



Desert View News - Summer 2025

What's in a name? Chris Radel, Administrator

If I asked you "what is Desert View" would your response be, a Christian Science nursing facility?

If I said, "where is Desert View" would your next response be, Scottsdale, Arizona?

Now if I asked, "When is Desert View" would you think, huh?? What do you mean...that does not make sense. Or...might it lead you to rethink the first two responses?

Please give this thought as you read this newsletter...each article says something about the: what, where and when of Desert View. These are questions the Desert View Team has been discussing and it has led to this verse from Isaiah: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (Isa 54:2). We have been stretching, lengthening, and strengthening, and we, of course, mean prayerfully.

We invite you to join us in enlarging our concept of Love's provision for us. As we do this, the limited, material view yields and the spiritual comes into view, and then perhaps the "when" of Desert View, expressing God's ever-present care, begins to make more sense.



Vision of Desert View Ann Deputy, Board President

When I think of Desert View, I see a group of dedicated staff, board members, house practitioners and Desert View friends whose prayers reach out to every corner of the community where thought is directed, and to every place our Christian Science nurses go, bringing an uplifting and healing atmosphere that is not limited to a building in Scottsdale or even the borders of the state.

In our present experience at Desert View, far fewer requests for visits and stays in the Desert View house have resulted in increased opportunities for home-care visits and outreach to branch churches across the state. Since we are finding that the availability of in-house services is greater than the demands for these services, we've had to evaluate our focus and approach. After significant prayer and nudging from Divine Love, the board and staff at Desert View are taking steps to find a new right-sized home base.

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Needs of today John Cochran CS, Board Vice President

There seem to be so many needs in this day and age that it would be easy to feel overwhelmed and helpless. I've found the following Bible passage from Second Corinthians, really beneficial on numerous occasions —

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
(II Cor. 1:3, 4)

Understanding the true nature and source of support provided for others, supports us. And this spiritual fact blesses all involved. Helping and supporting others doesn't have to be complicated or difficult. This can be as straightforward as generally being more alert to simple needs of those in our branch church, then honestly saying "yes" to do what we can. And if a need would seem greater than we're able to meet, this is where Desert View comes in. A quick phone call will often provide just the kind of help *we need* to see the divine answer more clearly.

Simply stated, Desert View's whole reason for being is to support Christian Scientists meet care needs that come up, for themselves or others they know. As we do this together, don't we fulfill this counsel of our beloved Leader (Ret. 94:25)?

"I am persuaded that only by the modesty and distinguishing affection illustrated in Jesus' career, can Christian Scientists aid the establishment of Christ's kingdom on the earth. In the first century of the Christian era Jesus' teachings bore much fruit, and the Father was glorified therein. In this period and the forthcoming centuries, watered by dews of divine Science, this 'tree of life' will blossom into greater freedom, and its leaves will be 'for the healing of the nations.'"

*Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art:
That thou may'st consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy.
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart;
And comforters are needed much
Of Christlike touch.*

