



This is our HOPE... “No matter what the future holds, forgive and resolve conflicts now. Live life in the moment and enjoy it to the best of your abilities. Create the greatest possible tomorrows, by taking the most meaningful actions today.”

-Kevin Jameson, Volunteer President, Dementia Society of America (DSA)

“High Schooler Has Heart”

-Sandra Moyer DeHaven, reporting for the Dementia Society of America

Caroline just loved her grandfather. She was eagerly looking forward to the day this past July when both her grandparents, Ron and Carolyn, would be moving from Dayton, Ohio, to a two-bedroom condo about five minutes from her home.

It would've been sooner, but her grandfather wanted a place that had a pond view. It took a year and a half, but the family finally found a place that suited both grandparents. Being close to family was important, particularly since her grandfather had started showing signs of Dementia. An avid clipper of coupons, her grandfather suddenly stopped using them, instead, paying full price for items. “He was so good with numbers and math, he would always balance the checkbook,” she recalled. Lately, though, Caroline's grandmother, Carolyn, began to re-check the figures after her husband, Ron, turned in for the evening.

“The biggest sign we had was that he was such a social person, but he would just stop talking and get quiet,” she said. “It was just so difficult to watch him stop socializing.”



The move would be good for them all, Caroline reasoned. Settlement on the condo was scheduled for a Tuesday in July. Thursday night of the previous week, the couple bid each other the same good-night sentiment as they always had throughout their 58-year marriage: “I love you to infinity.”

That night would be the last time, as Ron unexpectedly passed away in his sleep. He was 79.

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Ginny Gives™ Grants Bring Cheer All Year

Many believe that those living with Dementia can no longer be reached, that joy is no longer possible, that providing just food, clothing, shelter, and medical services is enough. But we can do more! Dementia Society of America enriches the lives of men and women, many of whom are marginalized, often existing on the edge of society, secured away in nursing facilities. We do it by providing wonderful free programs every month, all year.

Through your generosity, we can underwrite music, art, movement, education and other stimulating programs coast-to-coast, to as many people living with Dementia and their caregivers as possible. Many we serve live in communities where simply having a hand held by a warmhearted visitor; reminiscing about the good times of the past through the vision of artistic expression; or intently listening or moving to the sounds of a favorite big band leader, has often been long lost to more clinical tasks, and living out their last years in relative isolation.

Even without a cure for Dementia, that shouldn't mean we stop caring. Ginny Gives makes a difference!

DSA MISSION

**Educate.
Provide.
Recognize.**

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We cover: Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI); Alzheimer's Disease; Mixed Dementia; Young Onset Dementia; Vascular Dementia; Dementia with Lewy bodies; Frontotemporal Dementia; Parkinson's with Dementia; Multiple Sclerosis with Dementia; Dementia resulting from Traumatic or Chronic Brain Injury (CTE); Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease; Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome, among others.

We emphasize meaningful therapies for those living with Dementia, and their caregivers, such as: the Audible Arts- Music and Singing; Dance and Movement; the Visual Arts; Touch and Sensory Stimulation.



“You should be proud of what the Society is providing.”- Resident, speaking about the program so many enjoyed.

“Our families, and guests, sincerely appreciated the presentation ... it was informative and heartfelt.”- Michele, Marketing Director



“We want you back! Please come back!”- Resident, following the joyful art interaction program.

“High Schooler Has Heart” Continued...

Once the shock had subsided, and funeral plans were made, Caroline decided she wanted to do something positive in tribute to the grandfather she so loved.

“We knew that for the past few years, he definitely had Dementia,” the 17-year-old high school senior said. “I just decided that I wanted to do something to honor him because he’d done so much for us and we were so close to him.” To do that, the active, outgoing teenager decided to raise money that would go toward increasing an awareness of the devastating disease that is estimated to affect one in nine Americans ages 65 and older.

She knocked on the doors of local businesses, which donated to her cause. She talked to friends and relatives, many of whom provided donations. Then she turned to a group that clearly was close to her heart all along – one she stood with each weekend since the school year started.

Involved in cheerleading “ever since I can remember,” Caroline went to her high school’s athletic director with an idea. Remembering that the previous year, her teammates collected donations in recognition of breast cancer, she asked if she could do the same this year for Dementia. “I love sports, and I love to get the crowd involved,” said Caroline, who has two older sisters – Jennifer, 23, and 26-year-old Lauren, who had also cheered. Thanks to Caroline and her fellow cheerleaders, the crowds attending both JV and varsity football games that weekend didn’t disappoint.

Between money collected at the games and individual donations, Caroline raised close to \$1,000. Because of Caroline’s efforts, the Dementia Society of America will be the proud recipient of her actions.



“The minute I found the Dementia Society of America on the Internet, I thought it was an outstanding organization,” she said. “I love that it helps educate people about the different kinds of Dementia, because so many people don’t know what it is and what kinds of symptoms there are.”

Her grandfather wasn’t the only family member suffering from Dementia. When she was born, her paternal grandmother was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) and died a few years later in a nursing home. Her fundraising mission also prompted stories shared by other students who have had brushes with Dementia with their own family members. “It made me feel a lot better to hear some of these stories, and that I was not alone,” she said.

Her grandmother finally did make the move to the condo with a pond view, said Caroline, who plans to go to cosmetology school and eventually open her own salon. Her parents, and especially her grandmother, are very proud of Caroline’s heartfelt wish to honor her grandfather through donations made to Dementia Society of America.



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A message of...



Recent Memorial Tributes...

Allen, Michele
Bellefeuille, Richard
Berte, Jane
Bovert, Ida
Campbell, David
Cohen, Irene
Cupelli, Salvatore
Elizondo, Ella
Fabian, Marlene
Farrell, Robert
Giscombe, Clarabel

Henry, Rose Marie
Hernandez, Maria
James, Ethel
Jozsa, Alvina
Katulich, Grace
Kramer, Stewart
Lahmer, William
Levey, Faye
Marshall, Laura
Moussalli, Suzie
Oshel, James

Parker, Gladys
Polec, Joseph
Riback, Natalie
Sally, Betty Ruth
Shubert, Ronald
Thomas, Janet
Timbers, David
Vitale, Maria Louise
Wilburn, Ruth
Yokota, Miyo
...and many more

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