



# THE LEAVES

## focus

SUMMER 2020



## New Faces at The Leaves

We have some new faces at The Leaves! Our new hires include (left to right) a National Leadership Council student, Jade Johnson, assisting in our Creekside residential program, Christian Science nursing students Nate Hey, Kayleigh Ebenrick and Moses Wamalwa, and Jennifer Johnson as the Director of Communications. These fresh employees come steeped in inspiration with an energized love for mankind. We're looking forward to the future of Christian Science nursing at The Leaves.

### Are you inspired to serve?

If you're interested in joining our team, we're hiring Christian Science nurses! Training is provided. Visit our website for more information.

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*We've updated everything!*

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**"When we are required to comply, Christian Scientists do so willingly and agreeably."**



## **Optics Matter**

**Craig Johnson**  
Executive Director



When the shutdown started, I knew that the way The Leaves responded would matter not just to our staff, patients, and residents, but to our community as well. We made the decision to require staff to wear masks due to communications from the CDC and Medicare. We often think of whether we, as Christian Scientists, have an exemption from such things. The word we should use instead of "exemption" is "accommodation." We aren't free from liability, but at times we can have certain understandings within the law. When we are required to comply,

Christian Scientists do so willingly and agreeably. The way that we respond matters. The optics of a situation matter because this is how we are perceived by the general public and we should be "the most systematic and law-abiding people on earth" (Retrospection and Introspection 87:11-12 the (to ,)). Being aware of the extra administrative duties and responsibilities required now, I have done happily! And when tempted to feel humanly responsible, I remember Paul, who said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

## **God is Always Present**

**Yvonne Fitzwilliams**  
Director of Christian Science Nursing

This time has been a unique couple of months due to the lock down regarding the pandemic the world is facing. We have not been accepting new patients but healing activity is occurring! I am very grateful that many patients on our waitlist have come off because they have had their needs met. We have also had recent healings in our facility of mobility and nourishment challenges.

God is present whether we are in or out of a building, as no one can ever be locked out of God's kingdom.

We are thankful for the new activity of a monthly prayer topic that staff, patients and the community can take part in. We will continue on through "each successive stage of progress" (Science and Health 506:14 successive).

# Creekside Residential Living

**Kim Johnson**

**Development Director**

**Christian Science Nursing Services**

We have seen some changes in our Creekside residential section as we all learn to navigate new waters. We are being creative and have activities brought to us instead of us going to them. Some summer favorites included a car parade, and visits from a horse and a snow cone truck! We're always up for something fun!



**Creekside**

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**"...what a wonderful move it was!"**

## Resident Spotlight Meet Marian!

I was so grateful to have come for a two-week trial at The Leaves. This allowed me the opportunity to prepare my family and belongings before making the move to Texas – and what a wonderful move it was! I am so appreciative of the good cooking, housekeeping and laundry services, and the wonderful residential staff. All the staff encourages independence but is happy to step in and assist with what is needed. They are all very caring and serious about demonstrating Christian Science, which is evident and vital!

I cannot suggest living here enough! It's so nice to be able to study the Bible Lesson with other Christian Scientists. It's also lovely to join in activities like a Book Club. The grounds are beautiful! I love to share and give back to Christian Science by loving and praying for my place in this facility and community. I am so grateful to be here and have the opportunity to be partaking in this tender ministry that Mary Baker Eddy envisioned in her *Manual* bylaw.



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