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Special recognition for a special lady

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TOPEKA, Kan. (KSNT) - When someone goes above and beyond at work, it's nice to recognize them for it.

Even if that means doing what Jim Kirby did, and asking KSNT News to put that special someone on the news just to show them how much you appreciate what they do.

For the past few years Kirby has lived at an assisted living facility in Topeka called Oak Creek Senior Living.

While Kirby has seen people come and go since he's called the facility home, he says there's one person who goes the extra mile in everything she does.

"If you want something done tell Winona and within two hours it will be done. Whatever it is," Kirby said.

Winona Kegin is the executive director at Oak Creek.

Her job mainly entails a lot of paperwork, but Kirby and even Kegin will tell you she does so much more than that.

"I'll get in the kitchen and cook, I'll do housekeeping, I'll help you find your shirt," Kegin said.

Its that team player attitude that impressed Kirby and it's the reason why he wanted to find a unique way to tell Kegin, "Thank you."

Kirby knows all about the segment called 'Someone You Should Know' that airs every week on Thursday's on KSNT.

"So I got to thinking, well, couldn't lose anything by calling and suggesting Winona as a possibility you know we went from there."

When Kegin caught word his plan she had to laugh.

You see she just feels like she's doing her job because she just feels like she's doing her job.

"It's very humbling," Kegin said while wiping tears from her eyes. "I get a little teary because I have a big passion for what I do."

It shows every time she goes up and down the halls at Oak Creek, and especially the people she helps.

It's fair to say Kegin's living like that famous quote from Marc Anthony, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life."

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