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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING CARE ENDOWMENT

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Dear Friends:

During its three and a half years of operation, the Endowment has distributed over a quarter of a million dollars to help Christian Scientists in Southern California who need Christian Science nursing care but cannot afford it. The generosity of the members of the Christian Science community has enabled us to provide this greatly needed support.

Each application for nursing care financial assistance is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The evaluation process focuses primarily on financial need and commitment to healing through reliance on Christian Science. As explained in the enclosed brochure, our goal is to help pay as much of the cost of Christian Science nursing as the Fund can within its available resources.

The great need of the individuals assisted is apparent by the fact that their limited income will cover only living expenses and that they have few assets (their average net worth is less than \$14,000). Nursing care costs can average \$2,500 to \$6,000 per month. Currently the Endowment is able to assist with less than 30% of the costs, and the Endowment is not able to help all individuals seeking assistance.

The Endowment now has \$1.4 million in assets. Being an endowment, the fund distributes only the income earned by the Endowment investments, leaving all contributions permanently intact. It is estimated that at least \$10 million will be needed to cover the nursing and room and board expenses of those who need Christian Science nursing but cannot afford it. Efforts are underway to build the Endowment to that level.

We are encouraged by these excerpts from letters of thanks from recipients and family members.

"With all our heart we wish to express deep felt gratitude for your generous help! My mother received loving and attentive care at (facility). This has enabled her to progress swiftly. It is interesting that my brother, who was very fearful when he learned mother would be leaving the medical facility to enter a Christian Science nursing home was heard to remark, 'This is where mother should have been all along.' This remark on its own was a healing."

"We are so very grateful to you for your loving assistance for my mother. My husband and I do not know what we would do without your tremendous support. It is with joy we send our thanks to you with our gratitude and appreciation for what you are doing. Thank you so very much."

"Thank you so much for the wonderful gift! More than money, it is a tremendous vote of confidence for (my sister) and me to continue on the path of a Christian Science healing. . . Your gift helps eliminate a sense of burden and fear."

"Notice of your generosity was received. . . Our words cannot express the gratitude we feel in our hearts for every single one who has contributed to the Endowment."

The idea we are nurturing – an endowment fund whose earnings support Christian Science nursing care in accord with *The Manual of The Mother Church* – continues to develop. Contributions to the Endowment have increased. We are deeply grateful for the support of Christian Scientists in Southern California and the churches that have invited Endowment board members to make presentations to their members and included information in their newsletters. We look forward to the good our Father-Mother God is revealing to us and to all Christian Scientists who cherish this work.

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Most Sincerely,

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