

Coincidental Commemoration

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on our nation. Coincidentally, part of the Life Care family is gathered in the same location on the same month and day as that black event five years ago. This time, it is the annual management meeting, with Life Care's executive directors, regional and divisional vice presidents, and corporate leadership and their spouses who are on the Corporate Plaza. In 2001, our directors of nursing were in the Professional Development Center when hijacked planes struck the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

This morning, a moving tribute to the lives that were lost in those incidents, along with the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who heroically foiled another tragedy, was paid by the associates in attendance. It began with a drumbeat, the calculated march of the Cleveland Fire Department Honor Guard carrying the Star Spangled Banner, Tennessee flag and a new Honor Guard flag designed and produced by Life Care for the department, and a sea of hand-held American flags being waved by everyone in the audience. The patriotic fervor welled up within the soul as Whitney Garmon sang the National Anthem, and President Beecher Hunter led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those killed in the attacks.

Associates arrived on Saturday, started their time together Sunday morning with a welcome from Chairman Forrest Preston, and a program of music and inspiration led by the Voices of Lee from Lee University. Afternoon activities included whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, a visit to the Tennessee Aquarium and Imax Theatre, shopping at Hamilton Place Mall, one of Tennessee's largest shopping centers, golf, a duck tour and an outing on Lookout Mountain at Rock City. Sunday evening featured a highly entertaining talent show with performances by Life Care associates competing for the Shining Star crystal award. The winner was the Southwest Division.

Keynote speakers for the week include Jeanne Robertson, Dr. Dennis Swanberg and Suzie Humphreys. A highlight Tuesday morning will be a program focusing on the company's 30th anniversary, with stories and recollections of Life Care's beginnings on January 6, 2006. This evening, performance awards will be presented. Always much anticipated, the *Looking Forward* segment on Wednesday morning will be presented by Chief Operating Officer Cathy Murray, President Beecher Hunter and Chairman Forrest L. Preston. Their remarks will reflect the overall theme of the meeting, *Thirty Years: Foundation for the Future*.

We welcome all of our associates to Cleveland and the annual meeting.

--Beecher Hunter