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To our dear Friends,

We are so happy to be able to announce that the facility in Scottsdale will soon be reopening! This is how it unfolded:

It was just over a year ago that we wrote regarding the decision to close *El Dorado Vista*. We made a commitment to the field saying that "the Board will utilize up to 12 months to explore alternatives, and make decisions on the most effective ways to make use of current and future resources to serve Christian Science. This time will include active metaphysical work, exploration of all suggestions, and dialogue with other Christian Science care facilities." During these 12 months a guiding light has been:

*"Shepherd, show me how to go
O'er the hillside steep,
How to gather, how to sow, -
How to feed thy sheep;"*

Our first step last summer was to open *Desert View, A Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service*. This was never intended as the final destination, but more as evidence of our commitment to the continuation of Christian Science nursing services here in Arizona. At the same time we increased communications with colleagues in the Christian Science nursing field, who were very generous with their ideas, time and encouragement. Board members made trips to other facilities to learn more from them. And, we listened to you, our local field. We heard loud and clear that it was your sincere desire to have a Christian Science facility in Arizona.

"I will listen for Thy voice,"

The more we looked at some of the smaller models of successful Christian Science nursing homes, the more inspired we became. We found that places like *Morning Light Lodge* in Georgia, *Canterbury Crest* in Oregon, and other privately owned CS nursing homes offered the same dedicated Christian Science nursing services as the larger facilities, but with lower overhead. Since moving to the Scottsdale location, our goal has been to operate in a similar manner, but this required finding someone with the unique experience to guide us through the transition. We are now ready to share the good news that we have found this person, and our facility at 8706 E. Taz Norte in Scottsdale will once again open its doors to patients on April 12.

*"Lead Thy lambkins to the fold,
Take them in Thine arms:"
"Feed My Sheep" by Mary Baker Eddy*

At this time it is our pleasure to introduce the individual who will be our Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden.



Cindy, a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse, has served as the Director of Christian Science Nursing at *Broadview*, in Los Angeles, for the last 5 years. For 10 years prior to that, Cindy owned and operated *Pilgrim's Quest*, a private Christian Science nursing home, right in her own home. For some time Cindy and her husband Ken have been cherishing the desire to make a change, and this coincided with our desire to have an experienced Director of Christian Science Nursing help us start up the facility. As well as experience, Cindy shares our vision and is enthusiastic about demonstrating that a small Christian Science facility can be sustainable, successful, and a place of healing. Cindy will be here in early April to officially open our doors. We know you will join us in giving her a "warm" Arizona welcome.

As we rejoice in this step of progress, we want you to know that our Visiting Nurse Service will continue to respond to calls. You can still reach us at (480) 299-0504. Not only is visiting nursing an important aid to those who need care in their own homes, it provides a valuable resource. For instance, not long ago a call came in from an elder care lawyer in Tucson who was assisting a Christian Scientist in the area. Our Visiting Nurse was able to provide information to this lawyer, who subsequently wrote to us of her appreciation:

"By patiently allowing me to better understand Christian Science practice, I am better equipped to advise and counsel a client in my elder law practice. More importantly, you have helped preserve the dignity and peace of mind of an older woman at a difficult crossroads.

Your generosity and tolerance should be the model for all of us -- particularly those who work with vulnerable persons. I will do my best to pass this on in the New Year."

*Very truly yours,
Leigh Bernstein
Fleming and Curti PLC*

We will be sending you additional information in the weeks to come.

With much appreciation for your continued support,

The Desert View Board of Directors

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