

**FEEL** Inspiration. *The Tao of Leadership* book was given to me when I was taking my first leadership step. This edition by John Heider (2014) continues to guide me. This excerpt from the passage titled “The Ripple Effect” is one of my favorites.

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE  
IN THE WORLD? FIRST GET YOUR OWN LIFE IN  
ORDER. YOUR BEHAVIOR INFLUENCES OTHERS  
THROUGH A RIPPLE EFFECT. A RIPPLE EFFECT  
WORKS BECAUSE EVERYONE INFLUENCES  
EVERYONE ELSE. POWERFUL PEOPLE ARE  
POWERFUL INFLUENCES.**

—LAO TZU