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An Amazing Woman Who Continues to "Stay in the Arena"

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ER PETITE FRAME AND SOFT-SPOKEN NATURE belie the strength of her character amid many losses and challenges. Her expressive face lights up as she shares details about her early days in Cuba; her indelible love story with her husband who died too young; the difficult move they made to leave her homeland and immigrate to Houston; her distinguished career and passion for medical research; and the pride she has in her three accomplished adult children and four adoring grandchildren. In her spirited conversation, there is no mention and little sign of her biggest challenge today-dementia.

Like many with the disease, the details of Matilde Olivé's distant memories are still intact. Still in the mild phase, she describes, with amazing photographic memory, the layout of her childhood home, the abundant mango trees

in her backyard, the beautiful beaches and mountains in her hometown of Cienfuegos, Cuba. She was the third child, and only girl, with two older brothers who loved to spoil her. Her father owned a textile business while her

RIGHT Matilde, reads her story in creative writing class at Amazing Place.

> BELOW Juan & Matilde while dating in Cuba. 1955



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mother was a homemaker, and she says, they "lived very well with cooks and other help." When she was just 13, she and her father went to Barcelona, Spain to visit his mother/her grandmother and she met the man who would become the love of her life, Juan Olivé, nearly seven years her senior. They kept in touch by letters for years and he eventually moved to Cuba for them to be married when she was in her early twenties. At her parents' behest, both strong advocates of higher education, she was not allowed to marry until she finished her education for a career, which turned out to be a Ph.D. in Pharmacology.

Early in their marriage, they learned the unfortunate news that Juan would have to have heart surgery for a congenital heart ailment he had had from birth. It was the early 1960s, shortly after Castro had come to power and her beloved country had become a Communist state. Today, Matilde painstakingly describes the emotional and devastating experience of watching those who decided to leave behind their family and friends, in addition to their homes and possessions, which the Communist government would then confiscate. They also claimed her father's business. As Matilde and Juan awaited his surgery, they began driving friends and others to the airport who were fleeing. In a synchronistic event that would change the course of their lives,



American citizens, purchasing a three-bedroom bungalow in West University in the late 1960s where they raised their three children-Tony, Elizabeth and Elena. Matilde still lives there today. Juan worked at Shell Oil in R&D, while Matilde, was a career woman-an anomaly at the time-working initially in the lab at Rice University on a fruit fly experiment for NASA. In

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018



This year's Amazing Place Annual Luncheon, our only fundraising event of the year, will be held on October 10th, 2018 at River Oaks Country Club. Co-chaired by Shannon and Robert O'Brien and Ann Marie and Trey Wood, the luncheon will feature keynote speaker Alex Doman, founder and CEO of Advanced Brain Technologies, creators of The Listening Program[®]. Bestselling co-author of *Healing* at the Speed of Sound[®]. Alex has focused his career on how sound, music, and technology can improve brain health and performance.

caregiver support and community education on brain health and dementia.

Tables of ten start at \$5,000. If available, individual tickets will be available in the fall. To purchase, contact Ramsey Howell, Development Director at 713.552.0420 or go to amazingplacehouston.org.

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they noticed Juan's doctor in line at the airport, as he, too, had decided to escape Castro's regime. Juan went up to him and the doctor quickly wrote down a few words on a scrap of paper, handing it to him-"Dr. Denton Cooley, Houston."

And, so it happened that in 1961, Matilde, 25, and Juan, 31, ended up leaving Cuba, the friends and family they loved, arriving in their new home, Houston, with just the clothes on their back. Matilde never saw her father again and didn't see her mother for over twenty years until her eldest daughter got married in 1984. When they arrived in Houston, they did find and were able to see Dr. Cooley who performed the life-saving open-heart surgery Juan needed. They began their

Matilde, Age 9

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newly adopted BOTTOM country with Juan & Matilde together in Cuba extreme gratitude. in front of her house with her

Matilde and Juan proudly became

new lives in their



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1969, she began her over forty-five-year research career at MD Anderson where, eventually as Senior Researcher, she ran the lab growing cells from tissue cultures. The purpose was to help tailor treatments for specific tumors which Matilde rattles off, "breast, head, neck, brain, colon and prostate." She says that her job required her to be meticulous. Adding, "You can't be in a rush; it may take nine months to grow cells." Youngest daughter Elena notes about her mother's devotion to her work, "She treated her beloved cells like children, saying they needed proper attention to thrive." Adding, "She was the same at home with her family."

