



**July 2021** 

# Woman Meets Her Birth Mother after 50 Years, Learns She's An Actress From

**Her Favorite Show** 

When Lisa Wright sat down to watch *That's My Mama* every week as a child, she never could have imagined how accurate the title would prove to be.

As an adopted child, Lisa never sought out her biological family. Once she had a child of her own, however, she began investigating.

"My (adoptive) mom told me, 'Your mommy loved you, but she was really young, and she knew she couldn't take care of you. I wanted a baby so bad, and that's why your mom let me take care of you. You weren't abandoned. This was just the best thing for you,' "Lisa said in



an interview with the *Today* show.
Following a DNA test,
Lisa was quickly put into touch with members

of her biological family – and before long, her biological mother.

"A voice on the other end (of the phone) says, 'Is this my daughter?' And then I just went, 'Oh, my God, is this my mother?'" Lisa said. "And then she goes, 'Yes, sweetie, this is your mom.' It was just the most indescribable feeling."

Lisa would quickly learn that her mother is none other than Lynee Moody – an actress from one of Lisa's favorite shows from childhood.

"I grew up watching my mother on TV and didn't even know it," Wright said. "*That's My Mama* — that was

our must-see TV. We all sat down and watched *That's My Mama* 

and watched *That's My Mama* every week, and who knew?

No idea.... And that's my mama!"

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# Happy Birthday!

#### Residents Dorothy B. July 10 Helen N. July 14 Joanna B. July 15 James C. July 19 James S. July 27 William A. July 30 Rosemary K. July 31 Staff Dawn L. July 03 Maryam D. July 06 Taylor M. July 07 Cierra S. July 07 Amber B. July 08

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Juliana L.

Valerie G.

Sarah W.

Nicole F.

Makayla B.

Tammy C.

Rene K.

# Executive Director Corner

Happy July, everyone! I hope that you are

enjoying cooling down from the heat and the easing of restrictions, because summer is officially in full swing – and we have a lot to celebrate.

Our "Traditions Around the World" Theme Year continues this month with our latest Theme Week – France. Taking place from July 12th – July 15th, this theme week will see our campus filled with blue, white, and red colors as we celebrate the sights, sounds, and smells of France from the comfort of home. Be sure to ask to our Life

Enrichment Director about all of the incredible activities we have planned! C'est l'heure de faire la fête (It's party time!).

As we begin celebrating our independence from COVID-19, we are also excited to be kicking off our Independence from Hunger food drive.

Over the course of the past 5 years, we have been able to raise more than 7.3 million pounds of food to support local food banks across the Midwest. Talk to a team member today to learn about how you can participate!

Have a great month,

Valerie Griggs

**Executive Director** 

# Work Continues for Campus in Color

Our courtyards and front entrance are taking shape as the residents help us with our raised beds and pots. Through a generous donation made by Grace Fellowship: The Chapel, we were able to purchase fountains and décor for each courtyard and the sitting areas at our front entrance. We are grateful for the donation and for the partnership with Pastor Dan Case and The Chapel.



### FEATURED VOLUNTEER: RUTH M.



One of our Independent Living Residents, Ruth is now serving as an "official" volunteer although she has been an unofficial volunteer since she moved to Violet Springs. She has a huge heart and is known for her kindness. Take a minute to learn about this special lady.

Born in her home, Ruth is a Columbus native. She attended St. Mary's of the Spring Academy and did

cooking demonstrations at the Lazarus Department Store. Ruth also served as a volunteer, teaching 8th grade girls to cook. Ruth and her husband Robert were married for 58 years, and they have four children all with "K" names! She is a talented crafter and can even make beautiful stained glass. Dancing is another talent our sweet Ruth has. She did tap, acrobatics, ballet, and toe from grade school to high school. Is there anything she cannot do?

When asked why she wanted to volunteer at Violet Springs, she said, "Why? I just like to be around people and help a little if I can." Ruth is a blessing to our team and to all our residents. Thank you, Ruth!



# Legacy Lane Artists

Our Legacy residents always enjoy art! Each day, residents are encouraged to exercise their artistic flare, and they create unique and lovely works of art. We will be hosting our second annual art gala later this year, and we cannot wait to show off the talent of our Legacy Residents. Stay tuned for more details about this upcoming event.

**Carnaval!** Theme week was a great success! Our residents loved our "trip to South America" which included a Batucada drumming session, Chair Somba, Brazilian folk songs, and a fantastic Carnaval Dinner. Thursday's dinner kicked off with the Grand Re-Opening of our Health Center Dining Room. We were pleased to have our youngest and oldest residents, Bobbi B. and Marvine W., cut the ribbon and welcome residents back into the dining room. Elaborate centerpieces and decorations set the stage for a Brazilian







# Resident Spotlight: Jim S.

Born and raised in Jasper, Ohio, Jim is a World War II Veteran. He served in the Air Force for three years in Italy and North Africa during the war. He was happily married for 57 years to Hazel, the love of his life. Jim worked at Greenlawn Cemetery for 45 years and was a Special Deputy Sheriff for Franklin County. Jim's favorite type of music is Blue Grass; he loves Bill Monroe. Every morning, Jim reads the Columbus Dispatch while drinking his coffee. He is everyone's favorite flirt as he tells all the women in the building, "You make me feel 20 years younger!" Make sure to get to know this fabulous gentleman from the Greatest Generation.







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Keep up with latest campus news and happenings by following us on your favorite social networks!

We strive to provide the best customer service and quality care for our residents.
Our Department Leaders are here to solve any concerns you may have.
In the event that you need further assistance with any unresolved concerns, we encourage you to call or email our Compliance Hotline: 800-908-8618, ext. 2800; or comply@trilogyhs.com

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# **Monthly Trivia & Activity Corner**

All trivia answers will be printed in our upcoming month's newsletter!

Question 1: The Fourth of July celebrates the adoption of what historic document?

Question 2: What is the name of the largest planet in our solar system?

Question 3: What is the name of the local jazz group that performed "I Don't Want

To Set The World On Fire"?

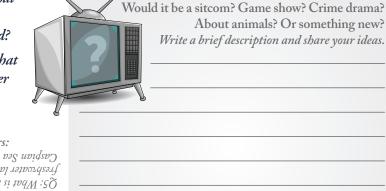
Question 4: In what year was the 19th amendment ratified?

Question 5: On what day does the summer solstice occur?

Flip the page for last month's trivia answers:

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QI: What river runs through the Grand Canyon? The Colorado River Q2: The world's first vaccine was developed to fight which disease? Polio Q3: The ocean covers more than \_% of the earth's surface. 70



If you could create a TV show, what would it be?

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