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## Make it Happen®

Creating Special Moments of Joy  
by Fulfilling Life-Enhancing Wishes

### Sylvia's Celebration of Life

Senior Independence Hospice in the Central Ohio Region recently honored a special friend with a “Celebration of Life.”

Hospice patient Sylvia James had told her hospice team members she wanted to have a celebration before she passed.

Although she doesn't have a lot of family, she has no shortage of friends. In all, about 50 of Sylvia's friends—some she hadn't seen in years—attended her celebration.

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**ABOVE:** Hospice patient Sylvia James was honored with a special “Celebration of Life” for her Make it Happen® wish. In this photo from the event, Sylvia is serenaded by the lead singer of one of her favorite bands. What a treat!

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The event took place at a local VFW where Sylvia had been a regular. And one of her favorite bands performed, which made the day even more meaningful.

Sylvia was treated like a queen—complete with a tiara. She especially enjoyed catching up with her friends and dancing with the band’s lead singer.

### **Birthday Fit For a King**

An Elvis-themed birthday party was just what the doctor ordered for 63-year-old hospice patient Joseph “Joe” Kress.

Joe’s family requested the party to show their love for this sweet, gentle and funny man.

The event took place at the skilled nursing center where Joe lives and incorporated his love of Elvis with a six-foot cardboard cutout of The King wearing a shiny gold suit.

Gold sunglasses were also handed out to those in attendance, with an oversized pair reserved for the guest of honor.

Joe’s favorite cake was made for him; chocolate with white buttercream frosting, and as many red roses as would fit. They also served Coke, Joe’s favorite beverage.



**ABOVE:** Joe Kress and his family were “All Shook Up” over the birthday party held for him through Senior Independence Hospice’s Make it Happen® program. Even The King himself (in cardboard form, of course) showed up for the special event.

The party may have ended, but the joy will live on for Joe and his new roommate, Elvis. ●

*Did you know that charitable gifts can help to support the Make it Happen® program? Send your gift today to help create special moments of joy for Senior Independence Hospice patients and their families.*

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass;  
it's about learning to

*dance in the rain.*

~ Vivian Green

# Saying Thanks

Senior Independence Hospice employees lovingly give the most compassionate care one human being can give to another.

Through our Saying Thanks program, you can pay back while paying forward.

This special program provides a thoughtful means of showing your appreciation in a lasting way.

By making a donation to Senior Independence Hospice in honor of an employee, you help other hospice clients and families while recognizing those who served you.

We also hope you'll tell us why you're grateful. With your permission, we'll share your comments with the employee you've honored, as well as the Senior Independence Hospice administration.

If you'd like to make a gift today in honor of an employee who served your loved one, please fill out the appropriate section of the enclosed reply envelope. ●



## Friends & Family Fundraising Makes Giving Personal

The OPRS Foundation is teaming up with Senior Independence Hospice to offer Friends & Family Fundraising Events.

These events bring together those who care about your loved one, while supporting Senior Independence Hospice services in his or her memory.

By hosting your own fundraising event, you can create an experience that has special meaning for your family.

Dinner parties, garage sales, silent auctions and 5K runs are just a few of the ways that family and friends can come together for

a time of joyful healing and remembrance. Schools, civic groups and not-for-profit organizations can host events too.

And the best part is that your efforts to support Senior Independence Hospice will extend a hand of compassion to other families and help more individuals to receive hospice care.

Please visit [seniorindependence.org/friends-family](http://seniorindependence.org/friends-family) for guidelines, applications and more.

If you would like to chat about options, please contact Kathie Gannon, director of fund development, using the contact information listed on the back cover ●

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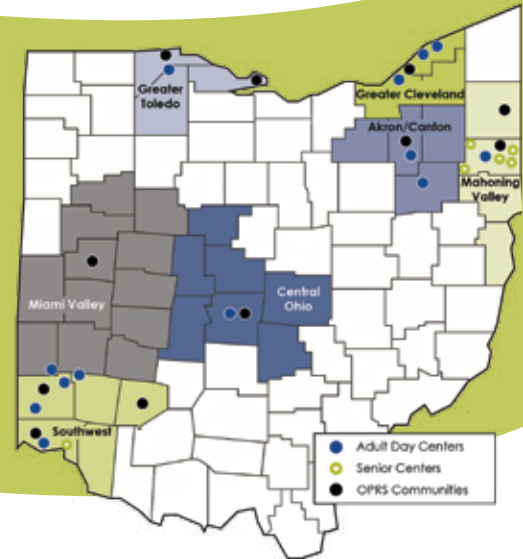
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If you have questions about charitable giving to Senior Independence Hospice or would like to share how hospice has touched your life, Kathie Gannon would be happy to chat with you.

Kathie is director of fund development for the OPRS Foundation, which, like Senior Independence, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS).

Kathie is a 26-year employee of OPRS, having worked for both Mount Pleasant Retirement Village in Monroe and as a member of the Foundation team.

In her current role, Kathie serves Senior Independence Hospice by coordinating annual giving efforts and leading the Friends & Family Fundraising event program. She regularly partners with hospice staff to facilitate these important initiatives.

If you'd like to talk to Kathie, you can call 1-800-686-7800 ext. 401 or send an email to [KGannon@corp.oprs.org](mailto:KGannon@corp.oprs.org). If you'd prefer, you can also fill out the appropriate section of the enclosed reply envelope and Kathie will get in touch with you. ●