



## Desert View News - Spring 2013

*"Revelation is going on here! Not time. I have come to realize that I am not here for a length of days wearing out, but that I am here for revelation. I am so grateful for the dedicated, loving and supportive atmosphere of Desert View where I can see this for myself."*      *Gratefully watching and praying, JR*

### Message from the Board President

We rejoice at the progress we've made since we reopened in April 2011. As it has become known that we are once again accepting patients, we have become increasingly busy and productive. We are so very happy to be able to achieve our healing mission of meeting the needs of area Christian Scientists who wish to rely on spiritual healing.

Desiring to be of better service to those patients needing financial aid, this year the staff and Board are making an in-depth study of "benevolence." This ongoing work includes getting a deeper understanding of words like: economy, supply, source, grace, progress, ark, abundance, and generosity. Our Leader sets a high standard for this: "Goodness and benevolence never tire. They maintain themselves and others and never stop from exhaustion. He who is afraid of being too generous has lost the power of being magnanimous." (Miscellany, p. 165)

We are witnessing so much good, and we want to share it with you *in person!* So mark your calendar for **Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.** We are having an Annual meeting for the Field and we hope you can come. It will be held at Second Church Scottsdale, and our guest speaker will be Jill Grimes. You will receive more information in the months to come. Thanks for your support.

*Carol Rockwood*

### From The Director of Christian Science Nursing

We are extremely grateful for our dedicated volunteer Practitioners. Every two weeks, we enlist a Journal listed Christian Science Practitioner to pray for Desert View. This individual embraces the atmosphere of Desert View in their thought to hold it dear and complete as an expression of divine Love meeting every human need. The whole community of Christian Scientists in Arizona is blessed by this loving embrace. *Cindy Snowden*

## From the Board Treasurer

We are striving to operate under “the divine decrees” and “the law of Love, in which nature and God are one and the natural order of heaven comes down to earth” (Science and Health, p. 189), as when Jesus *multiplied* the loaves and fishes rather than attempting merely to divide what was evidently available to the human senses.

A brief summary of our finances as of the end of calendar year 2012: We have about \$500,000 in liquid assets. Our operating loss for the year was about \$86,000, compared to a loss of \$151,000 for 2011.

Our occupancy rates and patient revenues have been increasing steadily throughout the past year, and especially during recent months. In fact, in January and February we had a full house for the entire two months and patient revenue covered virtually all expenses. Even with the increased occupancy, expenses seem to be holding steady. Income is exclusively from patient revenue and donations; we have no investment income at this time. Based on pro forma projections, we think we will need annual donations of about \$150,000 to cover operating expenses. Currently donations are running at a steady \$60,000 per year. Rob Askew

### From a Grateful Patient...

I had no choice but to come to Desert View when I found myself unable to care for myself. I had no idea what it would be like to be in a Christian Science nursing facility and my concerns made me very resistant to coming. My eyes were opened the minute I arrived, to the loving atmosphere provided by the dedicated, consecrated Christian Science nurses, who were unbelievably gracious and professional in their ever-available mode of serving the needs of their patients day and night. I cannot express enough gratitude for having this facility in this area. I feel we all must do whatever it takes to make sure it stays open to continue to provide support to those relying on Christian Science for healing. Besides this, the food is absolutely fabulous and the service impeccable. Gratefully, MH

### We're Single!

We've removed the dividers in the semi-private double rooms and have made them all into single rooms. This means we now have 3 beautiful, private, quiet rooms to offer patients.



Our multitalented Board Secretary, Mary Malm, entertains at our Valentine's Day party

### Welcome Aboard, Patty!

We're pleased to report that Patty Watts has joined the Desert View Christian Science Nursing team. Patty is certainly well-known to everyone as a long-time Christian Science Nurse for El Dorado Vista and as a Christian Science Visiting Nurse. She has been supporting Desert View for some time, and has now "officially" joined the staff.

## **Q & A's**

### ***"Is it important to support Desert View Christian Science Care?"***

Desert View is so very worthy of your support. It has a loving, home-like atmosphere, and it is being run efficiently & economically. And the quality of Christian Science care that Desert View provides is compassionate, individualized, and practical. As the only Christian Science care facility in Arizona, it needs your support to continue providing this quality service.

### ***"Are healings taking place there?"***

Yes! Wonderful healings are taking place at Desert View. You can read some of them in our newsletters; and there are many others that are not published. As a Manual-based activity Christian Science nursing has the power and authority of the Christ.

### ***"Does Desert View have a Benevolence Fund?"***

Yes! A benevolence fund has been established. It is small, but growing....and could use your help. This fund is used exclusively for those patients who are needing the services of Desert View, but do not have the funds. Each request is carefully and confidentially reviewed. You can specify that your donation be placed into this fund.

### ***"Can just a small contribution make a difference?"***

Yes, it can! When you contribute to Desert View in any amount, it is proof of your commitment to Christian Science healing. It will help preserve this precious nursing care for future generations. And really, if Christian Scientists do not support Christian Science nursing care, who will?

*From a Grateful Patient.....*

I continue to be grateful for the demonstration of coming to Desert View when I had a sudden need for Christian Science nursing care. I knew without a doubt that I would be safe and well cared for by the staff of Christian Science nurses. The conviction of their unconditional love and kindness included a very warm sense of humor which supported my moments as I dedicated myself to uplifting my thought to seeing my true and complete relationship with my Father-Mother, God. The special atmosphere at Desert View reminds me of a letter that Mrs. Eddy wrote to James Neal: "...roll up your mental sleeves and declare that I am going to squeeze all of the benefit that I can out of this experience." I was able to accomplish this because of the quiet time that I was provided. My own dear family does not embrace Christian Science, although they supported my decision; so Desert View was a real haven for me during my healing.      *A grateful patient*



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