



Mr. Bob Thomas
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Dear Mr. Thomas

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the recent "Wish" that you and your wonderful club of members brought true. Below is the article I published to our staff in our most recent employee newsletter:

Acts of Kindness: "A Christmas Wish Comes True"

Mrs. D is a wonderful 59 year old woman with a rare neurological terminal diagnosis. She lives with her husband, age 65. He is her 24/7 caregiver. Our hospice volunteer offers him some respite time. They escaped Romania to the U.S. She speaks mostly Romanian and is difficult to understand when she speaks English due to her brain disorder so her husband is also her translator. Their only child, daughter Silvia and her husband Damian were hoping to come to visit this holiday season for 3 days, the most amount of time they can get off from work. Because of our dear friends of the 6th Ward Athletic Club in Oneonta, we have a special "Make a Wish" fund to make special wishes like this come true. We are able to provide them with transportation, two delicious meals (along with two loaves of special Romanian bread, "Cozonac" from Queens!) and a gift card so they could purchase something special.

In all likelihood, this will be their last Christmas together as a family. It will bring them great joy to look back with wonderful memories of their Christmas together. To best meet their schedule, it made the most sense to rent them a car. The total expense for this wish was \$968.

From all of us at Hospice, thank you for your willingness to support the needs of those in need in such a unique and meaningful way!

Sincerely,

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