

From a Fifth Grader's Perspective: My Grandma's House is the Best Place in the World!

When 10-year-old Sarah Fry received a class assignment to write a story on any subject she found interesting, the fifth grader from New York knew just what her topic would be. After visiting her grandmother, Ruth Shapiro, for a tour of The Willows at Worcester, Sarah had fallen in love with the community.



Sarah's Essay:

My Grandma's house is the best place in the world. That is because she has all these things she can do in the house. There's a pool, hot tub, lounges with pool tables and a Wii game room. This awesome place is called The Willows. It's for retired older people. It has all the things you need in life, too. There's a cafeteria, dining room, salon and more. There's even a built-in parking lot on the bottom of the apartment. The Willows is in Worcester, Mass. Here are some oddball facts you should know about The Willows.

First, their food is very good. It has a courtyard, it was just built, and the Open House was in late September. Even though The Willows is awesome, there are a few downsides to it. For example, there is no one my age that I can play with. But I still love to visit.

Ruth was one of the first to move into her new home at The Willows in September. Her granddaughter, who according to Ruth is crazy about The Willows, has been back several times to visit. During Sarah's visits, the two take walks on campus and in the park; visit the zoo; go out to eat and eat in *Cascades* and *The Bistro*, the community's on-site restaurants, among many other things. In addition, Sarah enjoys playing pool in the community's billiards lounge and loves swimming in the pool.