

The Insight of a Child

Out of the mouths of babes, it is said, often comes surprising wisdom. This story was given to me by Dara Carroll, publications coordinator in Life Care's Public Relations department, and – by the way – the lady who daily posts these Perspectives on the Village Square. She gave me permission to share it with you:



I had an interesting conversation with my 5-year-old son this morning [Sept. 1] and thought you might like to hear about it. We drove by Garden Plaza and the corporate offices, and Chase asked me why there were two Life Cares. I explained that the building with the “glass bridge” is where people live and the building where I work is just offices.

“Maybe we can live there some day,” Chase said.

“It’s just a place where older people live,” I answered.

“Why?” he asked.

“Well,” I explained, “sometimes when people get older they can’t take care of themselves as well.” I proceeded to explain the difficulties some older people face with ADLs, and then I explained the many ways the associates at Garden Plaza and LCC Cleveland help the residents.

After I told him about the associates, Chase said, “Sounds like they’re servants.”

It stopped me in my tracks. You always talk about how important servanthood is and refer to the parallel between what we do at Life Care and serving others.

Still, I was amazed that a child could see it so clearly. Nothing is as innocent and simple and true as the wisdom of a child. In the end, I guess, it really is that simple.

“You’re right,” I said. “They’re servants.”

Does that motivate you – a mission identified by a child?

It sure does me!

– Beecher Hunter