

*Our gratitude is riches
(The Christian Science Hymnal)*

Dear Friends

Greetings! Once again it is a joy to write to you about the work of The Aid Fund over the past year.

What we do

Unless you have needed the services of a Christian Science nurse and have applied to The Aid Fund for assistance, you may be wondering what exactly we do. The Aid Fund was established in order to provide financial assistance to Christian Scientists in need of Christian Science nursing care, and who are relying entirely on the teachings of Christian Science for healing.

Grants from The Aid Fund are to the individual receiving Christian Science nursing care and all applications for funding are treated in the strictest confidence.

The Trustees are also able to provide financial assistance to the Christian Science nursing field more generally in some circumstances, such as with costs for UK conferences, or financially assisting Christian Science Houses with special projects (such as building works). This type of assistance is at the Trustees' discretion and, as with all grants made by The Aid Fund, subject to specific criteria.

Christian Science nursing services in the UK

Christian Science nursing is clearly described in the following way on www.ChristianScience.com:

Christian Science nursing is a practical, spiritual ministry that actively supports *an individual's decision to rely on Christian Science for healing*. Established in The Manual of The Mother Church, (Article VIII; Section 31), this caring activity is grounded in the Bible-based teachings of Christian Science, impelled by Christ *Jesus' commandment to "love one another"* (John 15:12).

Christian Science nurses are available to help anyone relying on Christian Science treatment for healing. They provide skilful, practical assistance and care carried out with prayer, wisdom, and compassion, to meet individual needs.

Christian Science nurses, Christian Science houses and visiting Christian Science nursing services are listed in the Christian Science Journal and on www.ChristianScience.com.

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More specific information on Christian Science houses and visiting Christian Science nursing services in the UK can be found on the following websites:

- www.chartonmanor.org.uk
- www.limetreehouse.org.uk
- www.whitehaventrust.co.uk

We are delighted that there are now 3 Christian Science houses operating in the UK. In addition to the 24-hour Christian Science nursing care and rest-and-study facilities already available at Charton Manor and Lime Tree House, Springfield House is NOW OPEN on a pilot basis, providing Christian Science nursing care and rest-and-study stays on weekdays only to start with. It is currently recruiting the Christian Science nursing staff it needs to open fully.

How to apply for a grant

The Aid Fund is able to provide financial assistance in the UK for all types of Christian Science nursing services, whether provided in a Christian Science house, by a visiting Christian Science nursing service, or by a private duty Christian Science nurse working independently in the patient's home. All these services and Christian Science nurses have information about, and will assist with, grant applications to The Aid Fund. You can also look online at www.csaidfund.org.uk or contact the Secretary.

Fees are set by each Christian Science house, visiting Christian Science nursing service, or private duty Christian Science nurse, and are a matter between them and the patient. The Aid Fund does not get involved in setting these fees. However, the Aid Fund has set conditions relating to the maximum level of assistance that we are able to grant. It may be possible to make grants outside these limits but this decision is at the discretion of the trustees.

Where The Aid Fund is unable to assist an individual, there are other organisations that may be able to provide financial assistance, including The Morval Foundation, whose telephone number is 01483 223251 (registered charity number: 207692).

How we are doing

The past twelve months for The Aid Fund has been a period of prayerful reflection and continued financial support for Christian Scientists receiving the blessing of Christian Science nursing. The Trustees are happy to report that grants to individuals who have received the practical care of a Christian Science nurse totalled £225k this year, with a further £40k granted to Springfield House (£300k in total grants last year).

Donations made to The Aid Fund from Christian Science churches, societies and associations are an important part of The Aid Fund's income, and enable grants for Christian Science nursing to be made. Our gratitude is unbounded for this loving support of Christian Science nursing. We are also very grateful for the

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generosity of individuals who make regular or one off donations, as well as those who have made a provision to donate in their will.

Donations for the year totalled £108k this year, down significantly on last year (£265k) when we had two large one-off donations.

How you can help

Please consider if you, your church, or your association, is able to make a regular, or one off, donation to The Aid Fund.

The website provides details of how to give on the 'Donations' page, where you can download a form (which includes details for giving with gift aid), find our contact details, or donate online via PayPal. If you would like to make a regular donation, whether it be annually, quarterly, or monthly, please download the 'Donations Form' for details of how to do this.

Another way to give to The Aid Fund is through making a provision in your will. If you are interested in setting up a legacy, you are welcome to contact the Secretary who will be happy to discuss this with you.

However you decide to give, your donation helps ensure that we are able to continue to fulfil our purpose of providing financial assistance to Christian Scientists in need of Christian Science nursing care, who are relying entirely on the teachings of Christian Science for healing.

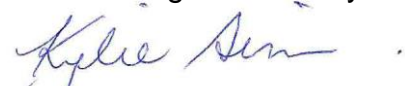
Where to find us online

If you are interested in finding out more about The Aid Fund, please visit our website at www.csaidfund.org.uk. Here you will find an electronic version of this and last year's newsletter (under 'News'), answers to common questions ('FAQs'), details about how to apply for assistance ('Application Process'), information about our history and guiding principles ('About Us'), as well as a page for those who wish to make 'Donations' and an electronic enquiry form if you haven't found the answer to your question online ('Contact us'). It has been live for almost a year now – do take a look, we welcome all feedback.

Looking forward

The Aid Fund continues to lovingly provide financial assistance to individuals in need of Christian Science nursing care, who may find themselves unable to fully meet the cost of this vital service. The Trustees will continue to seek ways in which The Aid Fund can most effectively achieve this aim.

With much gratitude for your ongoing support



Kylie Sisson
Secretary

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*The Secretary
The Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in need of Nursing Care
PO Box 1497
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