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**THE LANTERN ALZHEIMER'S CENTER AT MORNING POINTE
DREAMS COME TRUE THROUGH 'LANTERN HIGHLIGHTS'**

COLLEGEDALE, TN – The Lantern Alzheimer's Center at Morning Pointe in Collegedale has lit up the streets of Broad St. and Martin Luther King Blvd. in Chattanooga. Highlighting the exceptionally brightly spirited granddaughter of the hotel magnate and founder Samuel R. Read, Ms. Mary Eleanor Smartt Gilley was the honored guest at the famous downtown Read House Hotel. Dynamically caring, complimentary, encouraging, positive and appreciative, Eleanor Smartt was so smart, as her name Smartt implies, that she went right along with her name-sake "Read" and ended up teaching students to read as a Hamilton County public school special education teacher. Eleanor spent a lot of time in the Read House with Grandfather Read. "Grandfather had the Read House built by the best architect because he was a man of perfection", said Elli. A few of the rides she took in her fun lifetime include riding the Incline every day to school until she graduated from Chattanooga High School, riding the "Waves" in the Navy, working in the fleet's tenth floor mail room, and riding the mail chute. "Thanks to those sailors who "sailed" me all the way from tenth to first floor", exclaimed Elli. "Talk about feeling like a piece of mail"! Stationed in New York City, she met her husband, Hardin Gilley from North Carolina. Not only did she fall in love with him, but with baseball, becoming a die-hard Lookouts fan for years, cheering on her handsome husband's mean curve ball who pitched for the team.

The 'Lantern Highlights' is a program meant to focus on fulfilling our residents' wishes and dreams", said Tiffany Hobbs, executive director for The Lantern. "Many of our residents have left a wealth of legacies from living in this rich region and we are thrilled to enable them to return to their roots and relive their happy days from long ago." said Dawn Dunn, program director for The Lantern.

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Morning Pointe and The Lantern were founded by Independent Healthcare Properties, LLC (IHP), which was established in 1996 by regional healthcare entrepreneurs Greg A. Vital and Franklin Farrow. Based in Chattanooga, Tenn., IHP develops and manages senior healthcare communities and commercial real estate. Its portfolio includes sixteen assisted living communities in five states as well as commercial office and government buildings. For additional information on Morning Pointe and The Lantern communities, please visit www.morningpointe.com.

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