

By Marny Stuart, Executive Director

“I Give to Everything Here at The Glenridge Because Everything Has a Reason.”

Member Jenny Wood loves living at The Glenridge. An adventure she began 15 years ago when she and her husband, Maurice, known as “Woody,” became part of the Glenridge family. Jenny and Woody have been a critical part of The Glenridge’s culture of giving. And although she lost Woody in 2014, after 65 years of marriage, Jenny never let his passing stop her from enjoying life, sharing her beautiful smile, and spreading her positivity everywhere she went.

The Impact of Generosity

Jenny’s generosity includes giving both as a volunteer and a donor. “I’ve done it all of my life. I’ve always volunteered and consider myself a professional volunteer. There are so many places that need money, and I do as much as I can. I consider it the right thing to do!” Jenny says.

“I give to everything here at The Glenridge because everything here has a reason. I don’t have to worry about my donations. I know for sure that my donations will go where I want them to go and for their intended purpose! Besides,” she stated, ***“it makes me feel good.”***

When The Glenridge Charitable Foundation opened in December 2016, Jenny was one of our first Member donors. That year and every year since then, she has donated to Glenridge charities. She funds the Nesbit Scholarship Fund in memory of her son,



Jenny Wood

Steven; donates to the Endowment Fund for the Performing Arts Center, which was a favorite of her and Woody’s; and to the Team Member Emergency Assistance Fund because she loves Glenridge employees. When the Compassion and the Six Keys Funds were formed under the Foundation, Jenny added them to her annual giving.

It’s Members like Jenny who make it possible for the funds of The Glenridge Foundation to support Members and Team Members — but her generosity doesn’t stop there.

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Volunteerism in Action

Jenny believes strongly in giving her time as generously as she gives her funds. One of her favorite volunteer experiences occurred when she and Woody were living and raising their children in St. Louis, Missouri. Jenny volunteered at St. Louis Children's Hospital and later became a member of the hospital's auxiliary Board of Directors. She had an idea for a ***Love Light Festival*** and pitched it to the auxiliary Board. Sadly, the Board turned down her first attempt to sell her idea. So, she had to rethink

her approach. With her second presentation, she won the approval of the Board to move forward with the idea.

Her idea was to light up the hospital (inside and out) and its grounds each December to bring holiday joy to its young patients, families, staff, visitors, and residents of the St. Louis community. So, in **1983, the *Love Light Festival* was born** featuring a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, sharing holiday gifts, and preparing a meal for the families of patients to enjoy.

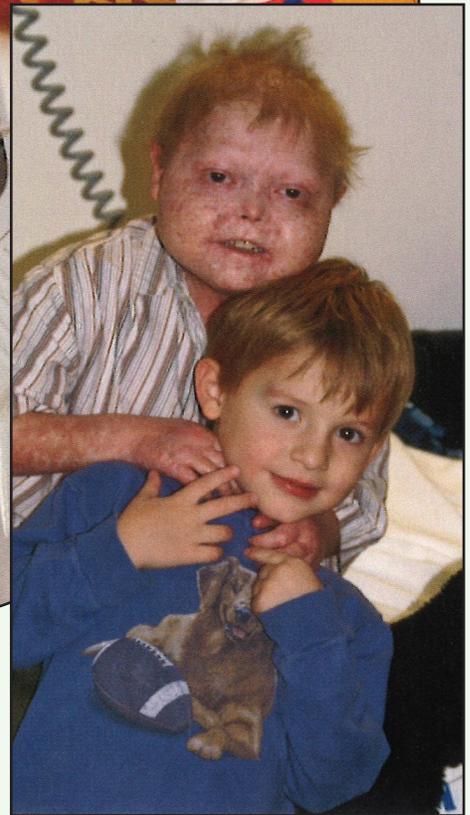
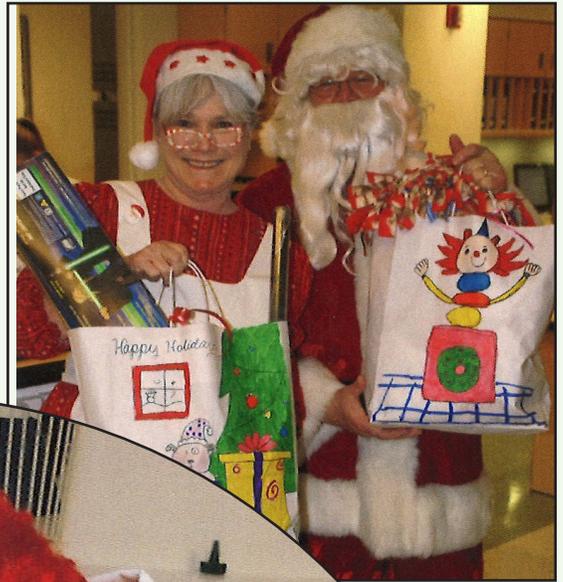


