



WELLSPRINGS 2014 BOARD REPORT

I want to first start off by saying thank you for all the support you have given us throughout the years!! We have felt that love and are truly grateful. It has been a year of listening, trusting, exploring new directions, and letting God lead. Several longstanding Board members felt the need to step off the board this year, and new ones came right on to fill their place with fresh new ideas and diversity of skills. Our board members are from Tallahassee, Ocala, Daytona Beach, Orlando and the Tampa Bay area, and we would love to have one from Northern Florida for full representation. With respect for each other's views, and lively conversations, we have had a fun year working together to preserve the future of Wellsprings, which we will be sharing with you today.

To trace back, this time last year we were in the middle of selling our beautiful facility, and within a short period of time we had someone step forward who fell in love with it as much as we had, and pay us our full asking price. They have since turned it into an assisted living facility called Wellsprings Residence. As the financial report will explain, the amount we received from the closing helped us cover all our debts, and is allowing us to receive monthly interest only payments on the balance which is due in two years.

Wellsprings is still a very active non-profit dedicated to preserving the availability of Christian Science nursing. Our first objective, after the closing, was to stay in touch with the nurses, and see in what way we could best support them. As soon as we had the available monies we set up a benevolence fund specifically to help nurses receive payment for the services they had provided to patients who were unable to fully meet the cost of that care. That seemed to be their biggest challenge. Another concern was the availability of supplies. We have had discussions on various ways to meet that need. Our hope is that individual communities might find a place to help supply, stock and store supplies for their local nurses.

Since the closing of the facility, it has been wonderful to see the nurses networking together in support of each other's practice. Some have been expanding their practices to include cooking, cleaning, and being personal shoppers for those in need. Others have moved on to different endeavors. But there is still a huge need to keep these very special spiritual workers in mind when a need arises. Many of our nurses are based in areas where facilities were previously located, in Central Florida and Tampa/St. Petersburg, leaving large regions of the state without coverage of nurses. We hope to visit all these regions in Florida, in the near future, to explore with them ways to come together, and be a catalyst to encourage the support of Christian Science nursing in their area.

The involvement and input from all of you is so important to keep this precious practice in the forefront of thought. We have some dedicated nurses, and eager volunteers, who are exploring new ideas, better forms of communications and education of the field on our New Ideas, Communication, and Education, or NICE committee, which you will hear more about later, and we welcome all of you to join them. Our whole nursing community is trying to listen for new ideas, and creative ways to keep this special practice alive and available. I have been serving on a sustainability committee for the Association of Christian Science Nurses, AOCSN, which is the governing body of Christian Science nursing, and the sustainability discussion will be a big part of their upcoming conference next month, which one of our board members will be attending.

So as a Board we invite you to be a part of a new wellspring of thought in support of these dedicated workers, thinking of what you can do in your community to make their availability known. Find ways you can support their practice, either by donating to their benevolence fund, help buy or store needed equipment, offering a room where a nurse could bring a patient, or stay if they were traveling to meet a need in your area. There are so many ways you can help support this great cause, and we invite you to join us in being a catalyst for change with new and fresh approaches to sustain this great cause.

“Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life..”

Respectively submitted,

Chairman of the Board