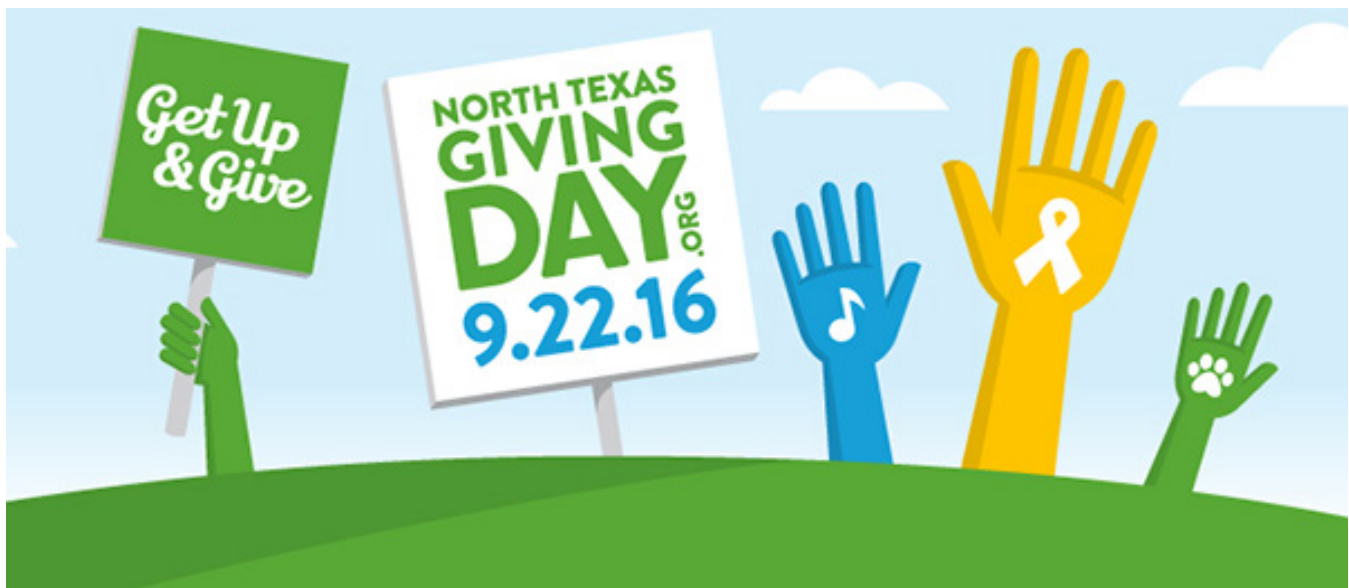


The Leaves - Summer 2016

The Leaves Annual Meeting, North Texas Giving Day and a new fence!



It's time to start planning for North Texas Giving Day!



Millions will be donating to their favorite causes this year on September 22 and we invite you to support The Leaves. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the nation's largest community-wide giving event.

Thursday, September 22

[Add to Google Calendar](#)

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Your gifts on this day will go towards meeting our goal of being debt-free by our 50th anniversary. Learn more about [North Texas Giving Day](#) and visit [The Leaves' giving page](#) on September 22.

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Please Share Our Newsletter

Keeping up to date with you through email helps The Leaves to be more cost effective in our communications. Please share this newsletter with friends, family, members of your church and other Christian Scientists and encourage them to join our email list. [Sign up for updates](#) on our website!



New Faces at The Leaves

Meet Alan Musere! Alan joined our staff after graduating with a degree in Business Administration from Principia College. He first assisted in our Progressive Living program and is now working on completing the Christian Science Nursing Arts training program. We are grateful for his joyful presence and dedication to Christian Science.

Employment

The Leaves is accepting applications for part-time positions in Maintenance and Kitchen Services. [Visit our website to apply.](#)



A New Fence

The City of Richardson required the replacement of a fence along the east side of our property. This had to be met quickly to comply with city code. Installation of a chain-link fence with privacy slats was agreed upon and completed in July. We look forward to enjoying this fence which will soon be covered in lush greenery!

Our Wish List

Our [Wish List](#) contains ideas for how you may donate towards a specific need at The Leaves. We also welcome donations of services such as flooring and installation, landscaping, fences and roofing. If you operate a service that might benefit The Leaves, please [contact us](#).



The Leaves Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary

Join us for a talk by Christine Irby Williams

Chris has served the Christian Science movement for over 38 years—as a Christian Science nurse, Christian Science nursing educator, writer, lecturer, and currently as CEO and Chairman of the Board of Tenacre Foundation.

“...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Phil. 4:11

Food and live music to follow
Saturday, October 1st, at 10:30am



Testimony of Healing

The Leaves — A Needed Haven

A few months ago I needed care, more than I could give myself and more than my family could give me. I was admitted to The Leaves, a beautiful Christian Science nursing facility. I needed wound care and help with walking, bathing, and meals, among other things. I was given special care by the nurses and by my family, and I was in daily contact with my practitioner.

The nursing care at the Leaves was of very high quality. The nurses were professional, reliable, encouraging, and creative in solving the problems that came up. They were available to meet my every need. More importantly, however, they were spiritually prepared and so compassionate. They were willing to share their own spiritual journeys and spiritual thoughts. I never felt I had to face difficulties alone; someone was always at hand to encourage me, and no one to discourage me.

The practitioner's support was invaluable. As each problem arose, he would work immediately, and the discomfort would be alleviated. He was also working with me to give me a better sense of my spiritual identity.

While I was at The Leaves, I had the opportunity to more deeply consider spiritual ideas. At times, I was not able to think, focus, or read much, but I was able to hear someone else read to me, and to ponder it. I realized that I could always be grateful, so I took a stand for gratitude. I learned to recognize the power of gratitude, and to express gratitude consistently—to be deeply grateful, not just “surface” grateful—I wanted others to know how much I appreciated them. Within a short time, I began to heal, and there was steady progress after that. I began to eat again, walk and breathe more freely, and sleep better. Eventually I was able to do more of my own metaphysical work, with the practitioner's support. I was able to care for myself and to be more active. Gradually, I became less emotionally fragile and regained my normal mental strength and stability. When I left for home, I felt that I was myself again, ready to go on with my life.

Through this experience, my healings and my stay at The Leaves, I learned that all things and all individuals involved came together as one, expressing one perfect idea of healing. It was a precious experience, a complete blessing to me. I brought home with me fresh ideas on how to balance my life, and I am enjoying putting them into practice. This helps to make every day new.

I will always be grateful for the experience that I had at The Leaves. I remember only the good and everyone's kindness. It just fills my heart with joy and gratitude every time I think about it. I feel a closeness with everyone who helped me there.

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