

Giving Back to Others

Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, spent the years after his time in the Nazi concentration camps trying to give back to others.

One of the questions he asked young people was, “How will you cope with the privileges and obligations society will feel entitled to place on you?” As he tried to guide them, he shared his sense of responsibility to others:

“What I receive I must pass on to others. The knowledge that I have must not remain imprisoned in my brain. I owe it to many men and women to do something with it. I feel the need to pay back what was given to me. Call it gratitude ... To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been there before me, and I walk in their footsteps.”

John C. Maxwell, author and internationally recognized expert on leadership development, applauds Wiesel’s testimony. “Practicing responsibility will do great things for you,” he said. “It will strengthen your talent, advance your skills, and increase your opportunities. It will improve your quality of life during the day and help you to sleep better at night. But it will also improve the lives of the people around you.



“If you want your life to be a magnificent story,” Maxwell added, “then realize that you are its author. Every day you have the chance to write a new page in that story.”

Associates in Life Care and Century Park have discovered the truth of the messages from Wiesel and Maxwell through the careers they have chosen. They are filling their pages with responsibility to others and to themselves.

In the end, they will not be disappointed.

– Beecher Hunter