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### More than a Donation

**Indianapolis, Ind.** – It took countless phone calls, but after seven months John H. Boner Community Center's New Life Manor Apartment resident June Shanklin, achieved her goal.

"Persistence is essential," said Shanklin, who has lived in the apartment building for 23 years. "Without it, nothing would be accomplished. You need to set a goal and keep going until you obtain it."

Shanklin worked hard to locate someone who would donate a flagpole and an American flag. After much persistence and determination, Shanklin found a donor. The VFW Post 2999 not only donated the flagpole and American flag, the group also paid to have it installed.

"It is important to many of the New Life Manor residents to proudly display a symbol of patriotism," Shanklin said.

The flag that stands tall in front of New Life Manor apartment has many meanings to the tenants. Many of them fought for what the flag stands for and they are proud to see it flying in front of their home. "Old Glory never looked so glorious," said one tenant as he watched the flag wave in the wind.

New Life Manor residents celebrated with a flag-raising ceremony the morning of February 21. Residents waved miniature American flags as two VFW members raised the flag. The National Anthem and a salute followed.

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