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The following recipients who passed this past year:

- Donald Andrews
- Christine McCrum
- Gary Swalley

Wish recipient stories from 2015 inside
Long-awaited trip to the ocean

After being diagnosed with Lung Cancer in early January this year, 48-year-old Christine McCrum of Akron, Ohio, wanted to take a trip to Ocean City, Maryland where she and her daughter had always planned on going together. No longer able to work and with medical bills mounting, Christine and her husband could not afford the trip. Her daughter, Katie, wrote The Angel Foundation about how “cancer had become a big part of their lives.” She knew this trip was her mom’s chance to smile and see that there was more to her than just cancer.

The Angel Foundation made arrangements for Christine, her husband and her daughter to stay at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. During their stay they were able to explore the boardwalk, ride the Ferris Wheel, go on a boat ride, and sit on the balcony of their room enjoying the ocean and watching the dolphins.

“The Angel Foundation thanks all of the donors that helped to make Christine’s wish come true including: Dunes Manor Hotel, Jolly Roger Amusement Park, and the OC Rocket.”

Mother-daughter trip to NYC

A woman from Cincinnati diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2011 and Bone Cancer in 2014 contacted The Angel Foundation with her wish request: “I would love to do something for me, my whole life has been caring for others. Now 55 years young, I would love to see New York City once!”

“Knowing that he could not make the trip to visit because of his cancer, he turned to The Angel Foundation for help to arrange a hotel for when Donald and his daughter-in-law returned from the day long trip so he could rest before returning home the next day.”

Upon their return, Donald was very appreciative of the “trip of a lifetime.”

“Honor Flight of Cleveland is a 501(c)(3) organization formed in 2007. Since its inception, the Honor Flight Cleveland has supported the trips of over 2,980 veterans to our nation’s capital to visit the memorials with no out of pocket expense to the veterans. Learn more at www.honorflightcleveland.org.”

Family reunion in Atlanta

The bond shared between a brother and sister from Tipton, Indiana is a strong one. “I love my brother and he is all I have left of close family. To lose him, would make me feel lost and alone. Yes, I have a son but he can never take the place of a brother who knew me before I knew myself.”

With no more options left to treat the Oral Cancer that he has fought for a year, his sister, Lisa, contacted The Angel Foundation with hopes of making her brother’s wish come true.

His initial wish was a trip to Florida when people share a common bond. His final wish was to travel. They stayed with a sister and visited with family for a couple of days and during the evening, the brother and sister dress up for dinner and dancing in the ballroom at the hotel. He had so much fun dancing the night away and taking pictures with everyone, it was a weekend they will never forget.

The Angel Foundation assisted with making arrangements to pay the guardian fee and transportation. The people shared a very memorable day. We will always cherish it!”

Back home again

A 69 year-old hospice patient wished to enjoy all of her family together one last time. The Angel Foundation provided gas and food for the patient’s son-in-law and grandson to travel to Ohio from Virginia. The family was appreciative of the time spent together. “The thoughtfulness and kindness of The Angel Foundation will never be forgotten,” they wrote.

Visit from Texas loved ones

It had been two years since Gary Smalley of Strker last saw his brother, Terry, and sister-in-law, Judy. Knowing that he could not make the trip to visit because of his cancer, he turned to The Angel Foundation for help to bring them home for a visit.

Arrangements were made for Terry and Judy make the trip home from Texas within a few days. They were able to spend time with Gary and the family for a short time before he passed away.

The family wrote: “Thank you for all you have done for Gary in his final days of making his wish come true.”

Enjoying a meal together

A 95 year-old gentleman from Wauson with end-stage COPD wanted to be able to enjoy a meal with his daughter and granddaughter at his favorite restaurant, Red Lobster.

Due to limited funds and the difficulty of getting around, he knew he would need some assistance to make his wish come true.

“The Angel Foundation assisted with making arrangements for transportation. The staff at Red Lobster went above and beyond to make the meal extra special and donated the entire meal.

The family was very appreciative of everything that was done to make the wish come true. The family wrote: “Thank you for giving us a very memorable day. We will always cherish it!”