



*Making Christian Science nursing available to every child, man and woman seeking healing*

## **Board Report for 2016**

Wellsprings of Florida has gone through quite a transformation over the past three years.

From:

- A facility-based focus in a specific location where people had to travel to us to receive care, to a focus on church communities, and supporting Christian Science nursing care of patients in their homes throughout Florida.
- A benevolence policy that reaches only a few patients nursed at a facility to benevolence that is available to all patients in Florida with a financial need.
- Management of a few Christian Science nurses needed for a facility-based operation to networking and support of all Christian Science nurses in Florida.
- A need for intense and demanding high volume fundraising to a gentle ministry of feeding our flocks, our church communities, with the inspiring message of Christian Science nursing and care-giving and how it can promote our individual practice of Christian healing.

We have been and continue to be very grateful for your support of Christian Science nursing and greatly appreciate the trust you have given us through your financial support of the many activities that we currently manage.

Here are some of the highlights of the past year:

- **On-Call CS Nurse:** We have contracted with one of our CS Journal-listed nurses to assist Floridian patients, practitioners, and family members in finding CS nursing services.
- **Training Program:** We received a generous grant from one of our churches in Florida to fund Christian Science nursing training, including training for church members, those assisting nurses, CS Journal-listed and non-listed Christian Science nurses throughout Florida. The program includes church community workshops, initial nursing case assessments, and training to an appropriate level of those providing patient care - all free of charge to both the training providers and recipients.
- **Extended Commute Benevolence:** We have established a benevolence program for nurses who go “the extra mile” to serve patients outside of their normal commuting

range. Providing travel assistance to nurses helps keep CS nursing care costs down for those in remote areas who might not otherwise be served.

- **Support to Church Communities:** We are always willing to explore new ways to support church communities who are seeking to help themselves. For example, we are working with those in the Tampa Bay area to maintain a storage unit for nursing supplies. We are also helping to manage benevolence funds raised by NE Florida churches in the Jacksonville area for support of patients in their area. We are also prepared to bring specially tailored workshops to any church or church communities requesting them.
- **Involvement with Nationally-based Organizations:** We have been working with several nationally-based organizations supporting Christian Science nursing that will benefit our work in Florida. Through this work, Wellsprings' current programs have been recognized as being at the forefront of CS nursing today.
- **Benevolence Fund:** Our Benevolence Fund continues to fill a need for patients by providing financial support in order for them to afford Christian Science nursing care.
- **Feasibility Studies:** We continue to look for new ideas and opportunities to better serve Christian Science nursing in Florida. We recently completed a feasibility study on a "Care Cottage" concept that could be used in Florida. We have several other feasibility study projects for the coming year relating to visiting nurse services, nurses training, posting of a model advanced directive for Christian Scientists in Florida, and whether the addition of a social media component to our website capabilities will be a benefit to our communication with the field.

We cannot thank you enough for all your wonderful support, and love. Our Christian Science nurses are our inspiration, and each of you motivate us to keep striving forward. Let us all work together to preserve this special right we have to demonstrate spiritual healing.

Lovingly submitted,

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