

Yesterday, we helped to make a dream come true for Ginny. Back in the day, Ginny and her late husband raised Tennessee Walking Horses and she has many wonderful memories of this. She has pictures of her horses in her apartment and will sometimes share those memories with the staff at Prairie Hills Independence. We thought being able to see and pet a horse again would be an awesome surprise for her.

Community Relations Coordinator, Sarah Zimmerman, contacted her friends, Tracy and Rob Milota, to bring their horse, Coup, over to Prairie Hills for Ginny to see. Although Coup is not a Tennessee Walking Horse, he somewhat resembles one. When he was younger, this beautiful Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred and Tracy were champion barrel racers.

You could just see Ginny's eyes light up when she saw Coup walking over to her from the park next door to Prairie Hills. Tracy helped Ginny to feed him treats and Rob showed her how he settled Coup's nerves by running him in a circle. Rob and Ginny also had a good chuckle when talking about their horses.

Nurse, Kelly, and Resident Assistant, Heather, also had the privilege to share this memory with Ginny and were the ones to take these great photos for us to enjoy! We are very thankful that we can experience these Dare to Dream moments with our residents and cherish these memories with them.

Experiences made possible through the Dare to Dream program can range from modest to elaborate, based on the unique experiences and backstories of each individual resident. Not only are these events special to the resident, but they also become fond memories for that residents family and loved ones. "It really is an experience for all involved. Whether it's a team member who helped plan the dream come true, the resident themselves, or family members who get to see their senior loved one in a new light," shares Monique Eldridge, Community Director.

To learn more about Prairie Hills Independence's Dare to Dream program or share ideas for a future dream come true, please contact Sarah Zimmerman, Community Relations Coordinator, at 319-334-8659 or welcmeindy@prairiehillsliving.com.