Juan and Matilde continued to show their kindheartedness in their new country by inviting Spanish-speaking families whose loved ones were being treated at MD Anderson to stay with them. Matilde says, "I couldn't stand by and see people who have so much to worry about and have no choice but to be strong. I wanted to find a way to help.' Her generosity made an impact on her children as well, as they say that they have kept in touch with some of the families. As if working full time and raising three children weren't enough, in her spare time, she decided to sell Avon products, so she could send money back to friends in Cuba.

Unfortunately, what they didn't know at the time was that the blood Juan had received in a transfusion during his heart surgery was tainted with hepatitis. He ended up suffering a stroke in his forties and his health continued to decline for years, in and out of work, as the hepatitis affected his liver, eventually passing away at just 55. Matilde was left without her soulmate, as the head of the household, managing the finances and supporting her children through their schooling. Her family says her strong Catholic faith was her compass and she would say, "God would see it through." Tony adds, "It was difficult for her to live on one income, but she never complained. She just did it." Today, her three accomplished children-Tony, a Pediatric Gastroenterologist at Texas Children's Hospital; Elizabeth, a civil engineer; and Elena, a college professor with a Ph.D. in Spanish Literature—and their children-are a testament to her success as a mother and her emphasis on education.

Her children tell similar stories about what they started noticing as their mother continued to live alone into her seventies. Elizabeth says, "She couldn't remember whether she paid her bills. The mass schedule, which was second nature to her, was now elusive." Elena remembers, "The turning point was one day she got lost in the city she's always known, and she scared herself." Although the

BOTTOM Matilde with her youngest grandson, Kai Atun in her lab

TOP

MIDDLE

Olivé family

circa 1975

Olivé family

Christmas, 2014

independent spirit in her resisted, at her children's insistence, she ended up seeing a neurologist. After a battery of tests, she was diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment, (an intermediate stage between normal aging cognitive decline and





the more serious decline of dementia) and put on medications. That didn't stop her from her way of life and she continued to work two days a week. During this time, her children were proactive and found Amazing Place as they knew how important structure was for her. Not surprising for Matilde, she continued to work part time for nine months after starting at Amazing Place, eventually retiring from MD Anderson Cancer Center at the young age of 80!

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According to Elizabeth, Amazing Place "has been a blessing and offers peace of mind that she is kept mentally active and connected to people whom she loves—from the staff to the new friends she's made." Tony adds, "She loves the art and writing classes and always talks about the healthy food which helps her brain." Matilde adds, "The name says it all...it's AMAZING!" Elena does acknowledge their shared grief, saying, "It is hard as Mom has always been the person everyone depended on and now she's the one dependent on others."

While Matilde continues to live alone, the family rotates with support while a caregiver helps in her home. Of course, they admit, as such an independent spirit, "she is not a fan of having help." To this day, Matilde inspires all of us, men and women, to understand what Theodore Roosevelt meant when he talked about *"the (wo)man actually in the arena... who strives valiantly:...who knows great enthusiasms...who spends (her)self in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if (s)he fails, at least fails while daring greatly."*

As her son, Tony, said, "She just did it." 🌾



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Tracey with Carol Cooper,

As we reflect upon the successes of 2017 and look ahead with great anticipation to the next phase of the Amazing Place journey we are committed to sharing our knowledge and empowering those affected. Our day program, designed exclusively for those with mild to moderate dementia, continues to offer the structure, stimulation and socialization that brings those who attend enormous meaning and purpose. It also allows their caregiving families the respite they need, and provides them with the knowledge and experience of our exceptional staff. Please notice the Amazing Place Care Team Director results of our day program caregiver survey, excerpted on the next page, which are a testament to the ongoing success of these efforts. We continue to work towards the development of our first satellite day program location in the West Houston/Katy area called Amazing Place West.

Last summer we stepped back and evaluated ways to develop new and expanded programs utilizing our expertise and developed the Amazing Place Connection Project*, which we are now implementing. This project allows us to lengthen our support of families transitioning out of our day program, and allows us to provide resource support for those who embark on a day program assessment but for whatever reason do not attend. We will be offering the Savvy Caregiver Class in churches and look forward to providing dementia-specific training to caregivers in this powerful six-week class. And finally, we will be working closely with several churches to reach out to their older adults, living alone, who may be at risk for dementia and providing them with resources and support. The breadth of our services outside of the day program continues to grow and includes a vast array of training, education, engagement and support initiatives.

It would not be a complete 2017 annual report without a mention of Hurricane Harvey. Our staff, many of whom were adversely affected themselves, came together as a family to reach out to all our caregiving families to assess their damage and their needs within two days after the storm. Our building experienced flooding in a few parts of the first floor, requiring us to replace almost all downstairs flooring. Insurance reimbursements only covered 20% of the costs but we were overjoyed that four of our sponsoring churches—South Main Baptist, St. Martin's Episcopal, St. Luke's Methodist and Chapelwood Methodist – generously contributed the remaining 80% and we are scheduled to do that replacement right before the 4th of July.

