

Don't Try to Fly Solo

As much as we admire solo achievement, the truth is that no lone individual has done anything of value. Consider these examples:

- Frontiersman Daniel Boone had companions from the Transylvania Company as he blazed the Wilderness Road.
- Sheriff Wyatt Earp had his brothers and Doc Holliday looking out for him.
- Aviator Charles Lindbergh had the backing of nine businessmen from St. Louis and the services of the Ryan Aeronautical Company that built his plane.
- Even scientist Albert Einstein didn't work in a vacuum.
- And Forrest Preston will be quick to tell you that Life Care Centers of America evolved because of the dedication and hard work of many, many people.

The history of America is marked by the accomplishments of many strong leaders and innovative individuals who took great risks, but those people were always part of teams.

A Chinese proverb declares that "behind an able man there are always other able men" (or women, we might add). The truth is that teamwork is at the heart of great achievement. One is too small a number to achieve greatness. You cannot do anything of real value alone.

That is a lesson lived out every day in the centers of Life Care and Century Park and in the work of Life Care at Home.

--Beecher Hunter