THE AID FUND for Christian Scientists in need of Nursing Care

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We thank Thee, Father-Mother,/For blessings, light and grace Which bid mankind to waken/And see Thee face to face. We thank Thee, when in anguish/We turn from sense to Soul, That we may hear Thee calling:/Rejoice, for thou art whole.

(Christian Science Hymnal)

Dear Friends

It is such a joy to write to you again about The Aid Fund's activities for the past 12 months. We are grateful to report that, for the financial year ended 30 April 2019, approximately £360,000 has been paid in grants to help individuals meet the cost of Christian Science nursing care. This is more than a 15% increase on grants paid in 2018. It is wonderful to be able to meet this increasing need through the generosity of those who have donated to The Aid Fund.

This year, we have also been glad to give financial assistance to the Christian Science Nurses Association (UK), who held a conference last October for all Christian Science nurses working in the UK.

Another pleasing development was being able to welcome Edwin de Leon of High Wycombe as a new trustee in September 2018.

Overview of The Aid Fund

As many of you know, The Aid Fund was established in the late 1970s following the consolidation of several Christian Science charities, to support individuals based in the UK in need of Christian Science nursing care and not able to afford it. The grants that we make each year help people, who are working for healing as taught and practised in Christian Science, to pay for the cost of receiving Christian Science nursing care. A *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse must oversee each case and the individual should be working with a *Journal*-listed Christian Science practitioner.

Financial criteria for receiving awards

In order to make sure the grants are awarded fairly, and because it would be unreasonable to assist individuals with significant savings, investments, pension or income, we ask those applying for assistance four basic questions about their financial circumstances. The Trustees are pleased to let you know that this past year they reviewed the financial limits in these questions and agreed that they should be raised. From now, if you are in need of Christian Science nursing care and you have savings and investments below £50,000, and income of less than £60,000 a year before tax, or if you receive a State pension with income from other sources of less than £20,000, you are likely to qualify for a grant. If, however, your income and/or savings are above these limits, you may still apply, but further details of your

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financial circumstances, together with reasons why a special grant should be made, will be required.

How much can be paid by the Aid Fund for Christian Science nursing in the home? In reviewing the limits to qualify for a grant, the Trustees have also been prayerfully considering the amount of the grants for private duty and visiting Christian Science nurse services that The Aid Fund is able to make. The maximum hourly rate for private duty and visiting Christian Science nursing has therefore now been increased from £30.00 to £35.00 per hour of Christian Science nursing provided in a person's home (up to a maximum of £280.00 per 24-hour period).

The Aid Fund Website

Please visit our website, www.csaidfund.org.uk for further details, including the *Patient Information*, *Application for Assistance Form*, and *the Application for a Grant Form*. You will also find other useful information there, including our annual newsletter, FAQs and contact details for The Aid Fund. There is also a *Donation Form* and a link to donate electronically for those who use PayPal.

Our heartfelt gratitude

To all those who have donated to The Aid Fund this year, we send a heartfelt thank you. A special thank you to those who decide to give future support by including The Aid Fund through legacies and the like.

We are also grateful to the Christian Science nurses who work lovingly to meet the human need, whether in a patient's home or at a Christian Science nursing facility.

New brochure/leaflet for The Aid Fund

The Aid Fund wishes to make sure that no-one need miss out on the loving care of a Christian Science nurse purely on their ability to pay. We therefore enclose with this newsletter a leaflet giving all the key information about The Aid Fund and contact details. Please share this with anyone who may be in need of the Fund's assistance. If your church would like a few more copies to hand, please contact me and I will arrange to send some more copies to you. You can email theaidfund@gmail.com, call on 07794 324787, or write to us at our new address.

Change of address

Please note that the administration of The Aid Fund has moved, so please update your address books for our new address, as below.

With love from The Aid Fund

Kylie Sisson (Secretary)

"Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God."

(Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy)

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