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UPWARD WING

NEWS & EVENTS UPDATE

Part 2: Foster

As we continue to prepare for the Overlook House Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017, where Christine Hein of Tenacre will present her workshop entitled “Our Healing Ministry: A Sacred Trust,” we invite you to progress with us through the 3-part study initiative introduced in our previous newsletter.

The series began with **Part 1: Cherish**, and now we encourage you to continue with us to **Part 2: Foster**, considering how we can sustain and advance Christian Science nursing. **Part 3: Protect** will follow later this month. In October, you will receive a message from Christine with more information about preparing for her workshop. We cherish the growing understanding resulting from our study together as it strengthens our mission.

To lay the first stone, we will share with you some of the ways in which Upward Wing and Overlook House are fostering the sustainability of Christian Science nursing.

Beginning with its Mission Statement, Upward Wing includes the definition of foster when, in summation, it aims to ‘encourage’ and ‘nurture’ those relying solely on Christian Science for healing, to provide a service that upholds a high standard of skilled care, and to be attentive to the healing activity of the Christ.

Overlook House understands its mission to metaphysically and financially support Upward Wing Visiting Christian Science Nursing as requiring fidelity and obedience to God’s laws – receptivity to Truth and Love – and is demonstrating this by employing the organization’s ‘talents’ (Matt 25:14-30), as it shares its resources, and in turn experiences growth and progress. One result of this investment is the expansion of our geographic area of coverage, meeting the need for Christian Science nursing care across the state of Ohio and into neighboring Indiana, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Another way we are applying our ‘talents’ is through earmarking funds, made possible by two large donations we received in 2016, for the purchase and renovation of a small home for the purpose of maintaining our inventory of care supplies and equipment, providing a meeting space, and supporting Christian Science nurse mentoring.

We will soon be inviting students to join the Upward Wing **Mentoring Program**. We are working with sister organizations to develop this program to support Christian Science nursing sustainability and succession planning across the Christian Science nursing ministry. One way we are addressing Upward Wing’s specific succession planning is by working to make Christian Science nursing a viable career within the Upward Wing service. This year we initiated a Pension Plan by offering the Upward Wing Christian Science nurses an IRA that Overlook House will contribute to annually.

We are truly grateful for Upward Wing’s team of experienced Christian Science nurses and we support their willingness to network and keep abreast of the issues facing Christian Science nursing by providing an annual education allotment, which includes reimbursing the biennial International Christian Science Nursing Conference (ICSNC) costs, through the Upward Wing **Continuing Education Program**.

Communicating with our field members is as important to us as communicating with our fellow organizations. In 2016, Upward Wing Field Training & Volunteer Coordinator,

Anita Lange, introduced the theme “Enlarging Thy Tent” (Isa 54:2-3) for our **Field Training and Outreach Program**. The focus of this program is to “lengthen thy cords” and “strengthen thy stakes” by reaching out to the community - building relationships with Christian Science business owners in our area, and visiting our local churches to nurture each member’s unique efforts and contribution to Christian Science nursing. We continue to offer **Home Helper Classes**, sharing how to provide practical assistance in the home of a family member or fellow church member while supporting healing through Christian Science.

We appreciate the generous efforts made by our volunteers and are pleased to share that three new volunteers have joined our team this year. We will continue to encourage the growth of the Upward Wing **Volunteer Program** as it is a means by which we can witness the Christ in action by augmenting and directly supporting the work of the Christian Science nurse.

How can we continue to support the growth and development of Upward Wing and Overlook House?

Please share your inspiration from your study with us at www.upwardwing.org/survey and www.upwardwing.org/sharingcorner.

“His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” (Matt 25:23)

We learn from Christ Jesus’ Parable of the Talents that as God’s children – Love’s ideas – we are fostered and share abundant supply. In recognizing these gifts and entrusting God with our endeavors, we bring growth and progress to fruition. *Let us then gather our resources together to invest in the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing!*

As you prepare for Annual Meeting, please consider the following by Mary Baker Eddy:

Science and Health, 256:1

Miscellany, 231:1

Miscellaneous Writings, 15:26

Christian Science Hymnal, 141

FOSTER

1. To promote the growth or development of; further; encourage.
2. To care for or cherish.
3. To feed or nourish.

(Dictionary.com)

Synonyms: Cultivate, nourish, nurse, nurture, serve, uphold, sustain, support, forward, advance

Antonyms: Neglect, dissuade, condemn

(Merriam-Webster.com/Thesaurus)

The mission of *Upward Wing Visiting Christian Science Nursing* 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 Christian Science Nurses to provide home-based Christian Science nursing care in Ohio and surrounding areas at no charge to patients.