

## Faces to the Coal

Don McCullough wrote in *Waking from the American Dream* that during World War II, England needed to increase its production of coal. Winston Churchill called together labor leaders to enlist their support. At the end of his presentation, he asked them to picture in their minds a parade which he knew would be held in Piccadilly Circus after the war.

First, he said, would come the sailors who had kept the vital sea lanes open. Then would come the soldiers who had come home from Dunkirk and then gone on to defeat Rommel in Africa. Then would come the pilots who had driven the Luftwaffe from the sky.

Last of all, he said, would come a long line of sweat-stained, soot-streaked men in miners' caps. Someone would cry from the crowd, "And where were you during the critical days of our struggle?"

And from 10,000 throats would resonate the answer, "We were deep in the earth with our faces to the coal."

All of the roles identified by Churchill in this story were vital to the success of the war effort. It is a principle understood in the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles, and in the work of Life Care at Home.

Not all jobs are prominent and glamorous. But everyone is critical to the achievement of our mission. The people with their "faces to the coal" -- who labor in the background, often out of sight of the public -- are also "everyday heroes" in service to our residents and families.

--Beecher Hunter