The Meaning of Love

Everyone wants to be loved. But what is true love? Everyone has his or her own idea about how it should be defined or described.

The late Father James Keller, founder of The Christophers, put it this way:

Love delights in giving attention rather than attracting it. Love finds the element of good and builds on it. Love does not magnify defects. Love is a flame that warms but never burns. Love knows how to disagree without becoming disagreeable. Love rejoices at the success of others instead of being envious.

And poet Robert Frost had his own twist: "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired."

In the centers of Life Care and Century Park, and in the work of Life Care at Home, I am pleased to say that love, by the purest of definitions, is practiced every day.

- Beecher Hunter