



*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis*

# BSJ WISH PROGRAM

## What is the Resident Wish Program?

The Resident Wish Program is designed to bring smiles and joy to our Long Term Care residents by granting them a special wish or request that they wouldn't normally ask to receive.

## What types of wishes are granted?

We try to grant all types of wishes. While we may not be able to grant every wish imaginable, we are able to grant most wishes that fall into one of the categories below:

- **A fun-filled wish.** Examples include going to a day spa, going fishing, attending a ball game, going to a movie theater, visiting the Mall of America, singing on a stage, or eating at a favorite restaurant.
- **A memory wish.** A memory wish involves reconnecting with the past. Examples include visiting an old friend whom the resident hasn't seen in many years, attending a class or family reunion, or visiting a place with treasured memories, such as a childhood home.
- **A one-last-time wish.** Sometimes there are experiences we wish we could relive just one more time. A walk in the park, a boat or tractor ride, or a visit to a special place are examples of one-last-time wishes.
- **A needs-based wish.** Needs-based wishes are designed to enhance the quality of life of the resident or simply to put a smile on his or her face. Needs-based wishes could include things like a new walker, a new blanket, a new sweater, or an item a resident has always wanted but never had, like a mother's ring.

## How can you get involved?

There are three ways you can support the Resident Wish Program:

- **Make a financial contribution.** Monetary gifts are always needed and deeply appreciated.
- **Donate your time.** Volunteers are needed to help make wishes come true, especially if a wish involves bringing a resident into the community for an activity.
- **Sponsor an individual wish.** Sponsoring a wish may mean providing the financial resources to make the wish come true. It could also mean donating time or the use of personal property to help with the experience of a wish (such as taking someone fishing). Or it could be a combination of both. Our staff maintains a wish list and can help match you to a wish based on your interests.

Donations to the Resident Wish program are tax-deductible to the extent of current law. To learn more, contact Amanda Acklin, Fund Development Director, at 608.519.9778 or [aacklin@bsjcorp.com](mailto:aacklin@bsjcorp.com)