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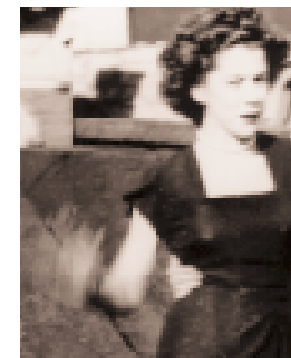
## *Elisa's Story*

As told by Frank A. Calamari, President and Chief Executive Officer



**T**hroughout her life, Elisa has always been a strong woman. Independent and headstrong, her husband once said if she had been a man she would have been a multi-millionaire.

Unfortunately, Elisa's life had been plagued by cancer. She had a brain tumor 30 years ago. She also had breast cancer and cancer of the adenoids. Three times,



she fought back against cancer and won. But when cancer reappeared, Elisa's doctors finally had to admit that they had run out of options to cure her.

Although Elisa

had struggled her entire life with cancer, she was determined to stay at home. But she didn't know how she or her family would manage the special care she would need.

As Elisa's condition worsened, her medical needs increased and her family felt increasingly overwhelmed. After all, they were not trained medical professionals. Elisa's daughters cared for her as best they could, but they all had jobs and families of their own. Calvary@Home was able to come to her rescue.

Our hospice doctors and nurses are experts at providing wound care and pain management in the home. We also provide the medical equipment and supplies such as oxygen machines, walkers, wheelchairs, and special beds that patients need to continue to live as fully as possible.

## *“The wish that my mother had to*

*visit the Empire State Building and the carousel ride in Central Park will always be a wonderful memory for my sisters and myself. Calvary has been helpful to my family in many, many ways that we can never truly repay.”* — LUCILLE, ELISA’S DAUGHTER

But what Elisa’s daughters will remember most about Calvary Hospice happened on one special day in the summer.

True to her nature, Elisa was still fighting and still alive six months after doctors gave her just weeks to live. And true to her nature, she wanted to live every minute of her life.

Elisa said she wanted to go to the top of the Empire State Building and she wanted to ride the carousel in Central Park one more time. She hadn’t been on a carousel since she was a little girl. And like so many lifelong New Yorkers, she had never been to

the Empire State Building.

When her daughters told us about Elisa’s dream, we knew we had to make it happen.

So on a warm day in June, we arranged for Elisa and her daughters to visit the Empire State Building. Glaucoma and cancer had blinded her, but Elisa could feel the wind and the height. As she sat 1,000 feet above her beloved New York City, she could see it in her heart.

And when she rode the carousel in Central Park, she returned, for a few moments at least, to the happier days of her childhood. 🌀

