

Dear Mr. Kensey:

My name is Alice Perri. My Mom is Catherine Hartman. She has been a resident at Silver Lake Nursing Home for ten years. I have seen many changes over the years. The most outstanding change was five years ago when Mom only got out of bed for one hour a day to a Gerry chair. At that time a new rehab came in and worked with stroke victims that were cognitively intact and spent a month teaching them how to use an electronic wheelchair to make them as independent as possible.



Today my Mom still uses her electronic chair, is out of bed for 10-12 hr. a day with no nap, goes on all the outings. I have shared this with everyone. They have so turned my mom's life around. Now with your program my Mom feels like she is back at work and at the casino all in one. She spent 40 years doing data processing and converting over to computers. She may be 85 but her mind is still 40.

She as well as I feel like we have something more in common when I come to visit. She loves to show me what she can do on the computer. It makes our visit more productive rather than just sitting around. I am my mom's only family. She look forward to my emails and pictures of my girls. When she see's Melvin in the hallway she runs after him just to get on the computer to play a game or see if I sent her anything. Sometimes Mom is depressed and when I visit, going to the computer room and doing the computer with her makes for a more pleasant visit for the both of us. She has not complained about anything since Melvin has started putting her on. I thank you for making my Mom feel like a person again and making our visits more interesting.

Sincerely,
Alice Perri