

# Who Are These People?

Who are these people who move through the halls and into the rooms of Life Care centers all across the country, and into the residences of clients of Life Care at Home, with such confidence, skill and compassion?

Who are these individuals who oftentimes sacrifice their own personal pleasures and lifestyles to ensure the well-being of others?

Who are these men and women who are trained to recognize and treat conditions of the physical body, but who also understand the needs of the mind, emotions and the spirit?

Who are these persons who bring comfort with their very presence, who inspire hope that overcomes fear, and who instill peace, even to the dying?

They are nurses, and we say, "God bless them every one." And He does, for they are His instruments to address the suffering of mankind.

This is their time, National Nurses Week, but they win our applause and admiration every hour of every day because of their dedication and selflessness.

*Nurses: Leading the Way* is the theme for the observance this year, and it is most appropriate as a description of the leadership nurses display in improving the quality of care and expanding access to care. National Nurses Week opens on May 6, the traditional Nurses Day each year, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession.



Nurses are the heartbeat of the mission of Life Care and Life Care at Home. We don't believe it is bragging to claim that we have assembled the finest corps of nurses to be found anywhere.

As our centers take the opportunity this week to thank our nurses in various ways, we have one suggestion for all of our associates who interact with them: Hug a nurse, and tell him or her how much you appreciate what he or she does for our residents, and for our company.

– Beecher Hunter