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# LYNN HOUSE Letter A Haven for Healing Rest & Renewal

## Lo, He sent His Word and healed them, Still that Word of God is here. Still its tender healing message speaks to every listening ear.

A ccounts of healing through the application of Christian Science treatment abound. We read these expressions of gratitude in the periodicals – the *Christian Science Journal*, the *Christian Science Sentinel*, and the *Herald of Christian Science* – and we hear testimonies of healing at Wednesday evening meetings. These healings occur all over the world, including at Lynn House, and they testify to the fact that the "Word of God is here," and that it "speaks to every listening ear."

During the past 12 months, we've witnessed many healings at Lynn House that confirm the efficacy of Christian Science treatment and verify Mrs. Eddy's statement in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, "The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation."

The following is shared by someone who called Lynn House at a time of great need. "Last year, a physical challenge presented itself. It soon became apparent that it was wise for me to go to a Christian Science care facility. The call to Lynn House was made in the middle of the night. I am thankful to the Director of Christian Science Nursing and the Christian Science nurses who were ready and waiting to meet my needs. I knew I was in my right place.

"The situation often required special attention, and the nurses were so loving in providing care in the most tender and effective way. We Christian Science Hymnal

worked together in harmony as we constantly turned to Mind to meet each need. We all grew spiritually from that prayerful effort. In times of crisis, several nurses were available to read to me. What a help that was.

"There were also several loving Christian Science practitioners who supported me with steadfast prayers at different points along the way. I still enjoy working with the spiritual truths and insights they shared. While the human picture seemed slow to change, thought was going See Healing, page 3



Christian Science nurses working together in harmony.

#### How Grateful I Am for the Lynn House Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service

L ast fall, when I was praying about a lump on my body, it suddenly began to drain one evening. I knew that this was progress, but I also needed some practical help with bandaging. My husband helped me that night, and in the morning, I called Lynn House and asked for the visiting nurse to come.

She was at my home within a few hours, full of love and reassurance. She took care of me with gentleness and professional efficiency. She also left me with a generous supply of easy-to-use, selfadhesive bandages and explained how and when to apply them.

As she was helping me, she assured me that the healing was taking place and progressing nicely. Indeed it wasn't long before I had no more need for the bandages.



# The Lynn House Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service – Ready at a Moment's Notice



Preparing for a visit to the home

ften we are asked, "How far will you travel and how much advance notice do you need?" Christian Science nurses are ready to travel at a moment's notice and to go wherever there is a need. Recently, we received a call in the middle of the night from someone who lives alone in another city and who had fallen. Her family, who are not Christian Scientists and do not live close by, as well as neighbors who were with her, encouraged her to go to the hospital, where the diagnosis was a broken bone. Although she agreed to have the bone set, she verv much wanted a Christian Science nurse to come as soon as possible to be with her during this challenging time. When the call came, the Christian Science nurse left immediately, and over the next few days made several visits to the hospital, reading the Bible Lesson to the patient, and then brought her to Lynn House, where she improved quickly and returned home.

In the past six months, we have responded to calls in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and North Carolina, as well as throughout Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Recently, we had a call from a family who is providing care for their mother who is a Christian Scientist. She had a special need arise, and the family members wanted to make sure they were giving good care. Upon hearing about the situation and before going to the home, the Christian Science nurse suggested that the family might want to call a practitioner for their mother. The visiting nurse explained to the daughter where and how to find the name of a practitioner and suggested that she read the list to her mom and let her make the decision.

When the Christian Science nurse arrived at the house, she found the mother's condition greatly improved and saw that the family was giving excellent care. It was a busy household that included children coming and going and several pets, and the mother thrived on the activity. The family breathed a sigh of relief that they were giving such good care. Since there was still a need for the practitioner, the mom decided to come to Lynn House for a few days of respite care. In this situation, the visiting nurse was in the home to assess and to offer options.

Whatever the need and whenever it arises, please don't hesitate to call. We are here to support Christian Science healing and ready to travel at a moment's notice.

# The Residences at Lynn House – Two Openings Available



Would you or a loved one like to set aside the encumbrances of caring for a household? If so, you might consider joining our residential community. You will find a loving, vibrant atmosphere, which supports on-going spiritual study and progress. The Residences offer all the amenities of home, plus light nursing care, if needed. As shown in these photos, recent activities have included baking (with Activities Coordinator Amy Adams and assistant Nancy Christopher), checkers with a young volunteer, a musical performance, and a parade of hats!

#### Introduction to Christian Science Nursing Class



We are pleased to announce an Introductory class to begin **Monday, July 9, 2012.** 

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: Three of our student Christian Science nurses who began their training with the introductory class.

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higher. And, as is to be expected, the turning point did come. As I gained mental assurance, the physical freedom naturally followed.

"Progress continued. It wasn't long before I needed less nursing care, and I was able to perform some normal daily activities with little or no assistance. I joked with one of the nurses that she was going to be like the repair man in the old Maytag commercial – sitting around with nothing to do! Healing was well on its way, and I was soon able to return home.

"It's hard to look back to the mortal details and events. What clearly comes to thought, instead, is the unselfed love that was expressed in so many ways – from each nurse and practitioner supporting my progress through their own individual, inspired expressions of Truth to the care and thoughtfulness of family and the very few friends who knew of the situation during this quiet, prayerful time.

"Plain and simple, this was a healing of animal magnetism, the taking down of the false suggestion that there is any power opposed to God. As the Bible tells us, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory..." (I Chronicles 29:11) I knew that I had already won. Words cannot express my gratitude for the spiritual growth I gained and for all of the fine care and support I had along the way. My heart is full of love and appreciation."

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

Pulpit and Press by Mary Baker Eddy

In her Dedicatory Sermon in Pulpit and Press, speaking of the building of The Mother Church, Mrs. Eddy says, "There was no urging, begging, or borrowing; only the need made known, and forth came the money, or diamonds, which served to erect this 'miracle in stone." This pouring forth at a time when it was most needed exemplifies Mrs. Eddy's demonstration of supply and is a wonderful example for us today. Lynn House has been greatly blessed through the generosity of its field, and there have been many instances where we simply let the need be known and the supply came forth.

These donations enable us to offer a full range of services for those relying on God for healing. Even with increased activity and demand for our services, the gap between what we spend and our income continues to widen, because what we charge our patients does not fully cover the cost of the care, prompting us to look once again to our field.

There are many ways to give, such as being a monthly donor through our Sustainer Program or an annual donor in support of our Matching Challenge. Some donors participate in the United Way/Combined Federal Campaign which assures income to Lynn House throughout the year. Some donors work for companies that have matching programs. Others give at times when they are reminded and when it is the most convenient time to do so.

One of the ways that is often overlooked is a gift through a will or an estate plan. These bequests, provided for years in advance, often arrive when most needed. Not only is Lynn House blessed, but donors have the satisfaction of knowing that their resources are furthering principles and ideals that are important to them.

It is not just large bequests that make a difference. Dozens of smaller ones have arrived over the years, and each has been special in its own way. Bequests help pay for care through benevolence, support an outreach program, and enable student Christian Science nurses to take the next step in training as they work

towards listing in The Christian Science Journal.



Keeping in Touch: If you have not already done so, we invite you to share your email address with us. Although mailings will continue, we hope to also communicate electronically in the future, saving on printing and postage. Please send your address to mail@lynnhouse.org. Your information will not be shared with others.



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You are welcome to call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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