and their traveling penguin exhibit, our Central Connecticut granted Bertha’s wish in June of 2022. This special wish received a great deal of press coverage and quickly went viral, even featured on People.com. So many people loved this sweet story of Bertha having her wish granted!

At the time of his wish granting, Vince was battling stage four pancreatic cancer. Vince was a Navy veteran and a huge Cleveland Browns fan. He was extremely involved in the Butler County, PA community, volunteering with several organizations, and was well known for lending a helping hand to those in need. Our Butler County chapter surprised Vince with tickets to see the Browns play the Steelers in Pittsburgh in January. Sadly, Vince passed away a few weeks after his wish was granted.



During our “Week of Wishes,” residents of Neshaminy Manor in Warrington were treated to a surprise performance by the Uptown String Band, Bucks County’s only Mummers organization, thanks to our wonderful volunteer, Jennifer Gin. The seniors, who were decked out in Mardi Gras beads, thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were dancing in their seats!





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## Twilight Wish Categories

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Simple Needs wishes are for basic quality-of-life necessities such as healthcare and accessibility items including hearing aids, dentures, mattresses, appliances, wheelchairs, and walkers.

Living Life to the Fullest wishes are often the fulfillment of a lifelong dream such as publishing a book, riding in a hot air balloon, or meeting Merle Haggard.

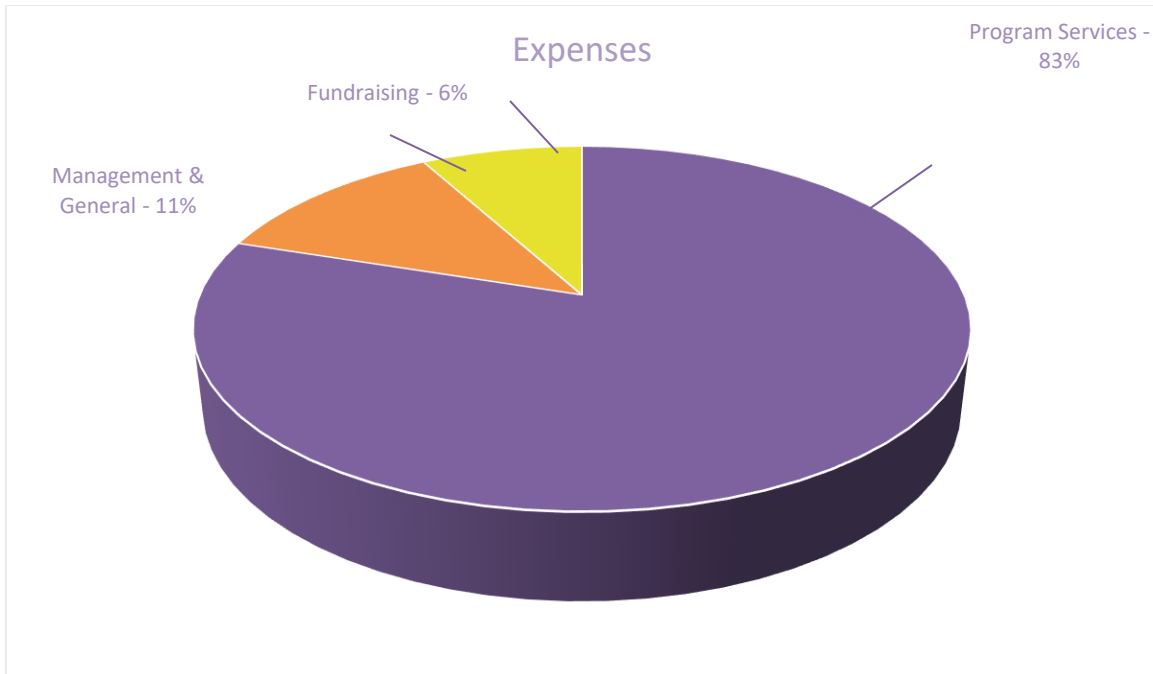
Celebrating a Life wishes are meaningful and nostalgic wishes for recipients with limited life expectancies. Many of these wishes are for family reunions, visits to hometowns, and to return to a job or career one more time.

Veterans' wishes make up one-third of all Twilight Wishes granted. Veterans' wishes can fall into any of the other three programs, but we differentiate this program as it gives us all an opportunity to thank veterans, many in nursing facilities, for what they have specifically done for others over the years and acknowledge that we remember and care.



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## Total Annual Expenses



Our most current audited financial statements indicate 83% of expenses are allocated to direct program costs.



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## Week of Wishes Donors

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