

# STORYPOINT GROUP Gazette

Issue 6

## *When Dreams Take the Field*

Inspired by Linda Renico's first pitch — and the many residents who dared to dream big — this issue celebrates moments that make life extraordinary.



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*Every person has dreams — some big, some small, and some that have been quietly tucked away for years. Maybe it's a place you've always wanted to visit or something you've always wanted to try. At StoryPoint Group, we believe those dreams matter at every age and stage of life.*

*That belief is what inspired our Dream Big initiative. Across all our StoryPoint Group communities, our teams spend time asking residents about their hopes, passions, and dreams. These conversations aren't just about gathering stories; they're about forming meaningful connections. It's a privilege to sit beside our residents, listen to their experiences, and discover the hidden wishes that make their faces light up.*

*Through the Dream Big initiative, we have the joy of helping turn those dreams into reality. Sometimes that means planning a grand adventure or helping someone check an item off their bucket list. Other times, it's about creating smaller but deeply meaningful moments — like revisiting a favorite place, reconnecting with family, or reliving a treasured experience.*

*No matter the size of the dream, the impact is always the same: the joy of giving, the gratitude of receiving, and a reminder that we are all a part of something bigger than ourselves.*

*Read through this issue of the StoryPoint Group Gazette and see for yourself. From Massachusetts to Iowa and everywhere in between, our employees go above and beyond to truly know the residents they serve. Their creativity, compassion, and dedication transform ideas into remarkable experiences. It's humbling to witness, and it reminds me every day how special our StoryPoint Group family truly is.*

*To every resident who has shared their dream with us, thank you for letting us be a part of it. And to every team member who has helped make those dreams a reality, thank you for continuing to provide our residents with the absolute best experience, in every interaction, every minute of every day.*

*You belong, and you matter.*



Tim Bryant  
StoryPoint Group, President

# We're More Than Just a Place to Live — We're a Place to Belong

## We're all about connection — and we mean it!

Whether it's sparking up a conversation over coffee or planning a surprise dance party, we live to bring people together. Because life's better when you share it with others, right?

## It's more than care. It's life, made better.

Our team isn't just checking boxes — they're making moments. From prepping your favorite comfort meal to organizing themed nights, we're here to make every day feel special. Because the small things? They matter big time.

## Got Questions? We've Got Answers.

We're the kind of team you can always count on — day or night. Need a quick chat, a helping hand, or a friendly face? We're just a call away, ready to make things easier.

## We Love a Good Celebration.

Birthdays, milestones, Tuesdays — you name it — we'll find a reason to celebrate. Because life's too short not to throw a little confetti now and then.

## No Place Like Home (Seriously).

StoryPoint Group isn't just a place to live — it's a place to thrive. Across the nation, we're creating spaces where residents find friends, family, and a whole lot of fun.

