**Film Transcription**

**Rewind – Leonard Cheshire Disability, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund**

**Film Title:** Everyman - One Man's Remembrance (short extract): 1977

**Duration:** 3 minutes 46 seconds

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**Summary of Main Points**

00:17 – Narrator introduces Chipstead Lake

00:27 – Leonard Cheshire talks with a male resident

01:10 – Narrator introduces Gillian, a young female resident

01:39 – Narrator explains Leonard Cheshire’s continued involvement in the organisation.

02:06 – Leonard Cheshire talks about how disabled people are able to make their own contribution to the world.

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00:06 [Leonard]: Gradually without realising it, my life was caught up in this ... field. And really I sort of never stopped to look back since, haven't been able to look back since.

00:17 [Narrator]: The 165th Cheshire Home, there are 71 in the UK and 94 overseas, was opened this summer at Chipstead, near Sevenoaks.

00:27 [Leonard]: Did you have a fall? An accident?

00:28 [Male resident]: Yeah ... Whooo-ooh [indicates falling]

00:31 [Leonard]: I see

00:31 [Male resident]: 1, 2, 3 - whooooo-ooooh. Yeah.

00:34 [Leonard]: Did you?

00:36 [Male resident]: whoooo-ooooh

00:37 [Leonard]: Was it over a jump?

00:38 [Male resident]: Yeah, yeah, yeah

00:39 [Leonard]: And did the horse fall on you?

00:40 [Male resident]: Oh, yeah, yeah

00:42 [Leonard]: Hmmm. Nice to see you.

00:45 [Narrator]: The purpose of a Cheshire Home is to give the residents, people who can't look after themselves and who nobody else is prepared to accept, the privilege of a home for life. Once accepted they are never asked to leave, and even if they choose to do so, they're always welcomed back.

01:02 [Male resident]: Horses! [male and female resident laugh]

01:10 [Narrator]: Gillian, 18 years old, is a Spina Bifida case. One of the 10 residents here at Chipstead. The homes are self-supporting, it's the local community that looks after them, not the government.

01:22 All 165 homes are owned by the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, a registered charity.

01:26 [Gillian]: Thank you very much.

01:28 [Shop assistant]: Thank you!

01:30 [Leonard]: Are we going right?

01:30 [Gillian]: Yes... a little bit further

01:33 [Leonard]: I beg your pardon?

01:33 [Gillian]: Around here and to the right.

01:35 [Leonard]: Yeah?

01:35 [Gillian]: Right in this door.

01:36 [Leonard]: Beg your pardon ... I thought I'd overshoot!

01:39 [Narrator]: Leonard Cheshire is today head of a vast international organisation which controls homes in 32 countries all over the world. Necessarily his involvement with the individual homes has had to be reduced, but he still makes time to visit and have personal contact with the residents.

01:57 [Leonard]: You've got your telly.

01:59 [Gillian]: Yes, and I've got a radio and tape recorder...

02:01 [Leonard]: Birds...

02:06 [Leonard]: I find that their ... the example they set me, and the challenge that they set me makes me feel that this is something that is really worth doing. That here are people, who although you might think they are out of ... out of the race, so to speak, are very much in it. That they, in fact, have got their own vital contribution to make towards peace. I mean that even though it may sound far removed. For one thing, they're teaching us how to make the most of our circumstances, which is a great example,  and therefore it's inspiring us to do something.

02:41 [Leonard]: Secondly they constitute an enormous challenge, 'cos if you look, not just at the disabled in this country, but look at them as representing all those in need, the world over. The poor, the starving, the oppressed, which I think you must, that's how you should look upon them. They really are calling to us to get up and do something.

03:09 [Female carer]: Ok then!

03:16 #Male resident sings# to 03:38

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