

LYNN HOUSE Letter

A Haven for Healing Rest & Renewal

What Is Special About Having a Visiting Christian Science Nurse Come to Your Home?

A woman touched by Christian Science nursing shares her experience.

One day, while standing behind my car and loading the trunk on a busy street in Washington, DC, a car that had been double-parked a few spaces away plowed into me, pinning my legs between the bumpers of both cars. The incident quickly drew a crowd of onlookers, while the driver of the other vehicle panicked and kept his foot on the accelerator. Although stunned, I remained conscious, and after making my way forward to the passenger seat, I was able to call my parents and a Christian Science practitioner, miles across the country. When the ambulance arrived, a passerby who overheard me decline a ride to the hospital kindly offered to drive me home in my car, and I accepted.

With his assistance, I made it inside the house; but I had no idea what to do next. Fortunately, my dad suggested calling Lynn House. Within minutes, the Director of the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service was at my doorstep – armed with a wheelchair and walking aids and a sense of peace and joy. Though unconcerned with the details of



The June garden at Lynn House.

how my legs had been injured, she seemed visibly moved by the healing she observed that was already taking place. Honoring my desire to remain at home, she offered to read the Bible Lesson to me and began folding laundry, while also making arrangements for another Christian Science nurse to assist me that evening.

Over the next few days, the second nurse visited regularly. She walked my dog, tended to a variety of personal needs, and even agreed to accompany me on a trip to the emergency room—a requirement of

the insurance companies involved. She waited patiently by my side. The doctor who finally examined the X-rays shook her head gently and said, "You are very lucky; nothing is broken." Later, when I no longer required daily visits, the Christian Science nurse told me, "I am leaving you in God's hands."

In the beginning and in the weeks that followed, I truly felt I was in God's hands and that the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service was always there for me. It was like the

New Director of Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service (VCSNS)



Lori Hartman

Lori, what led you to consider the position of Director of our VCSNS?

Last fall I said, “Father what do you want me to do next?” A moment later I was looking at the Lynn House website and calling the Director of Christian Science Nursing to ask about working as a temporary nurse for one month. There is such a warm, loving, healing atmosphere at Lynn House that I wanted to stay longer. Before long I was encouraged to apply for the position of Director of the VCSNS. So here I am, taking that same atmosphere into the community.

Tell us about your background and experience.

I grew up in Pennsylvania and served as a Christian Science nurse on the northeast coast for

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How Far Will Visiting Christian Science Nurses Travel And What Services Do They Provide?

Christian Science nursing is a ministry that supports healing, whether care is given at Lynn House or in a home setting. In all kinds of weather, day or night, Christian Science nurses stand ready to come to your home for an immediate need or for visits over a period of time.

Care in the home is available in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Delaware. On occasion, we have made visits as far north as Pennsylvania. We take meals into the home locally, work with family members so they can better care for their loved ones, and interact with neighbors, social workers, and other

community officials. We help with baths, mobility challenges, and bandaging. We offer wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches, but first and foremost, a Christian Science nurse brings a spiritual view of God’s man and a willingness to listen for Mind’s direction.

The Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service is available to adults of all ages and to children with the consent of both parents. The focus of the work is healing, and we urge you to think of us as a first and not a last resort. Never hesitate to call. We are here seven days a week 24 hours a day. ■



Christian Science nurses work together to support the VCSNS.

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69892 for the Combined Federal Campaign

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Gratitude for Lynn House

27 years, in New Jersey, Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. For most of that time I was in New York City and the surrounding area. Within my first two weeks in New York, I was making visits and giving care in the home initially as the back-up Christian Science nurse and later as the full time Coordinator of the High Ridge House Home Nursing Service.

What led you to Christian Science nursing?

During my high school years, the school guidance counselors told me I should be a nurse. I was attending the Christian Science Sunday School and knew that medical nursing was not for me. I wondered who cared for Christian Scientists when they needed help. I then learned about Christian Science Nurses' Training. My decision to become a Christian Science nurse grew out of my gratitude for Christian Science and for the way I was cared for by fellow Christian Scientists. I wanted to be able to serve God and my fellow man.

Can you tell us how the VCSNS can meet the needs of the community?

We make visits to the home to provide care and also offer a variety of services such as bringing meals and assisting patients to get to appointments when going alone is not wise. We conduct workshops in branch churches for care committees or ushers. We have an active out-patient service for needs that can be met quickly in our VCSNS office at Lynn House. We are only a phone call away, every day. ■

I was in my car driving to the airport where I was scheduled to leave on a flight to Europe for a vacation with a friend from another part of the country. All of a sudden as I was driving, I became ill—in fact I felt so weak that I stopped the car and called a Christian Science practitioner, who agreed to pray for me right away.

