

Water for the Painters

Marion F. Ash and an elderly gentleman were painting a farmhouse on a hot summer day. They had just refreshed themselves with a cold drink of water and were returning to their ladders when a small boy with only one arm came riding toward them on his bike.

He stopped and said, "I live down the road a ways. Ma sent me to see if you needed some drinking water. If you do, I can go back and fetch it in a glass canning jar."

Ash was about to decline the offer, but his older companion said, "You sure came in the nick of time, Sonny. A good drink of water would do wonders for both of us."

The youngster grinned and called out, "I'll be right back. I bet you think you're lucky that I came along!"

The elder man replied, "You can say that again! Now our worries are over. We've got another man on the job."

Commenting on the incident, Ash wrote, "With a few well-chosen words, my friend had transformed a young, handicapped lad into a confident human being."

The world – and certainly the environment of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home – can always use people who affirm the worth of others by acts of kindness and words of encouragement.

We need the wealth of positive attitudes and hopeful persuasion.

--Beecher Hunter