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Three Centenarian Sisters Reunite after a Decade; Defy Odds

BRISTOL, R.I., April 16, 2014 – It is a distinction to live to be 100 years old. Just ask Rose Shloss. Not only is she 101, but her sisters are 104 and 110! Three sisters, all from one family, haven't been together in a decade. Rose's Wish of a Lifetime™ came true when she traveled from Sarasota, Fla. to Bristol, RI, to reunite with her sisters, Ruth Branum and Rubye Cox. Ruth, who is 104, made the trip from her home in Tulsa, Okla to Rubye's community, Silver Creek Manor, in Bristol, RI.

"I could not have dreamed that I would be with both of my sisters," said Rose. "Given our ages and the fact that we live so far apart this is truly a Wish of a Lifetime™. I am excited beyond words to share this time with them."

Silver Creek Manor hosted this special reunion as the sisters reminisced old memories and shared family photos with each other. Kimberly Ciociola, Administrator for Silver Creek Manor, said, "It was a wonderful experience and we were thrilled to be part of the celebration in support of the family." Rose, her three sisters and three brothers grew up on a farm in rural Oklahoma with their parents. While life took them to different places, their family has always remained close even though travel and health issues have made it more difficult over the years. Jeremy Bloom, the founder of Wish of a Lifetime™ and the sisters' families joined in the celebration of the reunion. Rose even got to see her first great grandchild, 5-month-old, Leela.

"The odds of reaching 110 are about one in 7 million," said Dr. Karl Pillemer, Cornell University gerontologist. "If you add the fact that the three sisters are all currently more than 100 years old, the odds are so incredibly small that it would even be difficult to calculate them."

"Family ties are so very important, especially when families are separated by great distance," said Janet Shloss, Rose's daughter. "Despite all of our technological means of communicating, nothing can replace the fundamental need to be hugged and held by a loved one. How truly remarkable that these three sisters were given the chance to one last time know the joy of being together."

In 2010, Brookdale and Wish of a Lifetime™ formed a partnership to provide a helping hand in making some of the dreams of Brookdale residents, like Rose's, come true. Through the support provided by Silver Creek Manor, the site of the reunion, and Anne Wojcicki, co-founder and CEO of 23andMe, who donated Ruth's flight, three sisters were reunited after 10 years apart.

For more information about Silver Creek Manor, Wish of a Lifetime™, and Brookdale visit: www.silvercreekmanor.com, www.seniorwish.org, and www.brookdaleliving.com.

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Silver Creek Manor is a family owned and operated nursing facility providing the community with innovative choices and quality care since 1970. Serving 128 residents, Silver Creek Manor prides itself on maintaining a homelike atmosphere, while providing modern up to date amenities for an enjoyable experience. Silver Creek Manor's team approach is designed to encourage each patient to reach his or her maximum potential in as little time as possible. Working together with physicians, nurses, and therapists,

they create individualized care plans to meet the needs of each resident. The resident is the most important person in Silver Creek Manor's nursing facility. Their physical and spiritual well-being is of the utmost importance. Silver Creek continues to provide a home-like atmosphere and strives to achieve this through a holistic approach to resident centered treatment and care.

Wish of a Lifetime™ fosters respect and appreciation for deserving seniors by fulfilling their life-enriching Wishes. Founded by two-time Olympic skier, World Cup gold medalist, entrepreneur, and former NFL football player Jeremy Bloom in 2008 in living honor of his grandmother, Wish of a Lifetime encourages the public to take an active role in granting Wishes through its Wish Connect program. Wish of a Lifetime has made 840 Wishes come true for seniors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. 93 percent of Wish recipients stated they felt their quality of life improved after having their wish granted and 76 percent said they felt their overall health improved after experiencing a Wish. Learn more about #WishConnect, our volunteer program to help fulfill a senior's wish or visit www.seniorwish.org

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