

**Dear Friends,**

Overlook House, Inc. is to celebrate another year of progress for Upward Wing – Visiting Christian Science Nursing, in Northern Ohio.

*The mission of Upward Wing is **service** – to compassionately encourage and nurture those relying solely on Christian Science for healing, to provide excellence in skilled Christian Science nursing care, and to bear witness to the Christ in action, meeting the human need. The mission of Overlook House is **support** – to provide metaphysical, financial, and physical resources necessary for Upward Wing to provide home-based Christian Science nursing care in Northern Ohio at **no charge** to patients.*

Together Overlook House and Upward Wing make Christian Science Nursing (CSN) services available to you 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, and 365 days each year.

**How did we do in 2012?**

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- We maintained the same staffing level as 2011, **three** Journal-Listed CSNs and **one** part-time Business Manager.
- For the third straight year, we were able to **increase base salaries** for our staff. Our goal is to grow our resources sufficiently in the next several years so that we can offer a base salary at a level that will make affiliation with Upward Wing an attractive option for the next generation who may be contemplating a career in Christian Science Nursing.
- Overlook House financed Upward Wing's operations on a **self-sustaining** basis, using only contributions and earnings from its investments to fund operations. Our investment performance in 2013 has increased our book value from approximately \$3.1 million at the end of 2012, to nearly \$3.4 million today.
- Due largely to the completion of our paperless administrative systems, **76 cents from every dollar** we spend goes to direct patient care.
- New **blogs** on our website now enable Christian Scientists to discuss their thoughts and ideas about Christian Science Nursing. We encourage you to visit regularly via the Internet at **[www.upwardwing.org](http://www.upwardwing.org)**.
- On August 18, 2012, 50 people attended our **free educational workshop** and luncheon at The Alcazar Hotel entitled, "Caring for Infants and Young Children, A Christian Science Approach," given by Lynne Scheiern, Director of Christian Science Nursing Development at Broadview located in Los Angeles, California.

- **Helping to meet the needs of fellow Christian Scientists**, we donated our complete set of Bound Volumes to First Church of Nairobi, Kenya and our original first-issue *Christian Science Monitor* to the Daystar, Inc. Christian Science Nursing Facility in Davie, Florida.

### **What are our goals for 2013?**

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- While we made substantial progress in 2012 toward formal accreditation of Upward Wing from The Commission ([www.csncommission.org](http://www.csncommission.org)), we have not yet achieved it. Accreditation will demonstrate that we are operating within the standards of care that they promote worldwide for Christian Science nursing care. *We will continue to work toward this goal in 2013.*
- We plan to host an **annual meeting** on Saturday, November 9, 2013 to thank the field with another field presentation. At this event, **Cathy Shiel**, a Christian Science Practitioner from Port Charlotte, Florida will give a free talk entitled, "God, the Christian Science Nurse, and You." Our CSNs and Board Members will be present to share their good news. Afterwards we will provide each guest with a boxed lunch, and the opportunity to ask questions.
- While we are very happy to welcome **Jill Pescosolido**, a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Berea, Ohio to our Board of Trustees at the start of this year, we still have one vacant seat on our **Board of Trustees**. We are seeking a Christian Scientist who shares our simple desire – to assure that CSN care remains available in perpetuity in Northern Ohio to those who seek healing through prayer.
- We desire to continue to grow our endowment fund principal by adding at least 1% or **\$30,000** in contributions to our endowment fund this year that will enable it to generate more earnings to support Upward Wing.
- We hope to complete planning so that we can launch a **CSN-In-Training Scholarship** in 2014. It will award funding and mentoring assistance to at least one Christian Scientist to investigate, begin, or progress their educational efforts to become a Christian Science Nurse.

## How can you help!

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The best way you can aid our mission is to use our services. In this mailer, you will find a [business card](#) that lists our E-mail address, web site and phone numbers. Upward Wing CSNs are available toll-free, 24-hours a day at [855-CSN-4YOU](#) to:

- [Answer questions](#) about Christian Science nursing services
- Provide [training](#) to help you care for yourself or loved ones in accord with the [Church Manual](#) standard
- Provide [in-home CSN services](#) to you or your loved ones
- Help you make arrangements to receive [in-patient care](#) for yourself or your loved ones at an accredited Christian Science nursing facility like Glenmont

Please visit the "Contact Us" page on our website at [www.upwardwing.org](http://www.upwardwing.org) to receive notices about our future events and programs.

Remember that [Upward Wing does not charge patients](#) for the CSN services that they receive. However, the service is not without cost. We use only the interest and dividends from our invested fund to operate Upward Wing. Those earnings are enabling us to employ three *Journal*-listed CSNs and contract with a Business Manager in 2013. Investment earnings also purchase the equipment and supplies required for the in-home services that Upward Wing provides.

