

## Recreation, A Profession of the Heart

The art of activities,  
That's so easy some say,  
You just weave baskets, play bingo,  
It must be nice to play all day.

But they don't understand,  
What activities entail,  
Until they hear the story  
Of a profession so worth while.

A laugh, a smile,  
A story to brighten the day  
Getting a resident out of their Room only once,  
Helps one go the extra mile.

Striving to make a difference,  
Never giving in or admitting defeat,  
We are recreation professionals,  
Full of compassion, understanding, and ideas for retreat.

We are not here for money,  
We are not here for fame,  
We are here for the love of our profession,  
And work hard for the benefits we gain.

Those benefits include a "Thank you",  
Or "Can't wait for the next game",  
Or even "when will you be here again".  
Those words are worth more than fortune or fame.

We are Recreation Professionals, who care,  
Stand proud and tall,  
For what we do makes a huge difference,  
In the lives of residents one and all.

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## Tribute to Recreation Professionals

With hearts full of love  
They perform their duties  
As if guided from above

With smiles on their faces

And their hands prepared  
They put us through the paces

At the end of the day  
With smiles on our faces  
We know they have succeeded  
What more is there to say

Except, God Bless, God Bless, God Bless  
Those wonderful Recreation Professionals  
Who spend each day creating for us!

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