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Dear [Donor Name],

Michele Temple made her career as a middle school Home Economics teacher in Philadelphia, blending her signature candor, comedy, and compassion to instill her students with critical life skills that stretched beyond the standard curriculum. Outside of the classroom, Michele and her late husband, Lloyd, were fixtures in the Collingswood community where they retired, drawn by their love of sailing on the Cooper River. Like many of our supporters, they frequently attended bake sales and holiday bazaars at Collingswood Manor long before needing healthcare services.

“We always called Collingswood ‘Norman Rockwell Land,’ because we thought it had such a wonderful, homey, welcoming feel. Everybody we met here was lovely. I remember saying to my sister, ‘If I ever need more help or can’t take care of myself, I want to live at Collingswood Manor.’”

After Lloyd’s passing, Michele savored many more years in her home, but when a sudden illness left her in debilitating pain and unable to walk during the COVID-19 pandemic, she knew she needed support. She also knew she wasn’t ready to stop living and trying new things.

After moving in, Michele fully immersed herself in life at Collingswood Manor, exploring new interests and opportunities, from crafts, bingo, and sing-alongs to adventurous excursions to the Philly Museum, Barnes, and Brandywine. Her bold spirit and connection to the Philadelphia area make these trips especially fun, offering Michele the chance to act as an impromptu tour guide for her fellow residents.

“I was determined to do everything,” Michele reflects. “I haven’t stopped since! I’ve seen people here do things that amaze me, and we feed off each other. It’s the idea of home and family.”

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Today, Michele uses her skills as an educator to bring out the unique strengths of each resident, volunteer, and UMC team member, and weave them together into a strong, supportive community. Whether she is acting as an advocate, resident volunteer, or just a very engaged participant, it's clear that Michele doesn't just live here; she is part of the very fabric that makes her community feel like home.

Because of your support, Michele has found an enduring home at Collingswood Manor - a community that values creative arts, personal discovery, and innovative care. As she says, *"It's encouraging to know people want UMC residents to have choices, programs, and support. It feels personal."*

This Spring, will you make it personal?

Your gift directly supports the "Norman Rockwell" warmth of Collingswood Manor, and our other welcoming communities, by funding programs, activities, and care that enrich our residents' lives. No matter what you give, your generosity is the thread that holds our community together and enriches lives like Michele's every day.



Michele and fellow residents from Collingswood and Pitman Manors on one of the many outings she enjoys. This trip to the NJ Hall of Fame was sponsored by the UMC Foundation and made possible by supporters like you!



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