



A SARATOGA GROVE TESTIMONIAL

“It costs about the same
as maintaining your own home and car.”

 Luella Barclay, *Saratoga Grove resident*



It was Luella Barclay’s children who encouraged her to stay at Saratoga Grove. After heart problems landed her in the hospital, and an infection landed her in hospice, she didn’t think she had much longer to live. But she recovered and regained strength. She moved from Providence of Downers Grove to Saratoga Grove to continue her recovery, and before long she began to thrive.

“This is what retirement should be,” she says emphatically. “There is not a single disadvantage here.” So she told her kids she was thinking of staying, but she was worried about spending their inheritance.

“Mom, that’s your money,” they reassured her. “Don’t worry about us.”

When Luella did the math, she realized that the monthly cost of life at Saratoga Grove was almost the same as what she was paying for her condo and car.

And, she says, “It’s a relief to your family” when they don’t have to take care of you. She knows people who are “in bad shape, but they don’t want to leave their house. So now it’s up to their kids to be there all the time, doing for them.”

Luella is now an ambassador for new residents who join the Saratoga Grove family, inviting them to activities and helping them settle in. She loves the life she is able to have here, so she is excited to share it with others! ❄️

