SACRED STORY
A good deed worth singing about

Wherever you are on your journey, life's a gift that's meant to be shared and cherished daily. This is true whether you're entering your teenage years, or entering the final stages of life. And it's especially true in the case of a young girl, Paige, who had entered both. Tragically, at only 13 years old, Paige had a fatal condition that had placed her in hospice care.

Despite her circumstances, Paige's youthful ebullience was hard not to notice. Stephanie, a financial counselor at the hospice center, happened to walk by two of Pagie's nurses and overhear them talking about the girl's desire to see the new movie Pitch Perfect 2. The two nurses were distraught because they knew how much Paige wanted to see it, but she was unable to go to the movie theatre, and the movie's DVD release was months away. Stephanie, touched by Paige's story, knew she had to do something.

Stephanie made phone call after phone call, eventually getting in touch with a Universal Studios executive. Her refusal to take "no" for an answer paid off: the executive agreed to fly to Paducah herself to screen the movie for Paige and her friends at the hospice center.

At this point, everyone began to "pitch" in. A local movie theatre supplied popcorn and candy. Pizzas and drinks were provided. And the director of the Lourdes Foundation purchased a nice outfit for Paige to wear, knowing that a festive movie premiere like this was no place for a hospital gown.

On this special night, Paige was able to simply be 13 and enjoy a sequel to a movie she loved, and have a fun, carefree time with her best friends. The singing and laughter echoed down the halls, suddenly making the hospice center the most lively place in the hospital, and lifting the spirits of everyone — Paige's family, other patients and the entire staff.

Stephanie made it her mission to bring joy to a young girl's life. Her efforts succeeded. Paige's wish became a reality. And it serves as a reminder that the sacredness of life — at any age, at any stage — is always something to celebrate.

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