Bright Young Leaders

The Corporate Plaza of Life Care Centers of America is brimming with extra energy and enthusiasm this week as the annual conference for administrators in training and assistant executive directors is under way.

They arrived by airplane and automobile on Saturday. Sunday morning opened with a breakfast and a service of music and inspiration led by Bo Cox. A Hartman Profile exercise was then administered by Jennie Hobbs, senior vice president of Human Resources. The afternoon was devoted to activities, including leisure shopping in downtown Chattanooga, a tour of the new Life Care Center of Hixson, Tenn., visiting the Tennessee Aquarium and IMAX Theatre, and the ever-popular whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River. After an opening ceremony today, education sessions began, focusing on resources available for successful facility operations and leadership development. The conference will conclude on Wednesday after lunch.

Assistant executive directors attending are Cherise Ball, Life Care Center of Lawrenceville, Ga.; Dawn Berglund, Life Care Center of Gray, Tenn.; Krista Bradley, Life Care Center of Westlake,

Ohio; Kristin Cardona, Life Care Center of Sarasota, Fla.; Fitzgerald Gaines, Mirada Hills Convalescent Hospital in La Mirada, Calif.; Martin Hopek, Darcy Hall of Life Care in West Palm Beach, Fla.; Jacqueline Jadidian, Life Care Center of Andover, Kan.; Ashley Lee, Life Care Center of Banner Elk, N.C.; Jaimme Masingale, Life Care Center of Athens, Tenn.; Jeff Pitard, Life Care Center of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; and Walt

Wexler, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah, Ky.

Administrators in training attending are Richard Bell, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Paducah, Ky.; Timothy Claybaugh, Glendale Care Center in Glendale, Ariz.; Thomas de Oro, Life Care Center of Port Orchard, Wash.; Katie Denton, Life Care Center of Collegedale, Tenn.; Catrina Flach, Life Care Center of Cleveland, Tenn.; Samson Girmay, The Highlands in Fitchburg, Mass.; Miatta Green, Life Care Center of Acton, Mass.; Katrina Greenhalgh, Life Care Center of West Bridgewater, Mass.; Sarah Helms, Life Care Center of Greeley, Colo.; Matthew Hinckley, Life Care Center of Post Falls, Idaho; Abigail Holliday, Ridgeview Terrace of Life Care in Rutledge, Tenn.; John Hovey, Life Care Center of Kirkland, Wash.; Chad James, Life Care Center of Red Bank, Tenn.; Terri Phillips, Life Care Center of Valparaiso, Ind.; Aaron Preston, Life Care Center of Orlando, Fla.; Kaline Valleray, Life Care Center of Collegedale, Tenn.; Benjamin Zani, Life Care Center of East Ridge, Tenn.; and Amy Zell, Garden Terrace at Overland Park, Kan.

Also in attendance is Francisco Gonzalez, interim executive director at Life Care Center of Orange Park, Fla.

We welcome these young professionals to our corporate campuses. The future of Life Care, with their vision and skills, looks bright, indeed.