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Another way you can help our mission is to [express gratitude](#) in the form of tax-deductible contributions to Overlook House, Inc. The stipend we are paying to our staff members is certainly not equivalent to a living wage. To increase that stipend each year, by adding to the endowment fund balance, is our key priority.

Several area Christian Science Churches make regular contributions to Overlook House. If your church is not doing so, we hope you will consider it this year. We also welcome individual contributions. You may send a check in the enclosed [envelope](#) or make your contributions securely online by visiting our website at [www.upwardwing.org](http://www.upwardwing.org). For more information, or to inquire about making an estate of planned gift, please contact our Business Manager, Vanessa Staskus at (216) 795-3550 or [vstaskus@upwardwing.org](mailto:vstaskus@upwardwing.org).

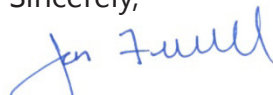
We close this report with a passage from page 202 of The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany. It paints a wonderful mental picture that captures how we feel today. Mrs. Eddy wrote this letter to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oakland, California.

*From the dear tone of your letter, you must be bringing your sheaves into the store-house. Press on. The way is narrow at first, but it expands as we walk in it. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." God bless this vine of His planting.*

God bless you, for all of your prayers and contributions in support of Christian Science Nursing.

Please make sure you read the last two pages of this letter, which include Upward Wing reports of gratitude and healing.

Sincerely,



Jon Ferrell  
President

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## 2012 Upward Wing Annual Report

By Kimberly Thorndike, Director of Visiting Christian Science Nursing

*To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and obey as God. If divine Love is becoming nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning.*

*(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, By Mary Baker Eddy, 239:16)*

The year 2012 provided great blessings for Upward Wing. Its three Christian Science nurse affiliates traveled over [21,000 miles](#), making [424 visits](#) to patients and completing [7 educational talks and workshops](#) to branch churches. We are most grateful for this increase in utilization. With each call, we have the privilege of ministering to our fellow Christian Scientists, witnessing healing, sometimes-in very surprising locations. Our travels have taken us into the inner city, down the country lane, to the inn, the campground, the assisted living facility, and the private home. As our thoughts continue to open, we gain new opportunities to see the Christ in action.

While you read the following two [examples of healing](#), please consider joining our mission. We would love to receive an invitation to meet with your church to share what Upward Wing has to offer!

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*The Christian Science nurse has not been a stranger in our home. A couple of years ago, we had the loving and healing presence of Upward Wing in helping us to provide care for a family member, so it wasn't surprising that I found myself calling on their services again when a fearful problem was confronting me. Even before the Christian Science nurse arrived, I felt the fear that had gripped me start to melt away. She brought soup and read the Bible Lesson to me. It was truly a sacred time, which set me back on the path to healing. I am so grateful for the work of the *Journal*-listed practitioner during this time and for the loving support of the Christian Science nurse.*

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At the front of our church are the words "God is Love." Last summer those words along with the thought that "I cannot be separated from the Love of God" came to me when I was in an automobile accident. It has been my practice to say a silent "thank you" when I acknowledge the presence of God. I was able to feel God's goodness through the compassion expressed by the first responders, the respect and understanding from the doctors, the immediate help from a Christian Science Practitioner, the love from my husband and family, and when I released myself from the hospital, the practical need for shelter was met by finding the last available room in a motel - a handicap room, which met my need. One of my biggest thanks was for the protection of my 10-year-old granddaughter who was traveling with me. She was completely untouched by any of this.

I called upon Upward Wing early the next day for Christian Science nursing help. My husband who attends church with me mentioned, "I don't know what we would have done without Upward Wing." Without a doubt, this was Divine Love meeting every human need. On each visit, the nurses entered the room with joy and love. We felt the "all is well" whenever they came. The nurses instructed my husband how to care for me and loaned us mobility aids and equipment that helped to ensure that my needs were properly met. I especially appreciated the time we shared reading the Bible Lesson and metaphysical articles. In addition to providing practical care, they helped make both of us comfortable while I was relying on Christian Science for healing.

Doctors in the hospital determined that I had a broken ankle and recommended surgery. Having surgery for the setting of the bones was a demonstration for me. I had to know that the only law is the law of God. I remember learning that a suggestion is just a suggestion - not the truth about the idea of God. When the time came, I faced the procedure completely unafraid. There were many x-rays taken during that time. At the last visit with the surgeon I was told the ankle had mended as it should but the final x-ray showed evidence of a previously undetected break in that leg which was also completely healed. This was another example proving that "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need."

I am truly grateful for all the love expressed in so many ways during this time. I am most grateful for Christian Science and the way it teaches us how to stay close to God who is always guiding us. We just need to be quiet, listen and trust.

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