— A. E. Hamilton



Vision of Desert View cont. from page 1

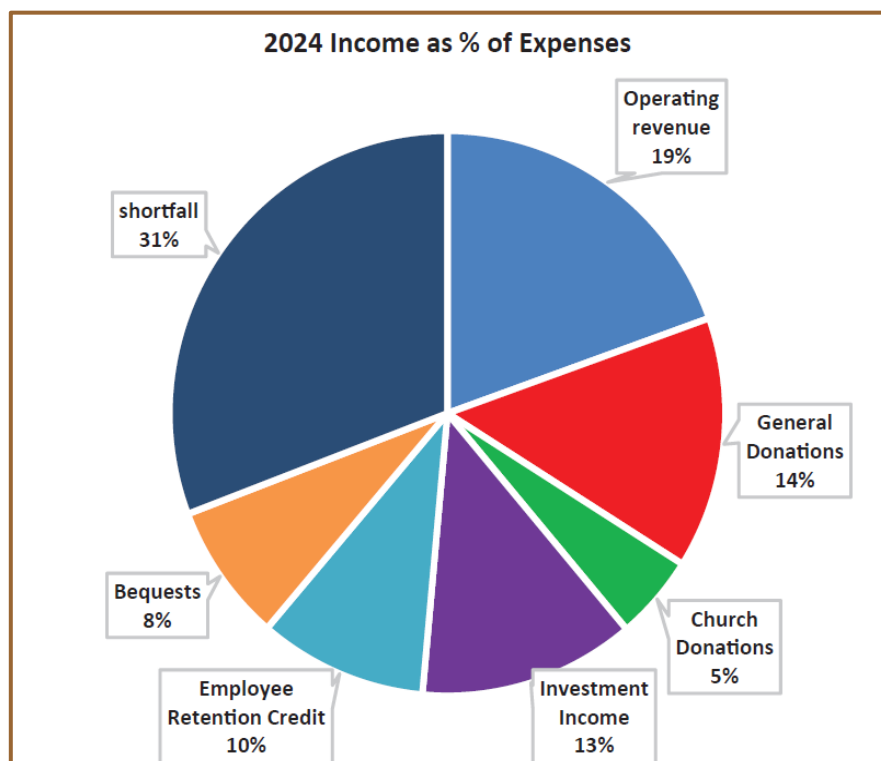
Our new home base will embody all the spiritual qualities encompassed in our current home such as joy, light, peace, harmony, comfort, protection, functionality, purpose and a welcoming and healing atmosphere of love that will continue to support Christian Science healing through effective Christian Science nursing. As always, these expressions of divine Love through the idea of Desert View will extend well beyond any physical form of a Desert View location even as our outreach to all our Christian Science “family” increases.

Thank you for your support as Mind unfolds ideas step by step. There is no timetable for transitioning to a new location and all current services will continue until this new vision becomes more clear. “Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 494).

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Love Leads the Way Ann Deputy, Treasurer

Here is a picture of Desert View’s 2024 income as a percentage of expenses. The pie chart shows that there was a shortfall of income of 31% (\$130,000), an improvement of 20% compared to 2023. The operational income at 19% of expenses was an improvement of 12% over 2023. Thanks to the awareness of our administrator we received credit from the IRS in the form of an Employee Retention Credit that amounted to 10% of our income vs. expenses. We are always listening for the right way to wisely use the gifts we receive and prove our utility in caring for the Christian Science community.



Christian Science Nursing at Desert View

God Met Our Need...Again John Babcock, Board Secretary

One of the staple truths that Christian Scientists often rely on is Mary Baker Eddy's statement in *Science and Health*, "Divine Love always has met, and always will meet, every human need." God met Desert View's need in 2011 when Cindy O'Searcaigh came to be the Director of Christian Science Nursing (DCSN), and He met our need again when she returned this year to fulfill that critical position!

I didn't have the opportunity to know Cindy during her first tour with Desert View, but it has been a real joy to meet her and to see the great love she has for God, for Christian Science and for practicing Christian Science nursing here at Desert View. Many of you, too, have felt that love and seen her dedication to providing a loving and healing atmosphere at Desert View. Perhaps you've seen her visiting your church or your Reading Room. Maybe you have met her in her capacity as a Christian Science nurse in person at Desert View or in your home. And maybe you have spoken to her on the phone with a question about the care of a loved one. Personally, I've had the pleasure of accompanying her on a couple of her workshops that focus on helping family, church members and friends with daily human needs.



Cindy is deeply committed to providing Christian Science nursing care in person and on the phone to everyone who has a need or a question about Desert View's services. Call her with a question or perhaps for an appointment to see what Desert View has to offer you and your family. The Desert View Christian Science nursing phone number is 480-299-0504. Or you can email Cindy at dcsn@DesertView.us.

Cindy, Welcome Home! We're glad your back.

Introducing Leslie



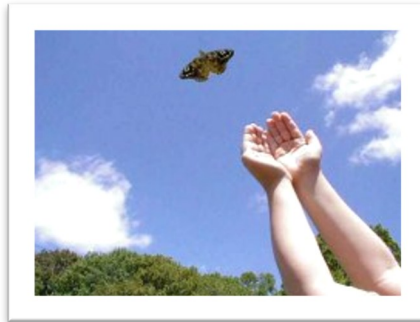
We are pleased to introduce Leslie Hartman, a new member of our Christian Science nursing staff at Desert View. At the same time, we say welcome back to Arizona. Leslie is a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse, most recently serving at Beacon Haven, an accredited Christian Science nursing facility in New Brighton, MN. She, and her husband Brad, are excited to be back so they can spend time with their grandchildren. Now you know her name, and you can greet her as you see her around on duty for Desert View.

