

## *Born to Shop*

A gift that someone presented to my wife, Lola, is a pillow proclaiming this message: **Born to Shop**. This certain gene, it seems, appears in most women.

Shopping is an art form, I have observed, and Lola and Kathleen Preston have mastered it. They can move through a shopping center quickly, identifying what they need or want. And I will admit – unlike most men – I enjoy shopping, too.

Just because someone lives in one of our centers in Life Care or Century Park doesn't mean that the desire to shop is dulled. For those residents who are able to do so, our centers accommodate the drive to get to the stores.

Christmas was approaching, and although the Senior Shopping Day at Target's was scheduled, many of the residents at Life Care Center of Pueblo were unable to complete their shopping or to get everything they wanted or needed. A few were asking to also go to Wal-Mart.

Karen Guerrero, COTA and recreation assistant, set up an additional shopping excursion on her day off. She took residents, and the lists of others, to complete their shopping. She volunteered her own time to help residents with this important activity.

Such devotion to residents is nothing new for Guerrero. She is always shopping for, or bringing in, items for them. When she sees something she knows a resident will like, she brings it in, never accepting payment. She talks with families to learn the likes or interests of their loved ones. Recently, she bought tamales to take home, but ended up serving them to residents.

Residents see Guerrero as a Godsend – those, in particular, who are born to shop.

--Beecher Hunter