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Dear Friends,

*"Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5)* is a familiar and loved declaration from the Revelator. For all of us associated with Desert View, it means more than the fact that our local Christian Science nursing facility has reopened with a new name. Behind the message that all things are made new is the promise we are cherishing -- the promise of regeneration and healing. Just as we are opening our door and welcoming new patients, our Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden, will now welcome you with a message about *Desert View*:

#### **An Update and Warm Welcome from Cindy...**

*We have been enthusiastically redecorating and adding the warm touches of home to Desert View. I have always loved nursing in a home environment, which satisfies the needs of individuals in quiet ways. I think of Hymn #443, "Home is the consciousness of good, that holds us in its wide embrace...We go to meet our brother's need, and find our home in every place." (Christian Science Hymnal Supplement)*

*The concept of the Good Samaritan at the Inn, which accommodated the need of the nurse and the patient, is very real here at Desert View. Individuals are cherished and respected in their dedicated study, while we provide the care that supports the dominion which brings healing.*



*Here at Desert View we have the warmth of home without the distractions of the world. Our home has all of the useful provisions for full nursing care. At the same time, we expect healing and progress so that patients can return to their own homes quickly. We look forward to welcoming visitors who might come by and see Desert View whenever they are in the area. We will be operating in a new model for Arizona, although it is one that I am accustomed to and have used for years. There will be one Christian Science nurse on duty at a time, during which she will live and work at Desert View. I will be in town 17 days each month to give 24/7 nursing care for our patients. (cont on p. 2)*

*Then in a very seamless garment, my co-worker Deanna Belyk will take over for the next 2 weeks each month. We will continue our 2 weeks on/off to give the patients a steady, consistent home environment. Deanna will be moving from Bakersfield, CA to make her home and Christian Science Nursing practice in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area, so she will be easily assessable to the community full time. We are privileged to have her take up the work with us. She has seen many significant healings while supporting Christian Scientists in their homes over the years. We are both looking forward to meeting the community and serving in this capacity.*



Deanna Belyk

### *A few words about finances...*

While prayer is at the heart of Christian Science care facilities, finances are also an important part. Here is a snapshot of our projected revenue and expenses:

**Revenue.** Our sources of revenue are: patients, contributions and grants. If we average 2 patients/day we will have patient revenue of approximately \$180,000 annually.

**Expenses.** Before El Dorado Vista closed, annual expenses were approximately \$500,000. Our more efficient care model will reduce annual expenses to about \$235,000.

This means that if *Desert View* were to receive the same amount of contributions as in years past, we would be able to *break even* if there were a daily average of 2 patients.

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### *Our Deepest Thanks!*

As we take this step of opening Desert View, we say good-bye and offer our deepest thanks to departing Board member and Treasurer, David Eck, who was instrumental in making this happen. A dedicated Board member, David devoted many hours over the past 9 years, and he will be missed. But Desert View is near and dear to his heart, and we know he will continue to be a strong supporter of Christian Science nursing here in Arizona.

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