

The Roles of Leaders

Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home are blessed with good leaders. Leadership roles are not confined to those who occupy positions in management, but they are inherent in every discipline throughout the company.

And leaders must live by higher standards than their followers. This insight is opposite to the thinking of most people. In a world of perks and privileges that accompany a climb to success, little thought is given to the responsibilities of those who lead. Leaders can give up anything except responsibility – either for themselves or for their organizations. John D. Rockefeller Jr. said, “I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.”

In this 21st century, too many people are ready to assert their rights, but not to assume their responsibilities. Richard L. Evans, who wrote the book, *An Open Road*, said it well:

It is priceless to find a person who will take responsibility ... to know when someone has accepted an assignment that it will be effectively, conscientiously completed. But when half-finished assignments keep coming back – to check on, to verify, to edit, to interrupt thought, and to take repeated attention – obviously someone has failed to follow the doctrine of completed work.

As leaders in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, let us accept the truth that we are judged by a higher standard, and embrace the awesome responsibility that has been thrust upon us. In the process, we can reap the reward of an inner satisfaction that comes in the fulfillment of the mission of service that is ours.

--Beecher Hunter