



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

## Shining Moments Newsletter ~ Fall 2022

### Hello Donna,

"This will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave." Truer words were never spoken and on this Veterans Day, we thank all who have served our country, past and present. It is always a great honor for us to grant wishes for our elderly veterans and we recently granted a special one for Henry, who served 21 years in the Navy and was a professional clown.

Henry loves to dress up in his clown costume and perform for the other residents, but it was becoming harder for him with his medical issues. His wish to "clown around" with other clowns was granted last month and it was a wonderful day!

In other wish granting news, after 11 years of making a huge difference in the lives of seniors in need, our Director of Wish Management, Michelle Bowren, has moved on. We wish her nothing but the best! We welcome Cheryl Gustafson who has taken over this role. Cheryl has had her hands full as we received a record amount of new wish applications in October!

Finally, we have several new chapters on board: Northwest Washington under the direction of Charla Wright, Northwest Oregon under the direction of Mary Meeko, Eastern Tennessee under the direction of Vicki Worley and Houston, Texas under the direction of Bill Graff, Lori Farris, Bery Crispin and Kim Ward. Welcome and we look forward to seeing what exciting things you have in store! For contact information on these and all our chapters, [click here.](#)

We could not do what we do without you to make our world a nicer place to age! Thank you for your ongoing support!

Best wishes,

**Cass Forkin**

Founder & Chairwoman of the Board





## Horsing Around!

Helen's wish to pet and ride a horse again was recently granted by our Butler County chapter led by Jean Bowen. Helen grew up with horses and missed being around them. She spent the day at a local farm where miniature horse Koda performed tricks for her and Bella took her for a fun ride! There were lots of tears and laughter for all involved in this special wish!

## Happy 100th Birthday, Norman!

Our Central Connecticut led by Andrea Hoisl celebrated another veteran in a big way recently. Norman, a WWII veteran, has lived a full life. Sadly, he outlives many of his family and friends, losing his wife of 69 years in 2012. Knowing that he lived alone and would soon be turning 100, Norman was nominated by one of his close friends to have this milestone celebrated in a big way. Nearly the entire town of West Hartford pitched in to make sure this hero was celebrated in a big, patriotic way! From Eagle Scouts presenting him with 100 birthday cards to students from the high school bands performing, it was truly a memorable day.

**[Watch coverage of it here!](#)**



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Week of Wishes

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