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Remonia Ashmore has a particular passion for the elder population, a calling that has motivated her to find innovative new ways of providing specialized quality care for memory-impaired patients. Remonia developed a process for the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center staff to help identify and meet the special needs of these patients. They are now identified by a special bracelet and are given a specific care plan to address their unique therapeutic needs while they are in the hospital. Remonia has also been key in the development of the hospital's one-of-a-kind Memory Disorders Evaluation Center.

In a specific example of Remonia's compassion, a 49-year-old terminally ill cancer patient flew to California to fulfill her last wish of seeing Morro Rock. Unfortunately, the patient fell, broke her ankle and had to be admitted to the hospital. Hearing the patient's story, Remonia tried to bring Morro Rock to the patient by creating a collage of photos, sand dollars and seashells from the area. On the day the patient was discharged, Remonia arranged for the patient to visit Morro Rock at last.