

The Hungry Governor

Christian Herter, then governor of Massachusetts, was crisscrossing the Commonwealth visiting constituents and promoting certain programs. One day after a busy schedule and no time for lunch, he arrived at a church barbecue, famished.

As he moved down the line, the governor held out his plate to the woman serving the chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line.

“Excuse me,” Gov. Herter said. “Do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?”

“Sorry,” the woman replied. “I’m only supposed to give one piece to each person.”

The governor was not a proud man, but he was hungry. So he decided to throw a little weight around.

“Lady, do you know who I am? I’m the governor of this state.”

“Do you know who I am?” the woman asked. “I’m the lady in charge of the chicken.”

Every one of us who works in Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home has certain responsibilities. We have been hired with qualifications to do specific jobs. Every position is important, requiring our best effort as we pursue the mission of care and service to our residents.

Recognizing the profundity of the role we each play is extremely important. Even to a governor.

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