

### *Catching the Vision of Self Reliance*

Many members might think of welfare as a program to help members in temporarily difficult circumstances. But the intent of the Church's welfare plan involves promoting self-reliance as a way of life. President Thomas S. Monson teaches that self-reliance "the ability, commitment, and effort to provide the necessities of life for self and FAMILY" is an essential element of our temporal and spiritual well-being. Our focus should be on balance in the areas of education, health, employment, family home production, family finances and spiritual strength. (June, 2011, Liahona)