



What – A Simple Wish Foundation Inc. (A tax exempt 501 (c) (3) corporation)

Who – Morrissett Funeral & Cremation Service will be underwriting 100% of this foundation to begin with. When it grows then we may reach out to some of our friends and business associates.

Why – Over the years our owners and staff have watched day after day as the families we serve have been devastated by the loss of a loved one. In many cases this loss comes at the end of a long emotionally and financially draining end of life experience. We know that we can help them with the funeral details and necessary paperwork, but we have never had a way to show that we care about what they have been through.

We all have been on the other side of the desk and realize how hard it is to provide for a family member's every need as they transition from this life. Sometimes it is because of a financial limitation, but a lot of times it is because of a time constraints, there are just so many hours in a day and as the end nears the days go by so quickly.

It is in this spirit that we came up with the concept of “A Simple Wish”, as the ability for us, as a community to fulfill the terminally ill's desire for a final request. We are not trying to arrange for a huge final vacation or a lavish family reunion, but more of the simple things, like a manicure/pedicure, arrange a visit from a grandchild, a weekend at the beach, a luncheon with friends, or as a friend told me about her sister's last wish, just a trip around town to see the Christmas lights that they never found the time to do. We are not sure of all the possibilities, but we are sure that there is a need out there and we want to help those that we can.

Where – For starters we would like to begin with Chesterfield County and South Richmond.

When – We launched in June 2014. We plan on trying to grant four wishes a month. More if the funds allow

How - We have enlisted our friends at the area hospices. They help by qualifying and referring recipients to us and by serving on the foundation's board of directors. We also set up a decision team, comprised of clergy, hospice workers, a legal advisor and whoever else is needed. This team is responsible for deciding which wishes are granted and when. We do not want our funeral home to be the deciding factor on who gets a wish granted or not. A Wish granting team will take care of fulfilling the requirements of the wish. We do have staff and spouses that are willing to help with this, along with other volunteers.



Our first wish was to transport a hospice patient to celebrate his last birthday at his childhood home.

A “Spa Day” for a hospice patient to get a mani/pedi and hair styled along with a few new outfits.



A gentleman wanted wireless headphones so that he could watch his favorite shows late at night and wouldn't disturb others.

We presented a kerosene heater to a hospice patient and their family that had no heat.



Food gift cards and a large fruit basket for a patient after her caregiver lost her job because she was taking care of her mother.

Provided holiday meals for hospice patients and their families who were on limited incomes.

A recent wish was granted to an elderly gentleman that always wanted to go sport fishing, so we chartered a boat on the Outer Banks of NC and allowed his son and grandsons the joy of creating a memory for each of them.



Our Mission Statement

Never waiver in our standards for fair, honest and ethical conduct and demand the same of those that help us to grant wishes.

Believe passionately in our work and its value to the recipient.

Help the family discover ways to receive the support of friends and the larger community.

Show respect for diversity in all the cultural, ethnic and religious beliefs that are important in our society. We must support all as one community.

Find ways to say yes - even to impossible requests.

Give assistance when wishes may be contrary to accepted norms.

Serve everyone with compassion and understanding.

Be open to change.

Be a friend.



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is a division of
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We feel our greatest resource to find and meet the needs of the terminally ill in our community is our friends in the area hospices. You can help by qualifying and referring recipients to us.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP MAKE THE
TRANSITION FROM THIS LIFE TO THE NEXT
PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE.**

A Spa Day!

A Special Meal

A visit from a family
Member

A radio so they can listen
to their favorite music

The Foundation wants to
grant simple (approx.
\$250) wishes to
local hospice
patients and families
within the Richmond area.



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