



## Sharing Joy Carer Feedback

"*Sharing Joy* was absolutely amazing and everyone was engaged and participated in the marvellous show. One gentleman was so engrossed in singing and swaying in his chair with another member of the cast that he became quite emotional, and of course in turn, so did we! A thoroughly enjoyable and thought provoking performance. Looking forward to *Finding Joy* in September"  
*Manager, De Lucy House, Diss, Norfolk*

"Heart-warming performance; was beautiful to watch the impact on some of our residents. Truly brightened their days."  
*Helen, Care Assistant, De Lucy House, Diss, Norfolk*

"Amazing Grace, 103, who loves ballroom dancing and who hasn't danced in the 9 months I've known her, was twirling around the dance floor. Fabulous."  
*Tanya, Care Assistant, De Lucy House, Diss, Norfolk*

"A great show. The carers were so engaged and caring that the residents were relaxed. Definitely the most giggly, playful show so far. They were very attentive and followed the story...one resident sang along to every song, another burst into tears, to a song her husband used to sing to her, we just held hands and afterwards she got up and started dancing....another resident said, this event has made my week"  
*Karen, Seagull Theatre Manager, Lowestoft, Suffolk (Dell Care)*

"It was wonderful to see the performers interact with our residents. They certainly brought out the best in them! Even our quietest and withdrawn residents came alive and their faces and lit-up eyes made it all worthwhile. Please, please consider us again with any future productions! We already have a staff outing planned to come and see *Finding Joy*."  
*Sarah Winchester, Home Administrator, Dell Care, Lowestoft, Suffolk*

"Fantastic performance."  
*Dawn, Carer, Dell Care, Lowestoft, Suffolk*

"What a revelation. Thank you for bringing such a heart-warming experience to our day centre. The performance was inclusive without being intrusive and the cast quickly assessed the needs and capabilities of our day visitors which enabled all to feel involved if they so wished.

The animation that was displayed through the, apparently, blank faced masks was truly remarkable with an overwhelming acceptance that these faces looked normal. If you are ever passing again we would love to have you back...please!"  
*Mary Britton, Day Care Manager, Heritage House, Wells next the Sea, Norfolk*

"It was so emotional. If I die tonight, I'd be happy! "  
*Jayne, Carer, Marion Road Day Centre, Norwich, Norfolk*

"What a wonderful show, it made me laugh and cry. Thank you for making our guests so happy."  
*Wendy, Carer, Marion Road Day Centre, Norwich, Norfolk*

"Wow we were all blown away. The performance had an amazing impact on staff and attendees to the day centre, I have to say I was a bit sceptical as to how you could make a connection with people when you're wearing masks, but it was amazing - one lady who is normally very restless just sat engrossed throughout...all the staff now want to go LWYE workshop - we will have to pull straws...every now again you need a spark and this has definitely given us that; it's generated all sorts of dreams, the ripple effect has been fantastic"  
*Alison Bessey, Manager, Marion Road Day Centre, Norwich, Norfolk*

I've been here so many years and this is the best thing that's ever happened."  
*Anne, Marion Road Day Centre, Norwich, Norfolk*

"Just the best ever!"  
*Gaynor, Marion Road Day Centre, Norwich, Norfolk*

"David wouldn't talk to anyone at the start, then couldn't stop talking about the theatres he worked in."  
*David's Carer, Sheringham Little Theatre (Sun Court and St. Nicholas care homes)*

"Amazingly creative, energetic and engaging. So funny for everyone - Carers, as well as those cared for. Breaks down barriers and gives inspiration for us in our home. Thank you so much for the invitation."  
*Catherine Ball, St Nicholas Activities Fundraising Co-ordinator, Sheringham Little Theatre (Sun Court and St. Nicholas care homes)*

"I just wanted to drop you all an email to say a huge thank you to yourselves and your Sharing Joy Team for this morning's event - it was amazing and so so beautiful! Simply magical. It's the only way to describe it. A big big thank you."  
*Jess Chamberlain, Sheringham Little Theatre (Sun Court and St. Nicholas care homes)*

"Wonderful, moving and fun. The sensitivity and skill of all the actors was so impressive."  
*Tim, Sun Court Carer, Sheringham Little Theatre (Sun Court and St. Nicholas care homes)*

"I haven't seen him this animated in months. Big smile and very active."  
*Ken's Carer, Ashchurch View Care Home, Tewkesbury*

“Excellent variety of fun and interactive entertainment.”  
*Resident’s daughter, Ashchurch View Care Home, Tewkesbury*

“The hour went so fast. Wanted more of you. Made my mother extremely happy, thank you. Excellent performance, joyful, inspiring, great talent, brilliant atmosphere.”  
*Julie Griffth, Carer, Noble House, Worcester*

“Vamos, thank you so much, lovely variety and very moving.”  
*Carer, St Oswald’s Village, Gloucester*

“Wonderful performance, moving, subtle, excellent.”  
*Carer, St Oswald’s Village, Gloucester*

“You brought smiles to people here who don’t usually smile.”  
*Carer, St Oswald’s Village, Gloucester*

“It was amazing. We've seen in the space of an hour people become totally engaged and alive - it's what drama ought to be about. We tend to think of our older people based on where they are now and forget they had a life that has spanned 70 or more years, and have had amazing experiences. This show has been developed from the personal experience of a carer and they've taken that on to engage directly with older people living with dementia and it's just amazing.”  
*Martin Shreve, Chair of Board of Trustees, Extra Care, Earlsdon Park Village, Coventry, Warwickshire*

“It was great to see the reaction of the residents, wanting to be involved. Great performance, thank you.”  
*Ray and Mary, Volunteer Carers, Earlsdon Park Village, Coventry, Warwickshire*

“Jean didn't ask to go home once. That's a sure sign of success. This will keep us going all day.”  
*Ray, Jean’s husband, Artrix, Bromsgrove*