

Number on the Caps

The *Chicago Tribune* reported on July 19, 1996, that Chad Kreuter, a reserve catcher for the Chicago White Sox, severely dislocated and fractured his left shoulder on a play at home. He underwent surgery, and the White Sox placed him on the 60-day disabled list. That's the kind of thing that makes a backup player feel even less like a part of the team.

But quite the opposite happened. Apparently Chad's teammates had a strong liking for him. Each player put Chad's number 12 on his ball cap to show support. Chad was a member of the team, whether he played or not.

As you can imagine, that meant a lot to Chad. Later in the season when he was able to suit up again, he showed his appreciation by -- you guessed it -- putting the numbers of each of his teammates on his ball cap.

All devoted to one. One devoted to all. That is what makes a team.

The same principle works in the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home. The staffs that understand the value of teamwork -- and of each individual member of the team -- will be the highest performing and maintain the winning edge.

--Beecher Hunter