

Dear Friend,

You won't find tow happier people than

Priscilla Malick and Wini Yunker.

Wini, 83, visited Priscilla at a central Kentucky nursing home eight years ago.

They've been **smiling and laughing** ever since.

An ombudsman for the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, Wini does all she can to

make life better for 76-year-old Priscilla and other residents. She's saddened by the physical toll a neurological disease has

taken on her friend's 93-pound body. At the same time, she marvels at Priscilla's determination to fulfill her purpose in life.

"I'm a letter writer," says Priscilla, who lost the use of six fingers and both thumbs years ago. *She uses her forefingers and an ancient computer* to peck out and mail dozens of encouraging letters every week from her 'office' in her tiny half of a semi-private room. "It's my ministry," she explains.

Even if it requires a late-night trip to the nursing home, Wini never hesitates to go to bat for Priscilla and others who need her help. Getting the nursing home to take Priscilla to doctor appointments is one of several ongoing challenges. "I give them plenty of notice in writing, but I've had to cancel more appointments than I can count," she said.

Priscilla out for her neighbors. When she heard that a staff member wrongly took away a resident's radio, his most prized possession, she told Wini. The resident got his radio back the next day.

"We're tight," Priscilla said, grinning.

Priscilla is one of <u>5,500</u> central Kentucky long-term care residents who

NEED YOUR HELP.

Please give generously and give today to keep ombudsmen such as Wini on the front lines, advocating for better care for our precious seniors. It costs \$550,000 a year to provide ombudsman services to the 5,500 long-term care residents in our 17-county central Kentucky service area; that translates to \$100 per resident.

P.S. Make Priscilla even happier by making your best gift today. She's counting on you.

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