



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Shining Moments Newsletter - Fall 2025

Greetings!

As we approach Thanksgiving, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our dedicated volunteers, generous donors and sponsors, and our passionate board members and staff. Your invaluable contributions are not just acts of kindness; they are the very foundation upon which we build a brighter, more compassionate world for our seniors.

With your support, we have reached the milestone of 7,200 wishes granted, no small feat for our Twilight Wish team! Among the many heartfelt wishes granted recently were Ray and Barb's wish to attend the Steelers/Browns game, Mark's wish to go to the movies and Michael's wish to visit his hometown of Roseto, PA. These are simple wishes, things many of us take for granted, but having their wishes come true means the world to these seniors!

Mark your calendars for our annual Week of Wishes event which is just around the corner! This year's theme, "A Starry Night," promises to be our most enchanting yet! [Sponsorship opportunities are available on our website!](#) Don't miss out!

We are truly grateful for your support and wish you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Best wishes,

Andrea Hoisl, Chairperson of the Board

Peter Stinson, Executive Director



Former librarian returns to her happy place!

A former librarian, Barbara's favorite place is her local library. She has always loved to read and the library was one of her favorite places to visit. Because she has no transportation and lives on a fixed income, she hasn't been able to go to the library in over four years and missed it very much.

Her simple, yet heartfelt, wish was granted by our Jacksonville chapter who arranged for Barbara to be picked up at her home in a limo and driven to Charles Webb Wesconnett Library where she was greeted by library staff with balloons and a gift basket for her. Barbara was thrilled to see that they had set aside several books for her by her favorite authors for her to check out!. After her library visit, Barbara was treated to lunch at her favorite Mexican restaurant with chapter volunteers and library staff!



A lifelong pen pal has her wish granted!

Pat loves to write letters and began writing to pen pals when she was just 11 years old. Now 73, she is still at it, writing to widows/widowers, long-distance family members, childhood friends and those who are lonely and need companionship. Because she lives on a fixed income, it was difficult for her to support what she loves to do with the cost of day to day living.

Pat also enjoys adult coloring books and word searches but had to cancel her monthly word search book subscription due to her financial situation. She is an ordained minister who provides pastoral care in her building and also taught Sunday School for many years. Her simple wish for writing supplies, stamps and word search and coloring books was recently granted by our Allegheny County chapter. [To read more about Pat and her selfless wish, click here!](#)

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