

Reflections of A Night to Remember

**“I could not have asked for a more memorable evening than the *Night to Remember!*”
-Wife of Former Participant**



“Best of all was the total apparent love that each of you feel for your participants and your job.” -Daughter of Former Participant

“I will never forget the sun gleaming off of the doves' wings.” - Wife of Former Participant

It truly was a “night to remember” as family caregivers of participants past and present, volunteers, board members, and staff gathered under a twinkling atmosphere to share memories of the senior adults that have graced our adult day center over the years. The Generations Central team worked for several months to craft an evening worthy of the participants who shared their last days with us at Generations, focusing not only on remembering, but creating new memories together as a community.

Volunteers and family members of former participants recalled their favorite memories of laughing, sharing life, and navigating the difficulties of age with a light-hearted attitude around the welcoming tables of our adult day center. One former caregiver arose with tearful eyes to share how when she didn't know what to do, the Generations Central team came alongside her to support her mom. Two of our volunteers expressed their gratitude for the things they learned from participants who had passed. Our staff members were eager to express that the work we do every day is not only a passion for us, flowing from the love we share for our participants, but an honor. It truly is an honor to be invited into one of the hardest seasons of an individual's life and to build trust with them and their families.

To close the time of remembrance, guests assembled in the courtyard as staff read the names of each beloved participant who had passed. Our team then opened a basket to ceremoniously release white doves. Much to our surprise the doves found themselves quite comfortable in their basket and decided to remain with us. A volunteer shouted from the audience, “There is a message here!” And truly, maybe there was. Those beloved participants who were so hard for us to let go of, may have had a hard time letting go of us too. Either way, we shared a laugh just as we have so many times with our participants, and we encouraged the doves to fly away.



Night to Remember Art Exhibit



Tears, hugs, and lots of love!



A memorable night with a fantastic turnout.

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