

# Grateful Giving

The story is told of a man and woman who gave a sizable contribution to their church to honor the memory of their son who lost his life in the war.

When the generous donation was announced to the congregation, a woman whispered to her husband, "Let's give the same amount in honor of each of our boys."

The husband replied, "What are you talking about? Neither one of our sons was killed in the war."

"Exactly," said the woman. "Let's give it as an expression of our gratitude to God for sparing their lives!"

All of our charitable giving in life produces the following benefits:

- It helps those in need.
- It inspires others to give.
- And it builds character in us – selflessness, temperance, generosity and compassion.

Keep in mind that when you give – whether it is money, personal time or energy – you are ultimately giving to people, even though your gift might be made to an institution or organization. Your giving not only brings sunshine to the lives of others but to your own life as well.

The people of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home have learned – and practice – that principle well.

*In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).*

– Beecher Hunter