

No Less Beautiful

Dr. Carmen Mariano of Braintree, Mass., tells the story of spending time in Brazil, teaching a graduate course to teachers at an American school.

One weekend, while she was there, her students took her for a ride in the rain forest.

“We drove for hours on a dirt road. When the road ended, we kept driving,” she related. “After a while, we came to a clearing. In the clearing were flowers. They were the most beautiful flowers I have ever seen.



“What a shame,” she said, “that no one will ever come here. What a shame that the world will never see such beauty.”

One of her students answered, “Yes, Doctor. It is a shame. But that makes these flowers no less beautiful.”

The world does not always see or appreciate the value of the good things people do, Dr. Mariano said. “That makes those things no less good and no less beautiful.”

It is a lesson we must remember in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home as we labor in service to our residents in an environment where the spotlight doesn't often shine.

But what we do counts, for our work has eternal value.

– Beecher Hunter