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‘WISHING WELL’ FULFILLS A SENIOR’S WISH TO WATCH A WHITE SOX GAME

Chicago, Ill. (May 28, 2009) – Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center recently helped make a wish come true for one of the facility’s long-term residents, Robert Bonner, age 68. Like many Chicagoans, Robert enjoys watching the Chicago Bulls, Bears and Blackhawks – but says he ‘loves’ his Chicago White Sox so much that he dedicates his summers to watching each and every one of the team’s games. But the last time Robert actually saw a White Sox game in the stadium was 54 years ago in 1955.

After Carrie Groulx, the Administrator at Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Chicago’s Lincoln Park community, learned that Robert’s wish was to see the Chicago White Sox play at U.S. Cellular Field, she quickly made arrangements for Robert and nine of his friends to attend a home game against the Seattle Mariners on April 29.

The outing was part of Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center’s “Wishing Well” program, which was established by the rehab center’s staff in August 2008 to grant residents’ wishes. Robert’s White Sox game is just one of many wishes that Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center has helped to

make come true in the past nine months. Others include reuniting a resident with her son after eight years of separation, helping a resident learn a new language, seeing the Blue Man Group live at Briar Street Theatre and more.

“I enjoy watching the Chicago White Sox play more than anything else,” says Bonner. “I didn’t really think that my ‘wish’ could be granted but I thought that it didn’t hurt to ask and the staff at Alden made it come true for me. I can’t thank the staff enough for this wonderful experience.”

“Watching Robert enjoy the baseball game with all of his friends was one of the most moving things that I have ever seen,” says Carrie Groulx, Administrator, Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. “The smile on his face inspires the staff and me to do our best to help make dreams like this come true for all of our residents.”

Photo 1
Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center’s Robert Bonner, 68, and Carrie Groulx, Administrator, attend the Chicago White Sox game on April 29.



Photo 2
‘Wishing Well’ recipient Robert Bonner, center, enjoys the Chicago White Sox game on April 29 with his friends and staff from Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center is located at 504 W.
Wellington Ave. in Chicago.

Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center offers programs that address the needs of short-term therapy and rehabilitation patients as well as long-term residents.

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