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Dear Fellow Christian Scientists:

We are happy to report on the following activities which are being done in support of Sharon House.

**Barb Waite**, CS Nurse, was our guest speaker at the recent Sharon House Annual General Meeting. The title of Barb's talk was "Love's provision...Christian Science Nursing".

Barb spoke about what our role as nurse could be, expressed in that we must all be willing to share what we understand of truth and love without reservation. "We are all capable of more than we do" Mrs. Eddy suggests. (S&H pg.89) A condensed version of Barb's talk can be found on the Sharon House website - <http://www.sharonhouse.org/news.htm>, under AGM 2012.

A sub-committee has been formed to study the opportunity to have a **Rest and Study Program** once again. More details to follow shortly.

We are very happy to report that the "**Christian Science Nursing 24/7**" Program is now an ongoing program. Please see the reverse of this page to read a full report from the 24/7 nurses on the program. The focus of this initiative is to ensure that Christian Science nurses are available to handle requests for Christian Science nursing care in our communities in eastern Canada. This includes team care 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The new telephone number for Christian Science Nursing 24/7 is (416) 237-1276.

### **Sharon House Board:**

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On behalf of the board and all Sharon House members we would like to express our appreciation to Katherine Shuff for her devotion to Sharon House, serving on the board for 6 years in a variety of roles, including Secretary and President.

**Membership** - The membership fee for Sharon House has been reduced to \$10 per year.

We very much appreciate the generosity of those who can make a contribution monthly or quarterly. This can be done through credit card, post-dated cheques or automated bank transfer.

Please join with us in cherishing this truth that divine law is what sustains Sharon House and let the resulting spiritual unfoldment reveal the level of financial support which is right for you.

## **24/7 PILOT PROJECT – A NOTE FROM THE NURSES**

Christian Science nurses are very grateful the 24/7 pilot project- which pays us a small stipend to be on call in our field as members of a nursing team for 24/7 service. We are grateful it is no longer seen as a pilot project – but has been embraced by the Sharon House directors as an on-going offering. Some of our members may see this move as a stop gap, until Sharon can reopen as it had been in the past... with cooks, housekeepers and a full staff of nurses. Nurses, on the whole see it quite differently.

We see the provision of stipends as much more natural way of honouring Sharon’s mission statement “to support Christian Science nursing”.

Some of us had been quite concerned that the previous model of nursing was extremely costly to our field, with our nursing salaries being paid to us, even when there was no patient to care for. The current model makes the best use of the funds that are coming in, and makes good demands on us to demonstrate the need for our services, just as a Christian Science practitioner must demonstrate the need for his or her ministry.

Over the past decades, Sharon House has been supported by nurses outside our field - as far away as Nova Scotia - on a regular basis. When Sharon House closed, we thought that that may have been the end of that needed nursing support. Not so; this new 24/7 project found a way to continue to make that outside support possible, and in return has blessed the nursing going on in the eastern provinces. It took great vision for the Sharon Board to understand and nurture the very broad nursing situation beyond the greater Toronto area. A stupendous move!

One of the essential reasons we needed a stipend was to address a vacuum of nurses in the local GTA, as well. We were short an active nurse if we were to provide 24/7 nursing, should someone need that round the clock care for any more than a couple days. As soon as the board of Sharon opened its thought to this new approach to supporting nursing - a nurse returned to serve after having been absent for a number of years and now lives at Sharon and helps look after the facility. That was a wonderful demonstration in itself. But, what followed was further proof Sharon House was on the right track. As soon as this new nurse came to town, nursing calls seem to be tripling for all of us... and not just in Toronto. When thought is receptive to right activity, activity manifests itself. The 24/7 on call project opened hearts and consciousness for patients to make the call for assistance some 200 km from Toronto on a regular basis, until healing came.

It has also been wonderful to have full access to Sharon House when the need for it has arisen. For those of us that have nursed in dozens of places, we can say, Sharon is one of the best nursing environments in the world. And we are even more grateful that the current system so beautifully supports nursing where patients always prefer to be – in their own home. Much good is going on and we thank the board of Sharon House for its vision and support.

We should also add, that the Christian Science National Benevolence Fund has played an essential part in the current mode of operation. If it was not for the CSNBF, some patients would be unable to pay bills for Christian Science nursing care. Sharon House and the CSNBF together have contributed to a nursing environment that is helping nurses build solid nursing practices here. There is a way to go. We are still pioneering these ideas – we are in the baby stages... so we would appreciate the prayers and support of our fellow Scientists, in nurturing these fledgling nursing unfoldments.

Much love and gratitude to the many members supporting Sharon House – from the 24/7 nurses!

And we close with much gratitude,

Board of Directors  
Sharon House Corporation