

Touch of a Hand

How important is the touch of a hand in the relationships that we share? More specifically, how important is it in the business of Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home?

Marty Tolbert, executive director of Life Care Center of Waynesville, Missouri, sent me the following poem, which addresses the subject. Its author is Spencer Michael Free:

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts ... The touch of your hand and mine ... Which means far more to the fainting heart ... Than shelter and bread and wine ... For shelter is gone when the night is o'er ... And bread lasts only a day ... But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice ... Sing on in the soul always.

Indeed, as the author suggests, the touch of a hand can:

- Comfort
- Cheer
- Lend understanding
- Create hope
- Sympathize
- Congratulate
- Seal a deal
- Share grief
- Welcome
- Say goodbye
- Encourage
- Express love

As you work today, keep in mind what a valuable resource to positively impact people you have. It's in your hands.

--Beecher Hunter