

Pursuing the Dream

As a young boy in Naples, Italy, he toiled long hours in a factory. All the while, he dreamed of being a great singer.

At age 10, he took his first voice lesson. After hearing his voice, his teacher said bluntly, "You can't sing. You haven't any voice at all. Your voice sounds like the wind in the shutters." That is not exactly the food a dream needs in order to grow.

The boy's mother, however, heard something else in her son's voice – potential greatness. She believed in him. Even though the family was poor, she assured her son, "My boy, I am going to make every sacrifice to pay for your voice lessons."

The mother's confidence and constant encouragement paid off. The boy became one of the most loved and critically acclaimed singers in the world – Enrico Caruso.

As an associate in Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home, what are your special talents, your dreams? What can you do to nurture your gifts and the gifts of those who work with you? Do you know someone who is ready to give up on a dream? What can you do to help that person keep the dream alive?

The gifts God implants within us must be developed so that the world can see these gifts and enjoy them.

--Beecher Hunter