

The Caring Tree



Nursing Homes are like trees.

The residents are the leaves,

Growing, changing and falling away from the tree.

The branches are the home, giving the leaves a safe, nurturing environment to do their growing.

The other staff are the limbs; they keep the branches sturdy.

The administration is the trunk of the tree, supporting the limbs and branches.

I'm sure you are wondering where nursing assistants fit in this analogy...

They are the roots.

Leaves fall, branches and limbs may break in a strong wind.

You can even cut into the trunk of a tree, but if the roots are strong growth will continue.

Have you ever seen a tree that has a root disease?

The leaves will die without the nourishment the roots provide. The limbs, branches and trunk will remain for a while, but they too eventually die.

Nursing assistants are the roots of every facility.

In the past, they've been called the "low man." I guess they are.

After all, roots are the lowest part of the tree.....

Also one of the most vital.