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To the Christian Science Community

II Kings 4: 1-3

NOW there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

Dear Friends,

It is with deep joy and gratitude that I offer you a long awaited update about Christian Science Nursing in Northern Ohio. The Board of Overlook House is happy to announce the formation of Upward Wing, LLC. In January 2011, it will begin to operate a Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service.

What is Christian Science Nursing?

Christian Science Nursing is a Manual-provided activity that provides patients with spiritual reassurance and skilled practical care, such as bathing, dressing wounds, assistance with mobility, modification of food, and so forth. It does not include medical treatment, such as diagnosing, drugs, herbal remedies, or physical therapy. Acting in their professional capacity, Christian Science nurses are ethically bound to remain within their professional "Scope of Practice."

What is Upward Wing, LLC?

Upward Wing employs local *Journal*-listed Christian Science Nurses who provide the above-described services to patients. If you are a student of Christian Science, under the care of a *Journal*-listed Christian Science Practitioner, and radically relying on Christian Science for healing, the service begins with your phone call. The Christian Science Nurse who answers your call has information to share about all of the the options available to meet your nursing needs. Upward Wing Visiting Christian Science Nursing is one of those options.

What is Upward Wing Visiting Christian Science Nursing?

This service involves arranging for a *Journal*-listed Christian Science Nurse to provide the above-referenced services to you at your home. Individual visits typically range from 1-3 hours depending on the need. In certain cases, a team of *Journal*-listed Christian Science Nurses can provide 24-hour care, for up to seven days. Upward Wing will typically employ this approach when a family is seeking to admit the patient to a nearby in-patient Christian Science Nursing facility like Glenmont in Columbus, Ohio.

Operating under the authority of Article VII, Section 31 of The Manual of the Mother Church, by Mary Baker Eddy

II Kings 4: 4-6

*4 And when thou art come in,
thou shalt shut the door upon
thee and upon thy sons, and shalt
pour out into all those vessels, and
thou shalt set aside that which is
full.*

*5 So she went from him, and
shut the door upon her and upon
her sons, who brought the vessels
to her; and she poured out.*

*6 And it came to pass, when the
vessels were full, that she said
unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel.
And he said unto her, There is
not a vessel more. And the oil
stayed.*

How is Upward Wing Funded?

After closing its in-patient facility in 2008, and selling its buildings in 2009, Overlook House, Inc. has aggregated approximately \$3 million in net proceeds. We are using only the interest and dividends to operate Upward Wing. In 2011, those earnings will enable us to employ three Journal-listed Christian Science Nurses, one Christian Science Nurse-in-Training, and a Business Manager. Investment earnings will also purchase the equipment and supplies required for the in-home services that we provide.

What makes Upward Wing Unique?

Upward Wing does not bill patients for the Visiting Christian Science Nursing services that they receive. Instead, it encourages patients, family members, individual Christian Scientists and local Christian Science churches to express gratitude in the form of tax-deductible contributions to Overlook House, Inc. The stipend we are paying to our staff members in 2011 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.

Unfoldment

One beautiful aspect of this “self-sustaining” approach is that the “oil” of gratitude you pour out to Upward Wing, will “stay.” Contributions will continue to benefit the practice of Christian Science Nursing in Northeast Ohio – forever. In January, Upward Wing will send a supply of its business cards to every individual on our mailing list, and every local area Christian Science Church. That card will include the Upward Wing phone number. The Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service will be available to you at that time, so please WATCH FOR IT!

In the meantime, please call or write to us with your comments or questions at (216) 795-3550, or by e-mail at upwardwingoh@gmail.com.

For The Board of Trustees,
Jon Ferrell, President