Love Light - Through the Years



Love Light – Through the Years is a book made by the hospital auxiliary to commemorate Jenny Wood's (center) 90th birthday and her years of service to the St. Louis Children's Hospital. The photos on the following pages are only a few of the memories captured in the book that Jenny treasures.







Woody's switch.



Jenny says those first few years were the hardest. She had to beg local entertainers, church choirs, and school bands to participate. The gift-giving part was another challenge as the auxiliary held numerous fundraisers during the year to provide gifts for the patients ranging in age from infants to teenagers ... not just one gift per patient, but a whole bag full of gifts.

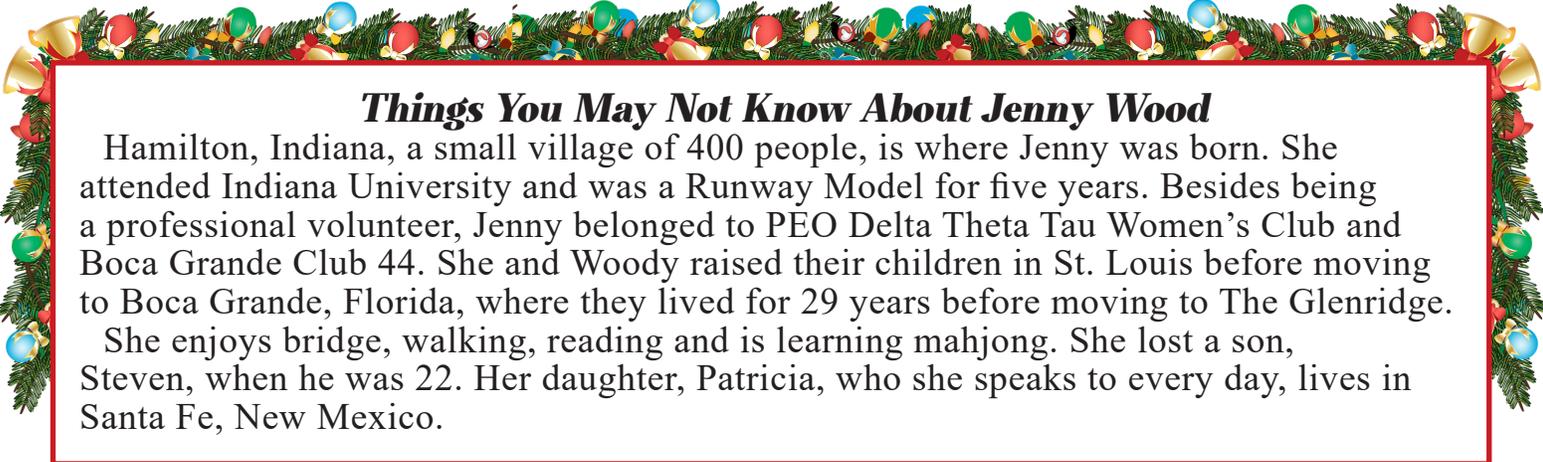
Now, 38 years later, the festival must turn away individuals and groups who want to entertain the children. All the local sports professionals from St. Louis' baseball, hockey, and football teams want to participate in the action. Visits from Ronald McDonald and various Disney characters, including those from Star Wars now join in the annual event and thrill the children. Church choirs and school bands alike want to perform, but there are only 31 days in December to utilize their goodwill.

Since starting the festival so many years ago, Jenny has returned several times to participate in her *dream come true* event. She has accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Claus as they made their way from floor to floor spreading holiday joy. One of her greatest joys was seeing a three-year-old girl, who was the recipient of a heart and lung transplant, "throw the switch" Woody made. Throwing the switch symbolized

the start of the Love Light Festival. It is only then that all the lights in and around the hospital reach their twinkling destination, bringing joy and happiness to the world of St. Louis Children's Hospital.

