

The Water Bucket Principle

Every one of us in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home is called to a very important mission – taking care of God’s children. We should be grateful that He has entrusted us with such great responsibility.

None of us, however, is indispensable. For a person to think so is a demonstration of inflated self-worth and arrogance. I like the following poem, written by an unknown author, which addresses this subject:

*Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow these simple instructions
And see how they humble your soul.*

*Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to your wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that’s remaining
Is a measure of how you’ll be missed.*

*You can splash all you wish when you enter,
You may stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you’ll find that in no time
It looks quite the same as before.*

The hope should be that every succeeding generation is better than the last. For the parent, the professor or the supervisor, there can be no greater compliment or sense of satisfaction than for the capabilities and the achievements of the student to exceed those of the teacher.

--Beecher Hunter