***From the Director of Christian Science Nursing,
Cindy O'Searcaigh***

I am so grateful to be back at Desert View supporting our Arizona community. The inspiring testimonies from individuals whom we have served over recent months show the activity of the Christ in action. We love each opportunity to go out into the community to support those who call us.

Desert View remains open to new expansive ideas of how we can best serve those who call. We are able to support families when they have questions on how they can best meet the needs of loved ones. We will quickly visit anyone to assess the situation. Sometimes the need is to bring them into Desert View for a few days, or to stay with them in their home for that demonstration. Whatever is the case, it is Love meeting every human need, right where they are, without exception.

We have resumed our workshops at the various Christian Science branch churches, giving one at Third Church Tucson for that area and one in Green Valley, extending our reach to the far south corner of Arizona. We will come to your church when you ask us to schedule one for your area. Just give us a call. Christian Science nursing cell phone 480-299-0504.



Sharing Gratitude

Gratefully supported

I recently became very ill during the night, quickly becoming unable to move or care for myself. I called Desert View as soon as it became light. The Christian Science nurse on duty answered immediately. When I told her my desperation to have someone here to help me, she came right away, with joy, service, and healing in her heart.

She spent the entire day with me, until I was able to get out of bed, and well on my way to complete healing. She was awesome---loving, caring, helping with whatever needed to be done, including caring for my dog.

As I began to heal, we spent some time talking and sharing. I began immediately applying the ideas shared to various situations in my life, feeling stronger as time went on.

By the time she left, I was nearly completely healed. And by morning, I was completely back to myself and completely free from the previous challenge.

I am grateful for her prompt response to my need, and her constant support, both physical and metaphysical, and the spiritual support she provided while being here with me in my home, which I know assisted with my healing.

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Grateful for outpatient care

I have had times over the years that I have come to Desert View as an outpatient and received immediate care by the Christian Science nurses on duty. One time for many months, I had a physical problem that required cleansing and bandaging. I found them to be caring, efficient, and professional in their handling of the situation. They not only took care of the immediate need, but they didn't judge or criticize. In fact, they did their best to help relieve my concerns and were inspiring and loving in every way. While it wasn't a joy dealing with the problem it was a joyful experience every time I went to Desert View for care. I am grateful that Desert View has outpatient services.

Gratitude Abounds

The minute Desert View Christian Science nurses came to help me the first time, with the care for my loved one, I felt overwhelming gratitude, thinking "I am not alone, God is present. The messengers of God had arrived with a sense of comforting for both of us." Their metaphysical poise and confidence using their practical wisdom and giving her proper care, was palpable and uplifting. In this work, they were nursing me too, through their joy and support for both of us. Over the course of a few months my loved one not only received care in her home, even overnight support, but also stayed at the Desert View home for a few days, when she required more care and a quiet space to pray, away from home responsibilities. We were both refreshed by every visit, whether in her home or theirs. There were times we just needed reassurance over the phone, and they answered the call with love and great suggestions for us. The whole family saw the care that Desert View gave to our loved one over the course of several months and were grateful for the support.



And we add our Gratitude for your support

A thank you to our community for your active support. Many of you receive our monthly prayer email and join us in focused prayer. If you are not receiving this communication and would like to join the prayer team, just let us know (mail@desertview.us.)

Your metaphysical work, assistance with projects and financial gifts support the healing work at Desert View and Christian Science nursing and are certainly examples of Christ's charity, of "Love reflected in love" (*Science and Health*, p. 17).

Test your Knowledge



- Why would I call Desert View or a Christian Science nurse?
- What are the services that Desert View offers, do they make house calls?
- What phone number do you use to reach a Christian Science nurse at Desert View?
- When can I call you? Can I ask for suggestions about caring for my loved ones or fellow members?
- I don't want to be a Christian Science nurse but are there some helpful suggestions for me as a member that don't require lots of skills and training?

Can you answer these questions? If not, it's time to call Desert View to schedule a workshop.

These workshops are for members of your church to learn how they can support each other while maintaining confidentiality and embracing each individual with love and joy.

(480) 299-0504 - Twenty-four hours a day

Desert View's Annual Meeting 2025

- ♦ The date is Saturday, November 8th at 2 pm.
- ♦ Online only
- ♦ More details coming soon.
- ♦ **Save the Date!**





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