According to Jenny, Woody was just as involved in the yearly event as she was. He owned a crane company in St. Louis and every year he would send a cherry-picker and his employees to help put up and later take down the lights. The festival's ongoing success was so crucial to Woody, that when he sold his company, he put it in the sales contract that the new owner would continue to provide this service to the hospital and its festival. Jenny will quickly tell you that without Woody's help and the help of the auxiliary, the festival would have never happened. Members of the auxiliary worked endless hours in planning and executing the annual event.

One can see why giving of yourself and your financial resources can bring so much joy into your life. The St. Louis Children's Hospital has been fortunate to have Jenny as a benefactor and the Glenridge community has also benefitted from her generosity over the years. You are, Jenny Wood, one of Glenridge's *Love Lights!* Thank you for your continued support of **our** mission.



Things You May Not Know About Jenny Wood

Hamilton, Indiana, a small village of 400 people, is where Jenny was born. She attended Indiana University and was a Runway Model for five years. Besides being a professional volunteer, Jenny belonged to PEO Delta Theta Tau Women's Club and Boca Grande Club 44. She and Woody raised their children in St. Louis before moving to Boca Grande, Florida, where they lived for 29 years before moving to The Glenridge.

She enjoys bridge, walking, reading and is learning mahjong. She lost a son, Steven, when he was 22. Her daughter, Patricia, who she speaks to every day, lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Getting Involved

If you would like to explore how you can impact the Glenridge community through The Glenridge Charitable Foundation, please contact Marny Stuart at 941-552-5302 or Amanda Olsen at 941-552-5299.



CREATE YOUR LEGACY AT THE GLENRIDGE

Members of The Glenridge have shared that one of your favorite things about being a part of this community is the friendships you make, the clubs you join, the life-long learning, and the sense of family. Members have been incredible in support of each other, and of The Glenridge team members, both through your care and your generosity to The Glenridge Charitable Foundation.

This is why we're excited to share with you a new opportunity to join your fellow Members in celebrating your generosity: The Glenridge

Charitable Foundation Legacy Society.

Members of The Glenridge Charitable Foundation's Legacy Society are those who care deeply about this community and who have decided to secure that commitment to The Glenridge community by including The Glenridge Charitable Foundation in their estate plans. We are thrilled to unveil this program for celebrating The Glenridge Charitable Foundation's Legacy Society Members, and hope you will help us in two key ways!

Opportunity 1: Tell Us If We Are in Your Estate!

Many Glenridge Members have included The Glenridge Charitable Foundation as beneficiaries in their estates. *Thank you* for your generous consideration – and please tell us if this is you! We would be honored to include you in our Foundation's Legacy Society and to be able to thank you for your thoughtful gift.

Opportunity 2: Consider a Gift Through Your Estate

Your estate plan provides a powerful opportunity to care for the people and causes you care about — including your community here at The Glenridge. Establishing your estate plan ensures your assets are distributed in a way that best aligns with your values and gives you peace of mind. Whether you've already created your plans or want to ensure your existing plan provides for the causes closest to you, including The Glenridge Charitable Foundation will ensure a bright future for your Glenridge family. There are three easy and common ways to create a legacy for your Glenridge community.

#1 Leave a Charitable Bequest — you may designate a bequest of a dollar amount, a specific asset, or a percentage of your estate. You can use the following language: "I give and bequeath to The Glenridge Charitable Foundation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and currently located at 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota, FL 34238, _____% of my estate/\$ _____/ my (asset) to be used in support of its charitable programs.

#2 Retirement Plans — If you participate in a 401(k) plan, a 403(b) plan, an IRA, or a similar retirement plan, you can designate The Glenridge Charitable Foundation as the beneficiary of a portion or the remainder of your plan account. You can do this by filling out a designation form from your plan administrator. Deferred retirement income can be heavily taxed if left to anyone other than a legally married spouse. By designating these funds to a charity, you can leave other assets with a lower tax burden to your loved ones.

#3 Amend Your Life Insurance Policy to Make The Glenridge Charitable Foundation a Beneficiary — Just like a retirement plan, you can make The Glenridge Charitable Foundation a beneficiary of a life insurance policy by filling out the policy's paperwork.

For any of these options, you can make The Glenridge Charitable Foundation a beneficiary — or a contingent beneficiary, meaning that the charitable gift is only made if your primary beneficiary predeceases you. What's more, all estate gifts can be designated to support The Glenridge Charitable Foundation overall, or to a specific fund within the Foundation. We would be honored to explore which option is best for you.

For specific legal and financial advice about creating a legacy for The Glenridge Charitable Foundation, please contact your attorney or financial advisor.