



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Shining Moments Newsletter - Summer 2026

Greetings!

Summer may traditionally be a time for relaxation, but at Twilight Wish our chapters across the country have been very busy turning dreams into reality for many deserving seniors! In fact, we recently celebrated granting our 7,423rd wish!

Among the many recent wishes that have touched our hearts was Mary's recent 101st birthday celebration, where family, friends, and her church community came together to honor her incredible life of service. Additionally, Paulette's wish for a ukulele and lessons, not only fulfilled her desire to learn to play a new instrument, but opened the door to new joy and creativity in her life. These are the moments that remind us why the work we do matters.

Of course, none of the wishes we grant would be possible without the unwavering support of our generous donors, sponsors and volunteers. That support is especially meaningful as we celebrate our 23rd anniversary. I am thrilled to share that our Founder, Cass Forkin, has committed \$25,000 to launch the **Twilight Wish 23rd Anniversary Founder's Match** to inspire others to join her in making an even greater impact. Every dollar donated will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the full \$25,000, allowing our supporters to help make twice the difference for seniors in need.

I am also excited to share another important milestone for Twilight Wish: our first-ever national television campaign through Nexstar Media. Beginning in September, our Twilight Wish spots are expected to air across 116 markets, reaching an estimated 70–80% of U.S. households. This unprecedented opportunity will introduce our mission to millions of people and help us connect with new supporters who share our belief that everyone deserves to age with joy, dignity, and purpose.

And there is even more to celebrate! We recently launched a newly redesigned Twilight Wish website, [twilightwish.org](https://www.twilightwish.org), created to better showcase the incredible work happening across our Foundation, celebrate the wishes we have



granted, and make it easier than ever to learn how you can get involved and help make future wishes come true.

Thank you to each and every one of you for the role you play in our mission. Whether you donate, volunteer, sponsor, advocate, or simply help spread the word about Twilight Wish, you are helping us make the world a nicer place to age, one Twilight Wish at a time.

Best wishes,

George Troyano
Executive Director



Brooks & Dunn's biggest fan has wish granted to see them in concert!

For as long as Westmoreland Manor workers can remember, Felicia has listened to Brooks & Dunn every day. In June, she was surprised with tickets to see them in concert, instead of just on her tablet, by our Westmoreland County chapter. Nearly 30 staff members and chapter volunteers gathered to watch as Felicia found out about the upcoming Brooks & Dunn concert! After the initial shock wore off, Felicia had the biggest smile on her face and said, "I'm not going to be able to sleep tonight!"

Felicia was so thrilled that she started singing her favorite song, "Believe," a song that she listens to multiple times every day! She sang every word from memory, along with Brooks & Dunn. Some of the employees put their hands in the air and sang along! [To see more of her wish granting celebration, watch here!](#)



A visit from a furry friend

Fran who is 80, has been through significant and sad changes over the last few years, including the loss of her husband, the loss of her beloved Chihuahua, Peanut, and displacement from her longtime home in Newark to a senior housing apartment in Wilmington, far from her longtime community of friends and neighbors.

She has endured these losses while also battling medical issues that have left her largely chair and apartment-bound. As a result, Fran has been experiencing loneliness and isolation. She very much misses the companionship and unconditional love that an animal can provide. Thanks to our Delaware chapter and [PAWS for People](#), Fran will receive several visits from a therapy dog! Her smile says it all!!

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