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## Warming Up the Hearts of Seniors

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Such a big heart for such a young girl. Sol Feinstone sixth grader, Ayla Dickinson, began volunteering at Pickering Manor at the youthful age of eight years old as a 'buddy' to Pickering Manor resident, Patricia/Pat Woodhead (rest in peace; 10/18/36 – 5/3/22). Pat and Ayla developed a beautiful friendship and Ayla would come in to play piano for her and the residents of Pickering - always bringing a smile to their faces. When Covid hit, Ayla would continue to write letters but could not wait to get back in to see the residents again, especially Pat.

While missing the residents during Covid, Ayla decided to write from her heart about her time at Pickering in an essay contest - the theme was 'Soaring to Success.' In her essay, Ayla wrote about Pat, and how she was able to make her happy and impact her quality of life. As a part of this essay contest, Ayla won a fifty-dollar check! Ayla knew immediately what she wanted to do with this money – she wanted to use it to make more residents happy. After brainstorming some ideas, Ayla and Pickering decided on pet therapy for the residents and what's better than, all the rage right now, baby goats! Realizing this would take more than what she had, Ayla took to 'fundraising' on her own and raised nearly five hundred dollars to put towards the residents of Pickering Manor. The heart of this little girl is truly extraordinary!

Ayla's choice was perfection and the heart she put into it was amazing! The residents absolutely loved the goats and Ayla once again impacted the life of not just one resident, but many. The residents loved the visit from the goats so much and Ayla's heart was filled with so much joy, that she is hoping to bring the baby goats back in the Spring! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your kindness, Ayla.

We invite you to visit and learn more about Pickering Manor. Should you have interest in more information regarding living options, tours, donations, or employment opportunities, please contact Pickering Manor at 215-968-3878 or by visiting [www.pickeringmanor.org](http://www.pickeringmanor.org).

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Ayla Dickinson takes a moment and poses with the baby goats.



Ayla's mother, Cindy D. takes 'Penelope' over to visit Ann and Ross H.



Barbara V. pets 'Tyrone'



'Penelope' enjoys a visit with Sue S.