

A Day for Cheryl

On Thursday morning, Life Care crowned Cheryl Hutto as its Secretary of the Day (in effect, Secretary of the Year, since she will reign until 2011). She is a woman who admits “there is still a little girl in me who strives to be a perfectionist and please everyone, to make people happy.”



Her selection at the corporate headquarters during a breakfast as part of Administrative Professionals Week brought a standing ovation from the audience of secretaries being honored by their supervisors.

When her name was announced as the winner by Rob Alderman, director of Public Relations, President Beecher Hunter walked Hutto down a red-carpeted aisle to receive a tiara and roses from Kathleen Preston, wife of Chairman Forrest Preston, along with roses and a gift certificate for a day at the spa.

A Life Care associate since March 2009, Hutto is executive secretary to Richard Swanker, senior vice president of taxation, serving the entire tax department. One “citizen” of Tax City – their name for the department – noted that “Cheryl brings harmony to the city with her easygoing

style.” Others commented on “the volume of items that she maintains and handles before they enter out into the world of Life Care Centers of America. Super Cheryl has so many talents it is hard to describe them all. She processes up to 1,000 extensions a year. She prepares W-9 forms and 147C letters in the blink of an eye. She also files and creates folders for 551 entities. She does all these things on top of her normal secretary duties.”

Her nomination for the award adds: “With her super-speed, she can process up to 1,300 federal and state returns in a tax year. She has the ability to carry up to 50 pounds of certified mail envelopes at a time. She does all these things and more while keeping Richard in line.”

Hutto’s family consists of husband, Tom, and three sons: Thomas, Andrew and Robert. Thomas is in the fifth grade “and super-mom helps him with his homework every night. Andrew and Robert are in their 20s, but Mom will still be there at a blink of an eye. She also watches over her parents as they grow older,” the nomination states.

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How is Hutto able to accomplish all that she does at work – and do it so well – while juggling family responsibilities, too?

“It’s just something within me since childhood, wanting to please everyone, to make people happy. I’m a perfectionist. I can’t be perfect all the time, and I’m learning that. The Lord is having to teach me: ‘Let Me be in control, and use you how I want to use you.’ He has a plan for my life: I wanted to be a school teacher, but it hasn’t worked out that way. I believe I am where God wants me to be.”



Congratulations, Cheryl! And we thank all of Life Care’s secretaries, here at corporate and around the country, for the commitment, professionalism and compassion you bring to the workplace.

– Beecher Hunter