

## Called to Help

The story is told of a man who was struggling to get to Grand Central Station in New York City. The wind blew fiercely, and the rain beat down on him as he lugged his two heavy suitcases toward the terminal. Occasionally, he would pause to rest and regain his strength before trudging on against the elements.

At one point, he was almost ready to collapse when a man suddenly appeared by his side, took his suitcases, and said in a strangely familiar voice, "We're going the same way. You look as if you could use some help."

When they had reached the shelter of the station, the weary traveler, who was the renowned educator Booker T. Washington, asked the man who helped him, "Please, sir, what is your name?"

The man replied, "The name, my friend, is Roosevelt. Teddy Roosevelt."

The incident is a powerful statement of what we are called to do in Life Care and in Life Care at Home. It is our job to help – to help our residents, to help their families, to help one another. And there should be no job that we are not willing to do if the occasion demands it – even if it is not in our "job description."

Forrest L. Preston, the chairman and chief executive officer, will pick up cigarette butts or soft drink cans wherever he may find them – at the corporate offices in Cleveland or at any nursing facility that he may be visiting. If he can do that, then each of us should be ready to do "whatever it takes and then some" in the mission to which we are called.

In the spiritual realm, we don't have to face storms alone. God sent His heavenly Helper to give us His strength and encouragement. Jesus said the Spirit is "One called alongside to help" (John 14:16, 26). We can depend on Him.

--Beecher Hunter