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Do you ever feel someone watching over you? A silent guardian angel that makes you feel safe, secure, and at peace? Truly, I hope you do because there is no better feeling than that pure comfort. This guardian angel can take any form. For Eleanor DelSanto, she is that comfort to her granddaughter, Tammy, who has Rhett's Syndrome (a form of Autism), is completely non-verbal, and lives in a group home.

How you wonder? Every night at 6:00 sharp, they will have a phone call with each other because their nightly prayers must be said, together. No matter how the conversation starts, it always ends with the same very beautiful words:

*"Know that you are safe as long as I am near...you find that I am there."*

Before moving to Winslow Gardens Assisted Living at United Methodist Elder Care (UMEC), Eleanor suffered from panic attacks, derived from a stormy night, power loss, and the inability to find her walker. Moving into UMEC was the best decision of Eleanor's life, feeling safer and more secure than ever. **No more fears, nothing to worry about, because you care, you are Eleanor's Guardian Angel, forever watching over her to give her peace of mind.**

Eleanor's granddaughter needs the comfort of that phone call and looks forward to it because she knows that her grandmother is safe, in her home at UMEC. Closing in on a mere 103 years old, Eleanor's family can rest easy knowing that she is not only enjoying her life but living it to the fullest with expert care at UMEC. A new home was something completely new to Eleanor, who left the home she purchased with her husband (and high school sweetheart) in 1940.

Eleanor trusted herself, her prayer, and UMEC, and moved into Winslow Gardens one year ago. She is very grateful for the incredible new friends and compassionate staff at Winslow Gardens, her home, and safe space. Giving the peace of mind to her ever caring family and most importantly, Tammy. **Your generous support has provided comfort to Eleanor, giving her a new space that she deserves, what we all deserve.**

**And, because of donors like you, United Methodist Elder Care can help Eleanor weather anything that she may encounter in life, by meeting and exceeding life's difficulties as they arise. From activities to the food Eleanor enjoys, UMEC cannot provide all of this to all of its residents without you!**



Because you care, Eleanor has a guardian angel watching out over her.

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United Methodist Elder Care first opened to low-income elder residents in 1971. Since that time, the mission has evolved to a continuum of senior living choices. United Methodist Elder Care also offers skilled nursing and rehabilitation at Linn Health Care Center with both traditional and therapeutic medical services for residents and family support for all caregivers. Guided by the values of compassion and dignity, United Methodist Elder Care provides residents a safe, loving haven for all regardless of race, culture, gender or religious orientation.

**Plain and simple, through your support we help people to live longer together.**

Our home provides the opportunities for our aging population to live in comfort, with dignity and respect. **But we can only provide this caring, compassionate, and welcoming home with your support.**

I hope you will take this opportunity today to renew your support of United Methodist Elder Care by making a gift of \$25, \$50, or perhaps even \$100. Together we can continue to provide the kind of life we all want as we age.

**You are a key member of the United Methodist Elder Care family, a caregiver of your own!** You may not be neighbors with Eleanor, but you are with her because you care enough to support us. You are her Guardian Angel, making the safety and security of her home possible. **As we approach Advent and Christmas, I hope you will help us again. Your generous gift can do so much to further our mission now and in the coming year.**

On behalf of Eleanor, the Board of Trustees, and staff of United Methodist Elder Care, I thank you, and wish the blessings of the season be with you!

Gratefully yours,



Daniel P. Genannt  
President, Board of Trustees

**P.S. – You are crucial to meeting the needs of our residents, like Eleanor and helping them to live longer together. We can't do it without you.** Please, visit [www.umeldercarerri.org](http://www.umeldercarerri.org) for more stories, information, resources and to make your gift to our residents online today!