

2021 Annual Report

UPWARD WING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING

MISSION: Upward Wing Christian Science Nursing is LOVE - providing compassionate, skilled Christian Science nursing care to those relying on Christian Science for healing, nurturing those called to the ministry of Christian Science nursing through training and mentoring, and bearing witness to the Christ in action, meeting the human need.



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2021 Fruitage:

3 ACTIVE JOURNAL-LISTED CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES ON STAFF

65% INCOME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FIELD

90% FUNDS DEDICATED TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING MINISTRY & MISSION

TESTIMONIAL

I would like to express my gratitude to the Christian Science nurses of Upward Wing. Just like Christian Science practitioners, they are always metaphysically prepared and physically ready to meet the need at a moment's notice. I had such a need, and after talking with the Christian Science nurse and hanging up the phone, within five or ten minutes I was healed and was able to call the Christian Science nurse back to let her know the good news, and that her services would not be needed. We both rejoiced in God's great love and His caring presence.



President's Report

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy writes, "Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the centre, though not the boundary, of the affections." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 58:21) This passage captures beautifully how the demonstration of activity at Upward Wing has unfolded over the past year. While we are not fully open yet, we have been able to conduct training classes and provide a sheltering atmosphere for our students, we've had Rest and Study guests stay with us, Christian Science nursing students from other organizations have participated in Upward Wing's internship program, and we've held regular board and staff meetings. We are truly grateful for the good already received! We have been able to answer the call and witness the need being met - not only locally, but regionally, and nationally. Once we are fully open, we look forward to broadening our engagement with the field even further.

Since we purchased The Cottage, we have been undergoing a major renovation. Even though there have been many challenges during this project, we have made tremendous progress. There still is work to do, but we have overcome every obstacle presented to us. Our motive is to serve and to bless, to bring healing to our Christian Science community, and as our Leader tells us in our textbook, "Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way." (Ibid., p. 326:20-21)

Another beautiful opening of the way has been long time Director of Christian Science Nursing, Kimberly Thorndike, stepping into the additional role of Executive Director. We are excited to support Kim in this new expanded role, and are so grateful for her years of dedication and commitment to the cause of Christian Science nursing.

I also would like to express gratitude for our Christian Science nurses, our Business Manager, and our volunteers who help us in so many ways. Thank you to Kim, Patty, Mary, Kynslie, Vanessa and everyone else who has supported us this year. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Finally, for those of you interested in volunteering, please reach out to us. We have plenty of opportunities available, and we'd love to have you join the Upward Wing family!

With love and gratitude for each of you,

Kathryn Victor

President



We can't wait to officially open our doors



Rest and Study Accommodations

Executive Director's Report

Let's acknowledge and rejoice in the continued progress and utilization of Upward Wing! The Cottage renovation has been coming along beautifully thanks to support from all of you. Throughout this project, Upward Wing continues to provide Christian Science nurses who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is our privilege to be of service and to witness healing.

For some time, we have been receiving calls for Christian Science nursing care from outside our local area. The board and staff of Upward Wing have been prayerfully listening for how we might more fully embrace

and support anyone who calls looking for a Christian Science nurse - regardless of location. On occasion, our staff has traveled to provide Christian Science nursing care until other arrangements are found, but most often we work with the caller to find the right local solution to meet their need. This activity has been an especial joy for us. We have linked into an incredible network of Christian Science nurses who are dedicated to meeting an individual's need in their own home.



Geographical growth of Upward Wing's Service

Recently our training team shared the article entitled "Service" by George Shaw Cook which was printed in the 1918 issue of *The Christian Science Journal*. In it, the author defines service this way:

Service is a divine idea. It is an idea of that Mind which is the only source of the inspiration, love, humility, purity, fidelity, and constancy which characterize one who is the true minister to mankind. Separated from these qualities service would be only a spurious counterfeit of the divine. Being a divine idea service is quite unlike servitude. It is never unwilling, grudging, or self-seeking. It is always unselfish, free, and joyous. It is at once meek and mighty; it is humble in its obedience to law, and majestic in its serenity and confidence. Service is unvarying and infallible. It is courageous and enduring. It is impartial, just, honest, merciful, loving, ample, abundant. It is universal, unlimited, untiring, uninterrupted.

It is in this spirit of service that the Overlook House Board of Trustees set the foundation for Upward Wing and it is in this same spirit that all of us today work together to care for one another and our communities.

Further in his article, Cook wrote:

"The life of the genuine Christian Scientist is one of constant activity. He learns that in serving God and his fellow men he is laboring in the field of eternal Life."

What a privilege it is to be engaged in this healing ministry with all of you!

Kimberly Thorndike

Executive Director | Director of Christian Science Nursing

Treasurer's Report

Our hearts are full of gratitude for every one of you who support us prayerfully and practically with generous donations. Your individual contributions are so precious to us! They give us a sense of communing together in a common purpose. We feel supported, cherished, and loved, and that is multiplied in blessings to those who reach out to us for help.

In 2021 over 50% of our income came from contributions from you. Nearly 90% of our funds were spent supporting our primary mission of providing skilled Christian Science nursing care to our ever-expanding field.

