

Joy in a Local Nursing Home

To The Editor:

I recently visited a dear friend of mine who is a resident of a nursing home in Washington.

As I walked through the cafeteria, I heard music coming from down the hall. It sounded professional, as if someone was playing an oldies CD, but I wasn't sure. As I approached the sound, I came upon a scene I will never forget.

In a small crowded room, a group of residents were gathered in a circle. Some

were in chairs, some were on couches, and others were in wheelchairs. In the middle of the circle was a woman singing songs. Not only was she just singing, she was walking around the circle holding hands with each person, looking into their eyes, and loving them unconditionally.

There was so much joy in that moment that it is almost indescribable. Some were singing, some were clapping, some were smiling, and some were crying. It was then that

I realized I was crying, too.

I inquired as to who the woman was, and found out that she provides adult outreach for Scenic Regional Library. So I want to say, "Thank you" to the library for providing such a wonderful service to the community. And to the employee who selflessly sacrifices this special gift, you have no idea how much it means to these beautiful people and their family and friends. Keep up the great work!

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