

## **September 20, 2025 — Broda Chair Dedication in Honor of Linda Aspinall**

*Amy Pelkey's words of appreciation.*

Good morning, everyone.

I want to thank you all for gathering here today as we dedicate this Broda chair in loving memory of my mom, Linda Aspinall, who lived here at the Barron Center from October 2024 until her passing on April 5, 2025.

This plaque that will be placed on the back of this chair marks her life and memory, but her true legacy is what happened within these walls. My mom received care here that was not only professional but profoundly human. You treated her with dignity, respect, and compassion, even on the hardest days. I will never forget what you did for her—and for me.

For me, the Barron Center became more than a care facility—it became a family. I will always remember Michael's daily hugs, the way Vanessa made time to check on Mom each afternoon, and Mohammad appearing in the middle of the night, sitting with me after she passed until the funeral home came. Those acts of kindness will stay with me forever.

I also want to acknowledge the courage each of you demonstrated in navigating challenging family dynamics while keeping the focus on Mom's comfort and dignity. That balance is not easy, yet you handled it with grace. I especially want to honor the nursing assistants, who provided the hands-on care that made Mom's days comfortable, ensuring she was clean, dressed, nourished, and moved safely, often multiple times a day.

My mom was a nurse, and so am I. It feels so meaningful that the care you gave reflected the same respect and compassion Mom devoted her career to providing others. It's as if her values came full circle. Please know you all made a huge difference in her quality of life.

This chair was made possible by the generosity of many friends and family who gave from their hearts to honor her memory. Together, we wanted to create something lasting—something that will serve future residents while reflecting our gratitude felt for all of you.

Hopefully this Broda chair will help residents get out of their rooms, reduce feelings of isolation, and participate in community activities, just as Mom did in hers. Honoring her in this way has been an important part of my healing journey, and I hope it also serves as a reminder to all of you that the work you do matters. The warmth and care you extend ripples outward—touching patients, families, and communities far beyond these walls.

On behalf of my family, friends, and all those who contributed to make this possible—thank you. Thank you for the care you gave my mother, Linda Aspinall, and for the care you give every day. We will always be thankful for you and all that you have done.