In addition to your generous support, the sustainable management of our Endowment gives us a reliable base of funds to draw upon each year, but that only covers a portion of our expenses. The remainder is covered by Grants, Trusts, and your generous donations.

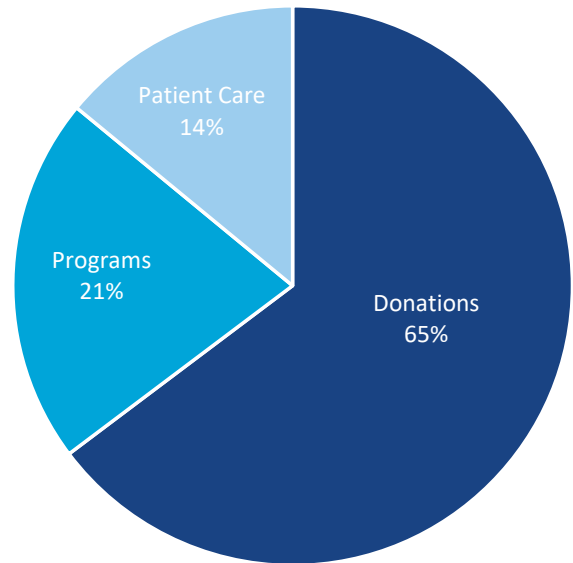
In response to feedback from our field, we have recently begun charging for our service. We have found that those we are helping have a desire to pay us for our service, and while we have always accepted donations, many are uncomfortable assigning a monetary value to the care they receive. This change allows for more transparency, but rest assured, we will never turn anyone away for lack of funds. Our philosophy of philanthropy and removing cost as a barrier to care remains the same.

For cases that are a drivable distance, we charge a modest hourly amount for the time spent at the home and continue to cover the remaining costs and provide travel time and mileage as benevolence to the patient. We can also help you find other financial resources.

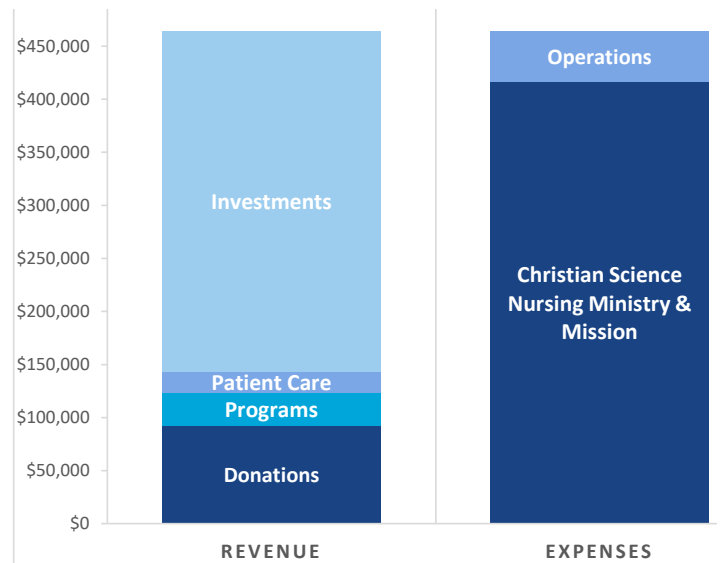
We are here for you any time, day or night, but we can't do it without your help! If it warms your heart to know that we are always ready to answer the call to provide Christian Science nursing care, please join with us in our mission by donating. Your support is vital to our mission of providing Christian Science nursing care now and in the future.

Gratefully,

Julianne Wright
Treasurer



2021 Income



INCOME FROM DONATIONS, PROGRAMS, AND PATIENT CARE COVERS 31% OF OUR EXPENSES

2021 Revenue and Expenses

Christian Science Nurses Training Report

Christian Science nurses are just like other Christian Science church members! We have problems, we pray, at times we rely on temporary aids, but we are always striving to behold God's perfect man. Therefore, we understand how to help in a Christian Scientist's home.

Mrs. Eddy defines "nurse," as to anyone who nurtures another (every one of us). "An ill-tempered, complaining, or deceitful person should not be a nurse. The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love."
(*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p.395:17–20)

The Christian Science nurse is established for every member in the Church Manual, under "Guidance of Members". We each relate to this by-law in different ways at different times. Those that dedicate their lives to this ministry in the fullest sense, list their names in *The Christian Science Journal*.

Christian Science Nurse. Sect. 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.

(Manual of The Mother Church, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 49:7–16)

Christian Science nursing is a blessed ministry. During our classroom time where instruction in ethics and skills takes place, students put their demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice into use each day. While on in-home cases, their ministry is shepherded and guided by our instructors and practical wisdom and proper care is applied to patient needs for personal care, assistance with food, bandaging, etc.

In 2021, training was offered remotely and at The Cottage. In addition to teaching, we have mentored in the field assisting Christian Scientists all over the country. Students have also participated in Christian Science nursing at two Christian Science camps and a Christian Science nursing facility.



Learning from a little one

Please consider inviting Upward Wing to give a workshop or seminar to your branch church members. Some can be offered in a Zoom format. We also offer individual instruction for caring for family members. Whatever your need might be, please don't hesitate to call!

Lovingly,

Patty Nuerberg and Mary Hollister

Co-directors of Christian Science Nurses Training