

CARE HOME RESIDENT ON TOP OF THE WORLD

A Swansea care home resident fulfilled a long-held ambition when she travelled to London for a trip on the London Eye.

88-year-old Alma Thomas, a resident at the Southern Cross Healthcare owned Peniel Green care home was accompanied by daughter Lillian and home manager Eileen Coyle-Jones for a VIP champagne flight on the famous landmark.



Other highlights of the trip included an overnight hotel stay, an Italian supper and a trip to Harrods where Alma indulged another of her passions by purchasing a thimble from the world-renowned store.

Eileen Coyle-Jones, home manager at Peniel Green care home said: “Our philosophy is to help our residents to lead fulfilling lives. Just because some-one is elderly and living in a care setting does not mean that they do not have dreams and we were delighted to help Alma achieve one of hers.

“We all had a wonderful trip and it was heart-warming to witness Alma’s excitement as we soared above London and spotted all the famous sights.”

Alma said: “The flight on the London Eye totally lived up to my expectations. I can’t thank Lillian and Eileen enough for making this possible and I hope I have demonstrated that age is no barrier to having fun and enjoying life.”

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Notes to Editors

Southern Cross Healthcare has over 700 care homes across the UK with approximately 37,500 beds and 41,000 staff.

The company consists of three separate divisions; Southern Cross Healthcare, Ashbourne Senior Living - offering private care homes for the elderly, and Active Care Partnerships - offering a range of specialist services for people with mental health requirements and those who are physically less able.