

## An Accomplishment from the Heart. Penny Bray Makes Over 1500 Visits to a Client Since 2006.

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Lafayette, IN – In September of 2006, Penny Bray was hired as a caregiver for Angel Senior Home Solutions, Inc. "I remember meeting Penny for the first time during her orientation," said Administrator Susan Jordan. "When I asked everyone to introduce and share something special about themselves, she modestly just said her name and then stated, 'There is nothing special about me.' It was then that I thought to myself, I need to watch this one. She truly has a servant's heart."



In October of 2006, Bray was chosen to work with Gus and LaVeda Schmid because Angels Senior Home Solutions' Management Team felt that her skills and personality would complement the client's dementia care needs. It also was a benefit that Bray lived near the Schmid's farm. "When placing caregivers in a home, we work hard to match not only skills but personalities with client needs. And after Penny met Gus and LaVeda, it was clear that LaVeda and Penny were a match made in heaven. It really was a great fit from the very beginning – 'Just like two peas in a pod as they would say,'" said Jordan. "It truly was a divine intervention. No one knew that day how much Penny would become like family."

In the summer of 2010, LaVeda unexpectedly passed away, but Bray's tireless commitment to Gus has continued. And because of this commitment, her servant heart has made more than 1500 visits to the farm since the couple's start of care in 2006. "This unbelievable number was discovered by accident," says Bridget Buchanan, Scheduling Supervisor. "I was looking for something else in our database when I noticed that the number of visits to the client by Penny were 1496. This definitely called for a celebration of accomplishment."

In October 2011, the entire Schmid family was invited to join the Angels Senior Home Solutions' Management Team for a surprise dinner celebration at the Beef House for Bray. Toni Schmid, from Colorado, was unfortunately unable to join the celebration but says, "How nice of Angels to celebrate Penny. Only Penny could take care of my dad and she brought lots of joy to my mom." Schmid continued with, "Penny is one of the most caring individuals I know. We are blessed to have her as part of our family. Penny is a very special Angel."

Upon arriving, Bray was speechless, but then again as history has shown, she would be. "Penny is very humble and doesn't like to call attention to herself. She has been called to serve others and that is always her focus," says Jordan. "We are so very blessed to call her an Angel."

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Far left Pamela Butram (Scheduling), Bridget Buchanan (Scheduling), Yvonne Ledford (Business Office & Outreach), Melissa Jarrett, RN (Nursing Supervisor), Lori Sickler, RN (Nursing Supervisor), Susan Jordan, RN (Administrator), Penny Bray (Angel Extraordinaire)

To the right of Penny: Mary Schmid (Gus's daughter), Bill Schmid (Gus's son), Dave Randles (Mary's husband), Jodi Schmid (Bill's wife), Emily Scott ( Bill & Jodi's daughter), Ali Schmid ( Bill and Jodi's daughter) holding Iann Schmid (Ali's son, Gus's great grandson)

### **About Angels Senior Home Solutions**

Angels Senior Home Solutions is a based-in-faith organization that provides services to help restore independence, health and confidence for seniors. Services include housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, transportation, nursing care and personal care up to 24 hours a day for seniors – to just name a few. All Angels are specially trained to care for individuals affected by Alzheimer's and dementia. Angels Senior Home Solutions provides services in Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Warren and White Counties.

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