

Honoring Our Nurses

National Nurses Week begins today and continues through May 12. It recognizes the more than 3 million nurses in the United States, and millions more worldwide, who tirelessly care for patients in various settings. The theme: *A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health.*

This year's observance is even more important, given the courage and personal sacrifices we've seen from nurses in Life Care, in particular, as well as other health-care organizations, as they care for residents and patients of the COVID-19 pandemic. After all, Life Care is a company of *nursing* centers, and so the practice of this profession – often described both as an art and a science – is at the heart of our mission. We are blessed as an organization to have assembled nurses with extraordinary clinical skills, administering them in a spirit of love and compassion.

How is the work of a nurse described? In many ways, of course, by countless individuals who have experienced the touch of a nurse in their lives. Recently, I read a poem written by Linda Elrod, who holds the copyright to it.

What Is a Nurse

*She's such a special person,
She's an angel in disguise
With tenderness in every touch
And caring in her eyes.*

*She's the one who'll sit beside you
To talk away your fears.
She'll soothe your spirit, warm your heart
And wipe away your tears.*

*She'll comfort you, look out for you
With true concern and care
And when you need a helping hand
You know you'll find her there.*

*She cares for all her patients
With true expertise and pride,
Her warmth and dedication
Come from way down deep inside.*

*A nurse is a professional
Who goes the extra mile.
What is a nurse?
A little bit of heaven ... with a smile.*

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We thank our nurses – in every department, in every center, in every regional and divisional office – for their commitment and hard work on behalf of our residents.

And may God bless you as you exercise the talents our Lord has given you to serve His children.

– Beecher Hunter

