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## **Wish-Granting Program for Residents of St. Germain Assisted Living Receives Grant**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – A unique program that grants wishes to residents living at St. Germain Assisted Living in Woonsocket has received a charitable grant from Bank Rhode Island (BankRI). The bank awarded Aldersbridge Communities \$2,500 in support of its ElderVentures wish-granting program.

“Among the many things we’ve seen throughout the past year are the ways organizations go the extra mile to make a difference in the lives of others,” said Mark J. Meiklejohn, President and CEO of BankRI. “The ElderVentures program is a perfect example of how enjoying life’s simple pleasures can make a memorable, lasting impact.”

The ElderVentures wish-granting program is funded entirely through philanthropy and made available to all residents of St. Germain Assisted Living, which is one of four independent and assisted living facilities in the Aldersbridge Communities' network. It helps to provide additional comfort and purpose to older adults, with wishes that may be for something to benefit their lives, to fund a new venture, experience an event, fulfill an unmet need, or travel to a special place.

With Aldersbridge Communities strictly following health and safety guidelines, the program has evolved during these times and continues to bring joy to residents. Examples of granted wishes include a shopping spree for a new wardrobe and a senior’s day visit with her brother. In the past, there have been trips to Fenway Park, a group excursion to Galilee, an adaptive Xbox gaming system, and more.

“Imagine having the power to make someone’s dream come true,” states Richard Gamache, MS, FACHCA, Chief Executive Officer of Aldersbridge Communities. “ElderVentures enables us to do just that. It’s life-changing, heartwarming and, at the same time, extremely rewarding on many levels. It’s our hope to grant as many wishes as we can, as often as we can. Together with the generosity of BankRI, we can make our St. Germain residents' dreams possible.”

Members of the community that would like to learn more about ElderVentures, or who wish to support the program with a gift, may contact Elise Strom at (401) 438-4456 ext. 136, or [estrom@aldersbridge.org](mailto:estrom@aldersbridge.org). Donations may also be made online at [www.Aldersbridge.org/ElderVentures](http://www.Aldersbridge.org/ElderVentures).

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