**BEO**  
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**Danbury**  
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COLLECTION  
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**Governor's**  
—Village—  
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**Independence**  
Village  
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—OF MILFORD—  
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**SOUTHWICK**  
VILLAGE  
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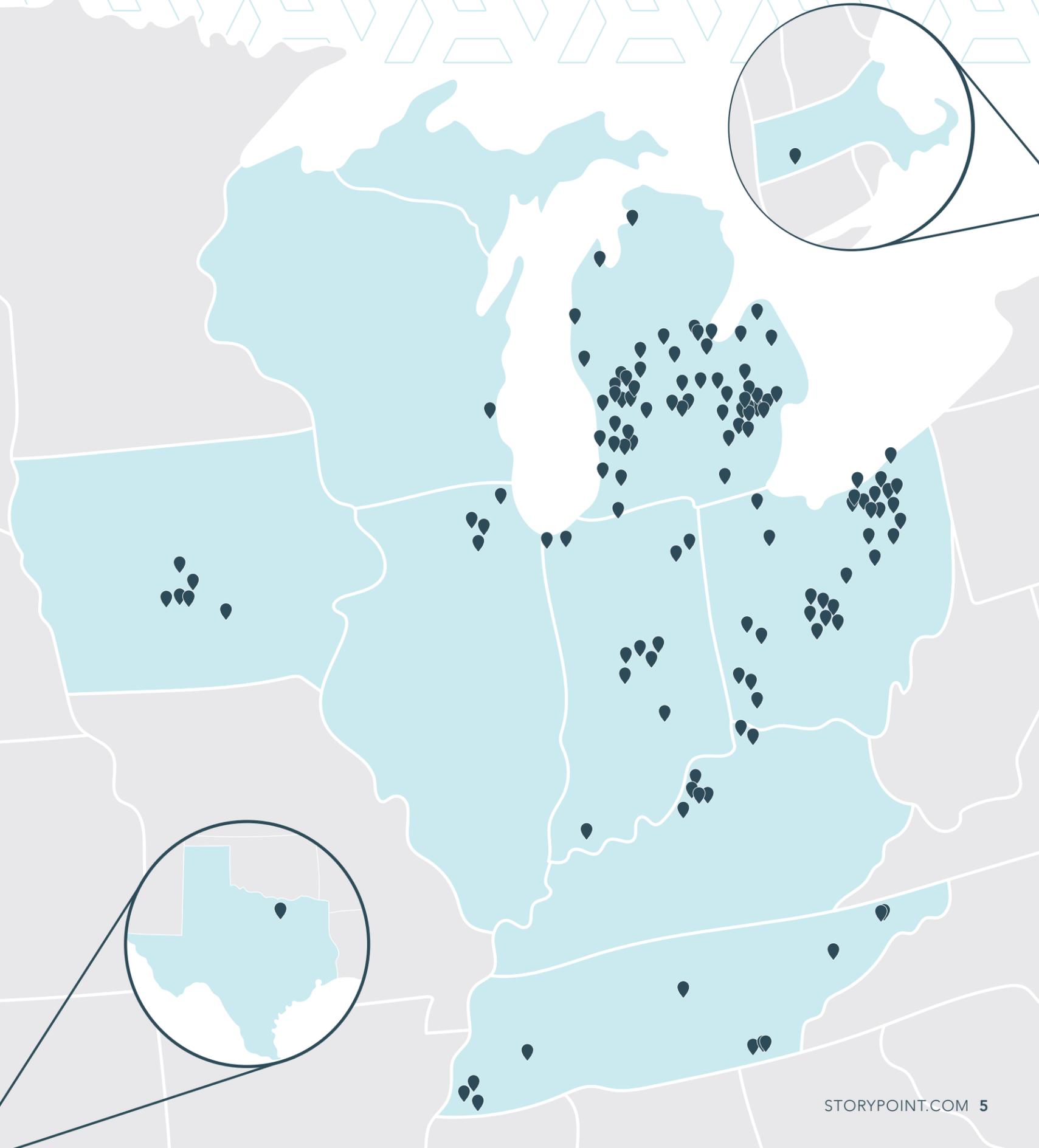
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PLACE

**SPRINGWOOD**  
LUXURY ADULT LIVING

**SPRINGWOOD**  
PLACE  
LUXURY APARTMENTS

**STORYPOINT**  
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**VALPARAISO**  
—SENIOR VILLAGE—  
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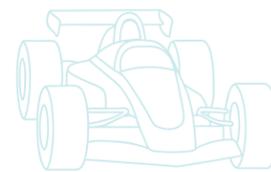
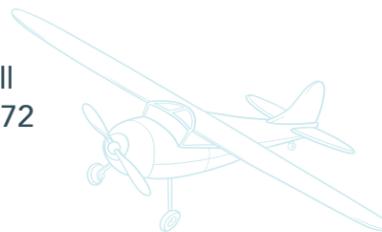
# Turning Residents' Dreams Into Reality

What's something you've always wanted to do? Where's somewhere you've always wanted to go? What would come to mind if someone encouraged you to Dream Big?

At StoryPoint Group communities, our team asks residents these questions and more. We ask to get to know them better (it's an honor to learn more about the lives, experiences, hopes, and dreams of the residents we serve!), but we also ask because of our Dream Big initiative. With this initiative, we sponsor residents' dreams both big and small to help make them a reality.

## Check Out These Dream Big Experiences

At 95, Larry, an Arbor Grove resident, returned to the skies, reliving the thrill of piloting a plane. With his son watching, he confidently guided a Cessna 172 Skyhawk alongside pilot Alex Murray. The flight was a joyful tribute to his lifelong love of aviation and adventure.



StoryPoint Birmingham residents felt the rush of driving again with an afternoon of go-kart racing. Cheered on by friends, they sped around corners, laughter echoing across the track. The joyful ride proved it's never too late for adventure.



Independence Village of Carmel made a heartfelt wish come true! Accompanied by Life Enrichment Director Brittany Lehman, the community sent Carol to Minnesota to see her great-granddaughter graduate and reunite with family she's missed for nearly two years. The surprise news moved Carol to tears. "I can't believe I'm going," she said. "It's a dream come true."



## A Pitch Perfect Dream

For 95-year-old Linda Renico, life has always led back to Grove City, Ohio. She grew up there, raised her family there, and for nearly 70 years, lived in the same house on Eugene Street, just behind the high school. A proud 1954 Grove City High School graduate, she has cheered at the Grove City Alumni Tournament — famously known as the world’s largest alumni tournament — since the very first one more than 40 years ago. Even after moving to StoryPoint Pickerington, she’ll tell you herself: “I will always be a Grove City girl.”

This summer, Linda didn’t just attend the tournament — she took the field. Selected to throw the ceremonial first pitch, she was honored before stands full of friends, family, and Grove City residents who have cheered beside her for decades.

