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Some of you may have seen *The Christian Science Monitor's* news piece in the November 22nd issue called "The Billionaires Club," which covered the efforts of billionaires like Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett to encourage the world's richest people to donate half their wealth to charities of their choice. Only 40 of the 400 billionaires approached have chosen to participate in the "Giving Pledge" challenge. Evidently, even for billionaires, there can be a limit to their comfort level on how much they feel they can share with others. After all, a billion is still a finite number and eventually will run out!

When giving happens from a material basis, it will always come up against limits and pictures of lack. The good news is, there is a higher place from which giving truly takes place, that expands our view of substance and supply, and never diminishes it. We feel richer and clearer about the source of all good, God.

As a non-profit charity, the Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment may seem to be just another organization with its hand out at the holiday season asking for support. All of us, at one time or another, have wrestled with the idea that our income is just too small to meet the needs of the environmental groups that need our help, the homeless who need a Thanksgiving meal, the families that need help to have Christmas gifts for their children, or people abroad who need disaster relief. Wouldn't it be wonderful to meet every need that came to our attention? We can, if we draw on our spiritual resources—our spiritual bank account.

Of course, it is enormously helpful for people to support the Endowment. Every dollar donated is protected, and only the interest generated is used to help pay the nursing bills of eligible low-income Southern California Christian Scientists

who have received care from a private-duty *Journal*-listed nurse or at a facility. Over \$961,000 has been paid out since 1997 toward bills for nursing care, and today the Endowment principle stands at \$2.7 million. That's a lot to be grateful for! But we have a goal to fund the Endowment at \$20 million to more adequately meet the needs of those who apply for assistance.

"A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in *The Christian Science Journal* under rules established by the publishers."

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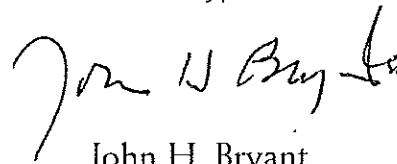
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This year, we have a special invitation to extend to you that is quite different from the billionaire "Giving Pledge" mentioned above. We invite EVERYONE to write a mental check to every organization you care about, drawn from your account of infinite spiritual resources. Ask yourself, how big would those checks be when drawn on God? How quickly would they wipe out any sense of need? How beautifully would they cover the whole ground where human solutions—even from billionaires—just can't reach?

As Christian Scientists, we are spiritual givers with divine resources. That is something to celebrate! We don't have to wait to become billionaires to give in the most effective way.

To those who are guided to support our fundraising effort this season, we thank you; and to those who support CSNCE with their spiritual bank accounts, we thank you! It all makes a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John H. Bryant
President

P.S. Donations to the Endowment can be made online at www.csnce.org, and, upon request, CSNCE can provide churches, individuals, and associations with additional contribution envelopes.