



CELEBRATING SENIORS AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

## ***Westmoreland County Chapter of Twilight Wish Continues to Make a Difference for Low-Income Seniors***

Four years ago, the Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania chapter was formed after the larger Pittsburgh area chapter of national nonprofit Twilight Wish Foundation was split into five county-specific chapters. Since then, the Westmoreland chapter has granted over 66 wishes to date.

Twilight Wish is a nonprofit organization that grants wishes to low-income seniors who are 65 and older or are permanent residents of a nursing facility. A life-changing encounter with a group of senior citizens at a Pennsylvania diner was the inspiration for Twilight Wish Foundation. In 2003, founder Cass Forkin noticed a group of elderly women counting out their change to pay for their meal and anonymously paid it for them. The women, grateful and touched by this generosity, insisted on knowing who treated them to their meal. Their gratitude for her simple gesture inspired Forkin to found Twilight Wish Foundation, an organization that addresses the unmet needs of the elderly. Since that day in the diner 15 years ago, Twilight Wish has grown to 15 chapters with over 2,850 wishes granted to deserving seniors across the U.S.

Among the recent wishes granted this year by the Westmoreland County chapter were Della's wish for a casino night in her nursing facility, Glenn's wish to see a Johnny Cash impersonator's show, and Emma's wish to visit the White House in Washington D.C. These are just a few of the many wishes granted this year.

In order to fund the wishes they grant, the Westmoreland County chapter holds an annual golf outing in the fall. This year's golf fundraiser raised \$11,000 which was the largest amount achieved to date. This one large fundraiser provides our chapter the ability to grant wishes all year long. Our next outing will be held September 14, 2019 at Manor Valley Golf Course. We are always looking for sponsors, donations and golfers for our event each year!

For more information on the Westmoreland County chapter of Twilight Wish, please visit the website at [www.twilightwish.org](http://www.twilightwish.org) or call Chapter Director, Jamie Bostard at (724) 327-3557.