

Our Second Journey

Forty-two associates have traveled to Cleveland from all around the country for the second week of *Your Life Care Journey: Just the Beginning*. They have arrived with optimism, excitement and some wonder about what lies ahead this week, and where their career path with Life Care is taking them.

Most of the attendees flew in to the Atlanta airport Saturday, where they were greeted by corporate leadership, boarded a bus and headed for Cleveland, with a stop for dinner at a cafeteria in Marietta, Georgia. A few drove to Cleveland in their own cars. Sunday was a day of activities, including the ever-popular – and challenging – whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, the scene of the whitewater competition during the 1996 Olympics. Others took a trip to the Tennessee Aquarium and Imax Theatre in Chattanooga, and a number had fun at the state's largest indoor shopping mall, Hamilton Place. Sunday afternoon featured the viewing of a special film, *A Century of Living*, about individuals whose lives spanned the entire 20th Century. A lively event was the evaluation of leadership styles and personality assessments.

Education sessions began in earnest today after an opening ceremony and addresses by Don Giardina, Life Care president, and Forrest Preston, founder and chairman of Life Care.

Directors of nursing attending are Sheila Rowland, Rhonda Martin, Francesca Udoh, Vanessa Tyscka, Sally Damata, Julie Drummond, Mike Magnoni, Virginia Robertson, Betty Roy, Sharon Ingham, Pam Maupin, Susan Flynn, Derine McLaughlin, Tracy Brantley, Gemma Degracia, Margarita Jugo, Debby Lindsay, Troy Lorenz and Dennis Carter, regional director of clinical services.

Executive directors attending are Jane Edwards, Martin Hill, Mike Matison, Lezlie Michael, Brian Woods, Lorene Batley, Gregg Fuller, Kent McGeeney, Linda Pisciotte, Frank Reed, Brad Shook, Ann Snarr, Timothy Theye, Gerry LaFont, Brian Hackerott, Raymond Marks, Mary Ann Dubyoski, Jeff Martin, Erin Doss, Michael Littman, Lisa Harrison and Steven Wicks, regional vice president. Jennie McClaren, the new senior vice president of people development, also will be part of the class.

We are happy to have our new associates in Cleveland, and to welcome them to the Life Care family.

--Beecher Hunter