TWELVEACRES







Overcoming Developmental Challenges Through Christian Science

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LOVE'S FULLNESS AND FULFILLMENT

We are so happy to share with you the promise and fulfillment of God's blessings for Twelveacres. We thank you for your prayers and contributions—evidence of divine Love's blessings for our residents realized. Included in this newsletter as our gratitude gift to you is Madelon Maupin's inspirational talk, "Psalms: Prayers for Healing", which she gave at our last Annual Meeting.

Our board of directors, management, and staff have held several metaphysical discussions this year to share ideas that have come to us while working and praying for Twelveacres. One recurring theme, applicable throughout our organization and mission, is that of completeness and fullness.

Just as the Psalms have inspired Bible readers for centuries, hymns inspire us today. We rejoice to see the promises of Hymn 65 from the *Christian Science Hymnal* fulfilled in all aspects of life at Twelveacres.

The fullness of His blessing Encompasseth our way; The fullness of His promise Crowns every dawning day; The fullness of His glory Is shining from above, While more and more we learn to know The fullness of His love.

Hymn 65, Verse 2

Fullness of joy – "Thou [God, Love] wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalms 16:11). Our residents certainly radiate "fullness of joy"! Their uninhibited outpourings of love make it such a joy to be part of their lives. We are all learning lessons in better understanding God's universal, infinite love. Twelveacres strives to find new life-skills and activities for the residents

to enjoy. Recent highlights for the residents include listening to biographies about Mrs. Eddy, receiving one-on-one tutoring, and engaging in new arts and crafts projects in the homes. Whenever you are in the San Jose area, you are warmly invited to stop by for a visit and even to spend a little time volunteering. You will find that helping the residents, whether for a single hour or for many hours spanning years, is a life-changing experience.

Full of faith – Bolstering the residents' joy is their great sense of trust. It's not just trust in other people, but natural trust in God and innate receptivity to Christian Science healing. Some of the residents' latest healings are included on page 3. In order to fully support the residents' practice of Christian Science, we must ourselves be full of faith, just as Mrs. Eddy reminds us in her description of nursing qualities: "The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith,—receptive to Truth and Love" (Science and Heath with Key to the Scriptures, 395:18).

This year, thanks to a generous donor's financial support, we are pleased to have twelve staff members attend Christian Science nursing training classes (Level 1) to reinforce their metaphysical approach to providing resident care. We are grateful that Fern Lodge was available to teach this course. (More details are on pages 6 and 7.)

Full representation of Mind — Mrs. Eddy's definition of "man" in the Glossary inspires our work with the residents: "MAN. The compound idea of infinite Spirit; the spiritual image and likeness of God; the full representation of Mind" (*Science and Health*, 595:1). Supporting our residents' expression of their spiritual identity and dominion is the