

Life Enrichment Center  
Life Enrichment Blvd  
Shelby NC  
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Dear Friend,

You are my hero. For the last 36 years, I have been fortunate to watch the lives of care receivers and their families enriched, because of contributions from people like you. The contributions we receive enable us to provide a safe, stimulating and caring environment for those care receivers and their families, who are struggling and searching for help.

Thank you for your prayers, support and your generosity in making the life enrichment center what it is today.

This year, I would like to share with you what past donations have been used for, by telling you about 'Sissy.'

Mary Mauney, known as 'Sissy' by family and friends at the LEC, was a loving and feisty woman, who would do anything for others. Her daughter Linda Brackett said, "my momma was very caring and helpful. Oh my goodness, she was something else."

Sissy had Alzheimer's. For several years she was an active and popular participant at the life enrichment center in Shelby. "They always had something going on," said Linda. "They kept her thinking and it kept her going. They would sing to her, read to her and have activities that stimulated her mind and body. She was around friends. One specific thing that they did, was love her. One day I took her up there, and one of the nurses came over and said 'well there's Sissy,' and she lit up like a Christmas tree. To know she was comfortable and in such a caring environment, I take that to heart."

For the last week of her life, Sissy stayed at the LEC in Shelby. In the afternoons, when staff and participants left, Sissy's family would come in and stay with her overnight and at the weekend. "I didn't want to take her to hospice, or put her in a hospital. I didn't know what to do," said Linda. It was at that time that senior LEC staff suggested Sissy stay at the center. "It was a great comfort that they cared that much," said Linda. "Staff members would come by and check on us at about 12 or 1 in the morning to see if we were okay, and on the weekend they brought us cookies or donuts, and coffee, chicken and biscuits. I mean, you don't find many places that would do that kind of stuff."

For Linda, it was a relief. "It's just like taking your child to a daycare. You're always wondering if they're okay, are they being treated well. This was the biggest thing for me, to know that in the last week of her life, she was

comfortable, content and she was loved.”

Your donation is so important to us. It means you are partnering with us to continue the life enrichment center mission. It allows us to provide the care and the loving environment that made Sissy’s time with us so special.

The need for adult day care is growing rapidly in the United States. We need your help.

Will you support us in our mission to do ‘whatever it takes,’ to help families keep adult loved ones at home and in the community?

Thank you again for your support and generosity.

Sincerely,

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(Signature (printed in blue ink) is a nice personal touch

Executive Director

P.S. I invite you to visit the center to see how your contribution can help enrich the lives of so many of our participants.