Her big day began at the StoryPoint Pickerington salon, where she got the star treatment. Back in the lobby, residents and staff lined the halls with homemade signs and cheers, sending her off in true hometown-hero fashion. At Fryer Park, Linda greeted old friends and soaked in the excitement of the event she’s loved for so long.

And then, it was time. With no hesitation, Linda wound up and delivered a perfect pitch straight down the middle to “Iron Horse” Russ Evans. The crowd erupted, and her smile said it all — she had done it.

The celebration continued with hugs, laughter, and even a celebratory shot of Crown Royal. For Linda, the moment was more than a pitch — it was a dream come true!





## Congratulations, Chef Kevin Penn!

We're thrilled to share that our Vice President of Culinary, Chef Kevin Penn, CEC, CCA, has been named the American Culinary Federation Central Region winner for the 2025 Dr. L.J. Minor Chef Professionalism Award.

If you ask us, there is no one more deserving of this prestigious honor! Thanks to Chef Kevin's vision and 500+ chefs across 150+ StoryPoint Group communities, countless residents have benefited by an elevated dining experience. Our communities are better because of him, and we couldn't be prouder.

*Try One of Chef Kevin's Recipes!*



## Homemade Soft Pretzels

Yields 12

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1¼ cups warm water
- 1 packet dry yeast
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- Baking soda (for boil)

*Optional Toppings:  
Coarse salt, seeds,  
cinnamon sugar, etc.*

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add warm water to a bowl, sprinkle yeast on top, and let it sit 5 minutes.
2. In a mixer, combine all dry ingredients except baking soda and toppings.
3. Add the rehydrated yeast and olive oil to the dry mix; knead with a dough hook on medium for 5 minutes.
4. Transfer dough to a floured board and knead by hand 5-10 minutes until smooth and elastic.
5. Place in an oiled bowl, cover, and let rise in a warm spot for about 1 hour or until doubled.
6. Preheat oven to 400°F.
7. Punch down dough, move to a floured board, and divide into 12 pieces.
8. Shape into pretzels.
9. Boil water with baking soda (2 Tbsp per cup) to create an alkali bath.
10. Boil pretzels 1-2 at a time for 15 seconds each.
11. Place on a parchment-lined sheet, add toppings, and bake 8–10 minutes at 400°F.

# Shining Every Day

## Warning: Suds Ahead

What started as a sunny Michigan afternoon quickly turned into a bubble-filled bash. StoryPoint Rockford residents danced through waves of foam, traded laughs, and quickly learned that when the bubbles start flying, there's no staying dry — or serious — for long.



## The Rivalry Continues

It was residents versus staff at Bilkie Family Field, as Michigan communities Independence Village of Plymouth and StoryPoint Northville went head-to-head for their annual baseball showdown. With big hits, wild cheers, and a 7-7 tie, both teams walked away winners — and they're already talking rematch.



## The Candy Man Goes to Hershey's

At StoryPoint Fort Wayne North in Indiana, Gil is known for handing out chocolates every day — earning him the nickname "Candy Man." Recently, he took that title on the road to Hershey's Chocolate World, sampling sweets, exploring the factory, and sharing laughs with everyone around him. It was pure joy, wrapped in chocolate, of course!



## Stories Too Good to Scroll Past

When viral TikTok storyteller Hunter Prosper stopped by two of our Ohio communities — StoryPoint Medina and Independence Village of Avon Lake — residents shared their stories of love, laughter, and life. And the internet couldn't get enough! Millions of views later, their words are still making people smile.



To see more of Hunter with our residents, scan the QR code with your mobile device.

# Strike a Pose

Turns out, grandkids aren't the only ones with personality! Residents at Independence Village of Midland recreated their grandkids' favorite photos — and the results are adorable. Can you match each grandparent to their grandkid?



Grandma Betty

Photo A



Grandma Jude

Photo C



Grandpa Jim

Photo D



Grandma Louanne

Photo E



Grandparents Maryann and Leonard

Photo F

Evelyn

Photo 1



Grant

Photo 2



Hannah

Photo 3



Killian and Marshal

Photo 5



Adelyn

Photo 6



Grandpa Frank

Photo G



Grandma Kathy

Photo H



Grandma Lynn

Photo I



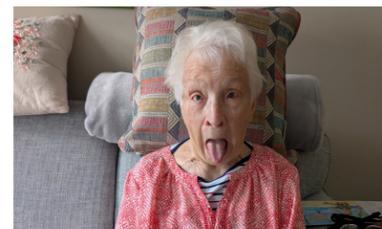
Grandparents Joanne and Walter

Photo J



Grandma Lynn

Photo K



Mary Lou

Photo L

David

Photo 7



Brandon

Photo 8



Reed

Photo 9



Katie

Photo 10



Josette

Photo 11



Emma and Grandpup Grim

Photo 12





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