

# Pulling the Load

William J. Frank, director of bereavement and volunteer services for Affinity Hospice of Life, shared the following story with me. It is adapted from *Some Folks Feel the Rain ... Others Just Get Wet* by James W. Moore.

A man became lost while driving through the country. As he tried to read a map, he accidentally drove off into a ditch.

Although he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in the mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help.

"Warwick can get you out of that ditch," said the farmer, pointing to an old mule standing in a field. The man looked at the haggard mule, and glanced back at the farmer, who just stood there repeating, "Yep, old Warwick can do the job."

The motorist figured he had nothing to lose, and the two men and Warwick made their way back to the ditch.

The farmer hitched the mule to the car. With a snap of the reins, he shouted, "Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!" And the mule pulled the car from the ditch with very little effort.

The car owner was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule, and asked the farmer, "Why did you call out all those other names before you called Warwick?"

The farmer grinned and said, "Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he thinks he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling."

Make no mistake about it: If you are an associate in Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home, you are a valuable part of the team.

And it is important to pull your weight to get the job done.

Every day.

– Beecher Hunter