

Making Violins

Antonio Stradivari was a 17th century violin maker whose name in its Latin form, *Stradivarius*, has become synonymous with excellence.



He once said that to make a violin less than his best would be to rob God, who could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins without Antonio.

He was right. God could not make Stradivarius violins without Antonio Stradivari. Certain gifts were given to that craftsman by his Creator that no other violin maker possessed.

In the same vein, there are certain things you can do that no one else can. Perhaps it is parenting, or exercising your culinary skills, or preparing floors that radiate their cleanliness and attractiveness to residents, family members, associates and staff. Maybe you have the gift of leading people, or encouraging the discouraged.

The beauty of the work we are called to do in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home is that we have a pool of talents available through all of our associates that contribute to the wellbeing and enjoyment of those we serve.

Just remember: There are things that *only* you can do, and you are alive to do them.

As Max Lucado, author and minister, declared: "In the great orchestra we call life, you have an instrument and a song, and you owe it to God to play them both sublimely."

– Beecher Hunter