

# Wellsprings of Florida

## Fall Update 2009



*Making Christian Science Nursing available  
to every child, man and woman  
seeking healing*

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## What's New At Wellsprings

In August, we sent out our first email letter which announced our new vision statement and asked supporters to send ideas while we think through together how we may transform our services...

"not only how we offer our current Christian Science nursing services – how to improve them, and how to expand them, but also how to make a change in scope, mindset, and culture while maintaining the Manual-based principles of Christian Science nursing."

The responses from our supporters were heart-warming. Here are a few snippets:

The idea of a residential facility in conjunction with Christian Science nursing care is very appealing.

It reminded me of "infinite possibilities" ever available and appearing.

(It) spoke to me of elasticity – that spiritual quality that unlimits human thought and allows it to expand into new, ever more fruitful arenas and endeavors.

I would love to see residential cottages to rent or buy.

We'd love for you to partner with us – please contact us to register your interest in participating in the development of new ideas. Just send an email to [ideas@wellspringsflorida.org](mailto:ideas@wellspringsflorida.org) to ask for the "Residential Questionnaire", call 407-880-8700 and ask for Rob Blaikie, or write us.

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Our new vision of Wellsprings is:  
a vibrant, open community with the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing at its heart which embraces an expansive idea of home.

October 2009

Dear Friends:

We are so pleased to share three important aspects of what we are doing today at Wellsprings:

**What's going on** – Healing is what we are all about. Healings of body, mind, and spirit bear witness moment by moment to the healing power of the ideas contained in Mary Baker Eddy's pioneering work on spiritual healing, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. As seen through two recent healings, Wellsprings is providing the refuge where:

A Christian Scientist's visit to Wellsprings resulted in a complete healing from the so-called effects of a stroke. Our guest knew Wellsprings was where she needed to be. Fully restored, she returned to her home and is now doing laundry and cooking meals.

A guest became unresponsive to those around her. Through prayer the picture turned around and the guest is now up and dressed, and making wonderful progress.

**What's new** – We are developing new ideas that will continue to expand the availability of Christian Science nursing. In this exciting journey, we are turning to you – for ideas and to learn more about your interests and preferences. Please look at the adjoining article "What's New" for more about this initiative.

**What's special** – Wellsprings is providing a healing refuge every hour of every day. This is the work that fulfills our mission. It is clear that a facility – a building or an organization on paper – cannot of itself advance a healing mission. This comes from everyone who has joined together in this healing ministry, each one working from the basis of his or her practice of Christian Science. From this basis, Wellsprings supports the individual nursing practices of Christian Science nurses – the particularly special element of our work. And we know that the practice of each one stands firmly on the Manual provision for the Christian Science nurse. Please turn to the article on the reverse: "Celebrating the Christian Science Nurse."

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Our mission is to continue to provide ready, affordable access to the ministry of Christian Science nursing, thereby providing endless opportunities for rejoicing and celebrating mankind's true, unblemished selfhood.

**What may be startling is that the legal right to practice Christian Science is not a given and the availability of Christian Science nursing cannot be assumed.**

Have you ever said to yourself, "If I had a challenge and the Christian Science nursing facility was not there, would the alternate choice provide the same atmosphere and support for me to work out this problem through prayer alone as I had in mind?" We cannot afford to have Christian Science nursing marginalized, diminished, or lost any more that we can afford to lose our church, Sunday school, or Reading Room. They are all part of the fabric of providing Christian Science to the community and facilitating our own practice.

**We need your help.** By writing to you, we are reaching into the basket for the fish and bread that will care for multitudes, and we are looking up, not down to find its realization.

For Wellsprings to continue we need much more support from many more people. **Your gift will make a difference.**

With expectation,



Linda Osmundson  
President,  
Board of Directors



Barbara A. Rigall  
Executive Director

P.S. Your prayers and financial support will help us to provide a refuge for guests from all over the country as well as Florida.



## What's Special at Wellsprings

Celebrating the Christian Science nurse -  
healing with Christly touch

Have you ever thought of how special a Christian Science nurse is?

We all may readily see the importance of a Christian Science Practitioner's role in bringing a case to the point of healing, but do we see the Christian Science nurse's role in that same light? A Christian Science nurse is not merely a medical nurse without medicine. A Christian Science nurse has no drugs, but rather employs the laws of God, Mind as the medicine, physician, and healer on the case.

Anyone – any child, man, or woman – who has been faced with a challenge to mind, body, or spirit and has called on a Christian Science nurse for assistance is familiar with the tender care of the Christ that is brought forward through the individual practice of the Christian Science nurse. We know that the Christ, Truth is the healer. As the Christian Science nurse calls upon the ever-present Christ, her active witnessing to the fundamental spiritual truths about God and man brings the law of healing to bear on the case. Her (or his) cheerfulness, patience, steadfast faith, and receptivity to Truth and Love are needed as they establish the Christ-environment and reveal the practical wisdom needed each day. Following the leadings of the Christ with compassion and skill, the Christian Science nurse provides proper and tender care and witnesses healings that are taking place every day – and many are clear physical healings. This is the art of Christian Science nursing. Two recent examples are:

- \* freedom of movement restored following a bone break and
- \* restoration of previous activity after one seemed to have passed on.

The Christian Science nurse helps to facilitate the healing taking place and does this as part of her demonstrable practice. It is the individual practice of Christian Science nurses that everyone at Wellsprings – including our donors – supports.

A Christian Science nurse is special and is so because of her stand to prove for herself and everyone that the Father-Mother God is caring for his family right where they are. Let's rejoice in this together!

Life, like a fountain rich and free,  
Springs from the presence of my Lord;  
*Christian Science Hymnal, No. 111*