

A PICTURE of FAMILY

In the *Life Care Journey* classes we host for new associates in Cleveland, Tenn., I remind attendees that they are keepers of the Life Care Lighthouse, because there are our people in the communities where we serve who live in a dark, lonely, confused world, with nowhere else to turn except toward that beacon of hope emanating from the facility.

That beacon, they are advised, is love. Love is the foundation of all that we do. We must love the residents, because God has called us to do so. But we must also love each other if the team is able to perform at maximum efficiency and provide the service our customers need and deserve.

An example is Margie Edmondson, a certified nursing assistant who works in Central Supply at Life Care Center of Copper Basin, Tenn. Read how Helen Whitener, activity director, described her acts of compassion:

Edmondson “has been going above and beyond to assist her struggling fellow associate in a time of need and hardship. She has done so much to help out another staff member by supplying her with a vehicle to drive while her vehicle was in the shop. She helped



her out when she was moving to another place. She (Edmondson) brought food in to her family during the process of moving. She also went with her to the hospital and stayed with her until she knew she would be okay.”

Aaron C. Spinks, executive director of Life Care Center of Copper Basin, said the associate Edmondson was assisting “was going through a really rough time with her husband’s illness and constant trips to the hospital and doctor’s office. The associate she was helping has had to move four times in the last year because of hardships. I

do know that Marjorie has assisted in the last two moves. She allowed the co-worker the use of a vehicle to see her husband in the hospital and took her own personal time to take her on those visits as well.”

Edmondson, Whitener added, “has demonstrated *Whatever It Takes And Then Some* by not only continuing to take care of residents in the building but by also being attentive to the needs of her fellow associates.”

We often preach that we are family within Life Care, and Margie Edmondson paints such a picture with her actions.

– Beecher Hunter