Amazing Place is committed to broadening its reach in meaningful ways to empower those disrupted by dementia. Thank you for your generous support of the Amazing Place mission. (

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Throughout our community people are living actively with dementia, especially in the earlier stages of this progressive disease. After 22 years of operation at Amazing Place we believe that those diagnosed with dementia can still have meaningful, purposeful lives. We are passionate about ending the stigma of dementia and helping educate our community about how best to embrace and support those disrupted by dementia - whether it's the person diagnosed, their family, their friends, or their churches.

With gratitude,

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Tracey Brown, Executive Director June 2018

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2017 CAREGIVER SURVEY

CAREGIVERS SHARE HOW MUCH THEY VALUE AMAZING PLACE

Our caregiver survey, which we have conducted over the last five years, continues to show how our day program caregivers overwhelmingly value what we are doing for their loved ones and for them.89% report that Amazing Place is excellent overall!



BENEFITS TO CAREGIVERS*





"Every day my participant looks forward to going and is happy coming home, and has absolutely thrived there. I do not believe that my participant would be doing anywhere near as well mentally or physically without this program." —AMAZING PLACE CAREGIVER

"We are able to make my family member's quality of life much better. We are very grateful." —AMAZING PLACE CAREGIVER

"I feel so fortunate and grateful to come to a place like this where there's so many well-educated, interesting people from all different places. Everyone has an interesting contribution to make. You get to do so many things, from artistic to exercise to spiritual. We get to learn new things through presentations. There's never a dull moment and always something to do. I just feel so lucky. Everyone should have a place to go like this."

— AMAZING PLACE PARTICIPANT LINDA W.

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Our focus continues to be strong on our dementia day program, caregiver support and community education programs. The organization is continuing efforts to expand services – both at the Houston Drexel location as well as planning for a new location in Katy/West Houston. As of 2017, Amazing Place contributions from various sources are 54% of the total revenue with the dementia day program revenues being 39%. A highlight for 2017 is that individual contributions, outside of the fall event, increased 5%.

2017 REVENUE—\$2,493,000



Yvette Carter



TOP: Participants enjoy social connection outdoors

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BOTTOM Participant Bobby Ann P. works on counting coins for the Change for Living Water project





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 Cooking class with Chef Michael
Men's woodworking class

Some masterpieces from Art class

4. Volunteers and participants enjoy engaging in conversationt

DEMENTIA DAY PROGRAM

In 2017, we served nearly 200 individuals with dementia throughout the year, primarily through our dementia day program, but also through our new Memory Cafés in Houston and Katy. Memory Café is our monthly Saturday morning program for those with early dementia to attend with their family members. Participants covered a broad range in age and geography—ages 50 to 100, living in 50 zip codes around the Houston area.

Each day, our team leads an average of **30** cognitive, physical, social, creative and spiritual programs to meet the varied interests and needs of our participants with mild to moderate dementia. Highlights include Tai Chi, Bible study, creative writing, community service projects and performances by Houston's arts organizations.

Over 740 volunteers (up 20% from the previous year) donated their time and talents for a total of 7041 hours, equating to 6 full-time employees. These volunteers range from high school and college students in our popular summer STARS program to seasoned professionals and retirees.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Last year, we reached 618 caregivers whose loved ones attend Amazing Place as well as those throughout the community—offering support groups and caregiver classes, such as *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* and *Stressbusters*, as well as providing referrals and psychosocial counseling—all free of charge.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

In 2017, we reached close to 2,500 individuals through our Brain Health Matters presentations, professional training, and clinical rotations. Presentations on topics such as "Food for Thought" and "When to Worry about Your Memory" were made to corporations, professional organizations, community groups, senior centers and churches around the city. We continued to help train future health care professionals in dementia care serving 95 medical, nursing, psychology, optometry, and physical therapy students.

2017 DONORS

TO EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDENS OF OUR CAREGIVING FAMILIES, AMAZING PLACE STRIVES to keep the daily attendance rate reasonable, but this amount does not cover the actual operating cost per person, per day. Our annual fundraising efforts bridge the difference between the total amount paid by caregiving families and actual operating expenses in addition to supporting our caregiver and community programs. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list and recognize donors and their intentions accordingly, we acknowledge and apologize that errors or omissions sometimes occur. We are truly grateful for all of the generous donors who gave to Amazing Place in 2017. Every gift is a blessing.

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