

Dear Friends,

Overlook House, Inc. is happy to write to you today to celebrate the first anniversary of Upward Wing – Visiting Christian Science Nursing, in Northeast Ohio.

The mission of *Upward Wing* 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 to provide home-based Christian Science nursing care in Northern Ohio at **no cost** to patients.

Together Overlook House and Upward Wing make Christian Science Nursing (CSN) services available to you 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, and 365 days each year.

How did we do in 2011?

- **Three** *Journal*-Listed CSNs and **one** CSN-in-training affiliated with Upward Wing
- Together those CSNs provided more than **1,207 hours** of care to students of Christian Science; please refer to the last page of this letter for healing **fruitage**
- We completed a beautiful new **website**, which we encourage you to visit regularly via the Internet at **www.upwardwing.org**
- Overlook House financed Upward Wing's operations on a **self-sustaining** basis, using only contributions and earnings from its investments to fund operations
- Despite economic predictions to the contrary the value of our invested funds **grew** from \$2.8 million to \$3.1 million; and our investments have out-performed the stock market
- We legally converted our investment fund into a restricted endowment fund which assures investment earnings will be available to Upward Wing **in perpetuity** to bless future generations of Christian Scientists in Northern Ohio

What are our goals for 2012?

- We plan to seek formal accreditation of Upward Wing from The Commission (www.csncommision.org) to demonstrate that we are operating within the standards of care that they promote world-wide for Christian Science nursing care
- Our Board and Nurses plan to call on each Christian Science [Practitioner](#) in our service area with the goal of improving and expanding our services
- Our CSNs are offering [presentations](#) about Upward Wing to Christian Science Churches and [training](#) to their Care Committees or individual members who desire to learn more about the CSN, found in the Church Manual, Article VIII, Section 31
- We seek to fill one vacant seat on our [Board of Trustees](#) with a Christian Scientist who shares our simple desire -- to assure that CSN care remains available in perpetuity in Northern Ohio to those who seek healing through prayer
- We desire to continue to grow our endowment fund principal by adding at least 1% or [\\$30,000](#) in contributions to our endowment fund this year that will enable it to generate more earnings to support Upward Wing

Here are two ways that you can help!

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The best way you can aid our mission is to use our services. In this mailer, you will find a refrigerator [magnet](#) that lists our E-mail address, web site and phone numbers. Upward Wing CSNs are available toll-free, 24-hours a day at [855-CSN-4YOU](tel:855-CSN-4YOU) to:

- [Answer questions](#) about Christian Science nursing services
- Provide [training](#) to help you care for yourself or loved ones in accord with the Church Manual standard
- Provide [in-home CSN services](#) to you or your loved ones
- Help you make arrangements to receive [in-patient care](#) for yourself or your loved ones at an accredited Christian Science nursing facility like Glenmont

Please visit the "Contact Page" on our website at www.upwardwing.org to sign up for the e-mail version of the newsletter that we will begin this year.

Upward Wing does not bill patients for the CSN services that they receive. However, the service is not without cost. We use only the interest and dividends from our invested fund to operate Upward Wing. Those earnings are enabling us to employ three Journal-listed CSNs and contract with a Business Manager in 2012. Investment earnings also purchase the equipment and supplies required for the in-home services that these nurses provide.

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Therefore, another way you can help our mission is to **express gratitude** in the form of tax-deductible contributions to Overlook House, Inc. The stipend we are paying to our staff members is certainly not equivalent to a living wage. To increase that stipend each year, by adding to the endowment fund balance, is our key priority.

Several area Christian Science Churches make regular contributions to Overlook House. If your church is not doing so, we hope you will consider it this year. We also welcome individual contributions. You may send a check in the enclosed **envelope** or make your contributions on-line by visiting our website at **www.upwarding.org**.

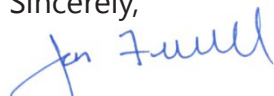
We close this report with a passage by Mrs. Eddy, from page 6 of the People's Idea of God, which gives a beautiful sense of the vision behind Overlook House and Upward Wing.

We are all sculptors, working out our own ideals, and leaving the impress of mind on the body as well as on history and marble, chiseling to higher excellence, or leaving to rot and ruin the mind's ideals. Recognizing this as we ought, we shall turn often from marble to model, from matter to Mind, to beautify and exalt our lives.

*“Chisel in hand stood a sculptor-boy,
With his marble block before him;
And his face lit up with a smile of joy
As an angel dream passed o'er him.
He carved the dream on that shapeless stone
With many a sharp incision.
With heaven's own light the sculptor shone, —
He had caught the angel-vision.*

*“Sculptors of life are we as we stand
With our lives uncarved before us,
Waiting the hour when at God's command
Our life dream passes o'er us.
If we carve it then on the yielding stone
With many a sharp incision,
Its heavenly beauty shall be our own, —
Our lives that angel-vision.”*

Sincerely,


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2011 Upward Wing Annual Report

By Kimberly Thorndike, CSN Manager

The CSNs of Upward Wing are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve Christian Scientists in Northern Ohio. Four CSNs joined to form Upward Wing and began answering calls for help in February 2011. By the end of December, we had traveled over **18,000** miles, making over **285** visits. With each visit, we gained higher, clearer views of God's love and care for his children.

We witnessed firsthand, many examples of church, family, and care committee members joining with us to meet the needs of care. These beautiful – and fruitful – examples of putting the by-law for the CSN into practice has showed us how the Church Manual By-Law, [Article 8, Section 31](#) forges the link between Christ-healing and Christian Science nursing. It is central to our church's mission of healing and includes each one of us!

This year, Upward Wing has affiliated with three Journal-listed CSNs including [Janet Kopp](#), [Anita Lange](#), and [Kimberly Thorndike](#). Someone is available 24 hours a day to respond to your call. New this year, we are offering to visit area churches and individual members to introduce Upward Wing and to conduct care committee and home care/companion workshops. We look forward to receiving your invitation. Please call today.

Mrs. Eddy writes in Prose Works, "In different ages, the divine idea assumes different forms, according to humanity's needs. In this age it assumes, more intelligently than ever before, the form of Christian healing. This is the babe we are to cherish. This is the babe that twines its loving arms about the neck of omnipotence, and calls forth infinite care from His loving heart." (Mis. 370: 12) We are humbly [grateful](#) to join with you in this important work.

HEALING AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A patient's testimonial

"I had been working with a Christian Science Practitioner and the CSNs from Upward Wing, when what seemed to be an alarming skin condition appeared on several areas of my body. Fear, discouragement, and concerns of contagion rang in my thought.

I am grateful for the prayerful treatment from the Practitioner, the reassuring, practical assistance of the CSNs, and for the lessons that I learned during this time. The healing of this belief has strengthened my expectation of complete freedom from all claims."