

Photo Opportunity: Brandy Edwards is arriving January 20, 2009 at 5:15 pm, Continental Airlines, #2087.

## **Clyde's Hope Reunites Terminal Mother with her Daughter**

(BRANDON, MS) January 19, 2009 – Maxine Klaas, 66, has terminal COPD. Brandy Edwards, Maxine's daughter, lives in Colorado with her 5 children. In recent months Maxine's health has rapidly deteriorated. Maxine requested through Holli Burns with [AseraCare](#) that arrangements for her daughter to return home. Brandy Edwards has not seen her mother since August and at that time Maxine was able to walk and talk, but her condition has greatly limited her mobility and ability to care for herself.

Local nonprofit organization, [Clyde's Hope](#), received a request from AseraCare asking what assistance, if any Clyde's Hope could provide. These types of resources are not provided under the hospice benefit which is where Clyde's Hope is able to assist in many cases. Clyde's Hope funded Brandy's airline ticket from Buena Vista, CO to Jackson, MS on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in order to see her mother before she passes away.

### **About Clyde's Hope**

Clyde's Hope is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide education and assistance to hospice patients and their families. Standing behind the philosophy that hospice is not about death, Clyde's Hope is about helping patients make the most of the time they have left. The founder of Clyde's Hope, Susan Verucchi, is passionate about educating the public and other agencies about hospice. Her goal is to offer educational support to patients and families referred to hospice so they can make their own decisions regarding hospice services and benefits. The organization is named after Verucchi's father, Clyde, who was admitted to hospice in 2004.

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