The thought came to call Lynn House to see if someone could come and meet me since I was unable to drive on my own. Their response was immediate, and by the time the Christian Science nurse arrived, I was calm and feeling better. When we reached Lynn House, I called the airlines to cancel my flight for that evening. I spent the next two days in quiet prayer and study and was grateful to be in this comforting and

supportive atmosphere, while I worked out the difficulty with the help of the practitioner.

On the third day I was ready to leave Lynn House. I had been in touch with the airlines and knew there was room for me on the evening flight. When I started out in the car, I wasn't quite sure whether I should go home or continue to the airport. I decided to trust God completely, drove to the airport and flew to Europe.

It was a wonderful trip with many details coming together perfectly, but the best part was the freedom and dominion I felt while I was there. I am grateful to God for his continuing care and protection and to Lynn House for being there in my time of need. ■

Introduction to Christian Science Nursing Class

We are pleased to announce an Introductory class to begin **Monday, July 18, 2011.**



This 10-week course includes two weeks of classroom instruction followed by on-the-job training under the guidance and supervision of a *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse. Students go on the payroll when classroom training begins.

For More Information or If You Have Questions ...

Please call Mary Ladson, Director of Christian Science Nursing **703-379-6000 or 1-800-283-4325**

Photo: Our newest Christian Science nursing students.
From left: Vivian Richmond, Tami Hill, and Carlyle McKenzie.

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hymn from the Christian Science Hymnal that assures us, "He knows the angels that you need, and sends them to your side, to comfort, guard and guide."

What impressed me most about the Christian Science nurses was their steadfast metaphysical support and knowledge of the practical steps

necessary for care in the home. Their experience helped me navigate a universe of unfamiliar territory in a sure but gentle way. Within several weeks, I was back on my feet and able to return to work. What in the world would Christian Scientists do without Lynn House, and the tremendous resources it provides? ■

"...The Need Made Known..."

Pulpit and Press by Mary Baker Eddy

Each year, individuals, churches, associations, and foundations, through generous giving, help to close the gap between income and what it costs to operate Lynn House—an amount close to \$1 million. Without this support, we could never accomplish all that we do. Thanks to everyone who plays a part in making our services available to the field.

There are different ways to give: outright donations in response to newsletters and the matching challenge, contributions through the Combined Federal Campaign and

United Way, and gifts through your estate plans.

Today, we'd like to talk about another way to give—through our monthly Sustainer Program. Sometimes donors find it easier to manage 12 monthly gifts rather than one larger annual donation. These monthly gifts help to bring stability to our day-to-day operations and can be a balance to fluctuating income. If the idea of giving monthly appeals to you, please see the remittance envelope and return it to Lynn House. ■

Reminder

Rest and Study Special Continues to July 15th

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For more information please call
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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Carolyn Hill

Carolyn Hill, a *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse, became Executive Director in January 2011.

Carolyn, what led you to Christian Science nursing?

It's not really what, but who. I know that is a short answer but - in a word - God. When I was first looking for work after high school, my mother shared a truth that has stayed with me, "We are always employed in service to God." From that point, I turned to God whenever the "What shall I do?" question came up. There was always an answer. My business background was banking and insurance, and when I was preparing to retire, a friend mentioned that there was an Introduction to Christian Science Nursing class starting in a few weeks at Lynn House. I knew at that moment that retirement was not what the Father had prepared for me. At Lynn House, I have been blessed to work 'in house' and with the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service. When the opportunity came to serve as the Executive Director, the prayerful answer was yes.

See [Carolyn Hill Interview](#) on back of flap

What has been your greatest challenge since becoming Executive Director?

I don't think things are 'out there' that need to be labeled as challenges; there are only opportunities. I have the precious opportunity to love and share Christian Science nursing from a new perspective; to cherish all of Lynn House - the staff, patients, residents, guests, the Christian Science field, the Executive Board, volunteers, the edifice and grounds, and our local community.

Do you have a vision for Lynn House in the short and long term?

I see Lynn House continuing in its mission. I see Lynn House meeting the needs of all who call upon Mrs. Eddy's By-Law for the Christian Science Nurse in the *Church Manual*. I expect there to be growth in our training and mentoring program and in our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service. I expect our residential services to continue to bless. I expect we will continue to provide outreach and resources to our community. I expect there will be opportunities we don't know yet.

Please know that you can call for in-patient, out-patient, or care in your home anytime—Lynn House is available. The loving, nurturing presence of the Christ is always at hand, always prepared. As stated in Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." ■

Lynn House Mission Statement

We join together to cherish and support the practice of Christian Science, as discovered by Mary Baker Eddy, with its expectancy of quick and whole healing, as taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus, through providing spiritually-based nursing care that is in accordance with Article VIII, Section 31, of the Manual of The Mother Church, by Mary Baker Eddy.