

Celebrating Seniors

The Twilight Wish Foundation (www.twilightwishfoundation.org), a recently formed non-profit organization honoring seniors, brought smiles to many senior citizens and assisted-living residents on Dec. 16, as the group went caroling through the halls of three local nursing homes.

Residents of Heritage Tower, along with those at



Residents of Heritage Tower enjoy Christmas carols.

Briar Leaf and Beverly Healthcare, were appreciative as they listened to their favorite holiday carols while eating cookies donated by the Doylestown Genuardi's market.

"Oh thank you, thank you so much" were the simple words spoken by one resident at the Heritage Tower Retirement Community, "You have made our holidays very special."

The group also left a special Hokey Pokey Elmo under each tree for the residents to enjoy in memory of one volunteer's grandmother who loved the *Sesame Street* icon.

The Twilight Wish Foundation seeks to celebrate seniors and show them that younger generations have not forgotten them. The founder of the organization, Cass Tommassello said, "It was truly heartwarming to see the smiles across their faces. We all laughed and cried. Doing something so simple like singing Christmas carols really brightened their night, and I am glad our organization was able to bring them some holiday cheer."

Founded in 2003, the organization grants individual wishes for seniors who qualify. It also plans to organize group award celebrations and many other events to say thank you to seniors and remember



Volunteers (from left) Kristen Egan, Molly DiPrato, Karen Walsh and Cass Tommassello, founder and executive director of the Twilight Wish Foundation.

their influence and kindness throughout their lives. The organization hopes to expand throughout Pennsylvania and into Florida within the next two years. It relies on the contributions of others to make the wishes of elders come true. For information about donating or volunteering, call 1-877-TWF-WISH (1-877-893-9474). ••