



Twelveacres

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Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalms 107:8

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Daycroft Challenge Grant Met – and Exceeded !!!

In the last *Newsletter* it was reported that Daycroft School Foundation offered Twelveacres a 1:1 matching gift program to facilitate Twelveacres' hiring and training of House Managers. Several House Managers had retired, and replacement trainees were needed.

The Daycroft challenge would match dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000, money raised for this purpose within six months. The challenge match was initiated in April and was swiftly met and exceeded! Donations from Twelveacres Board of Directors and supporters brought the total to \$21,178.00, giving Twelveacres over \$36,000.

Twelveacres Board of Directors and staff are very grateful for the quick response to this challenge match by its supporters, and are also very appreciative of the Daycroft School Foundation Board of Directors for enabling this important program to begin.

Already one individual is in training as a House Manager. House Managers oversee the operation of each home which includes purchasing the necessary food and supplies to run the home, supervising and training the direct care personnel, and prayerfully implementing Twelveacres healing mission. 



Lin Watts, Executive Director of Twelveacres.

Introducing Twelveacres Legacy Circle


"We are pleased to announce the establishment of a Twelveacres Legacy Circle, 'TLC' for short, to honor and recognize those who have made the decision to support Twelveacres through planned gifts as part of their estate arrangements," reports Donna Kneeland, a member of the Board of Directors currently on a leave of absence in order that she may serve as an interim Development Consultant for Twelveacres.

"This wise and generous provision for the future will help ensure our ability to carry out the mission of Twelveacres and continue to provide for those entrusted to our care," she said. Planned gifts may provide significant tax advantages to the donors.

Members of the Legacy Circle will receive periodic updates on Twelveacres and will be included in ac-

tivities especially planned for Legacy Circle members.

You're invited to join with other friends of Twelveacres who have made this very special commitment. "Membership does not create any obligation on your part. If you wish to consider a planned gift, we would be happy to provide you with information you may use in discussing this step with your attorney or financial advisor," commented Donna. "We welcome the opportunity to talk to you."

Please contact Lin Watts Executive Director, or Donna Kneeland, Development Consultant, for further information. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so by making the office aware of their wishes. 



Getting to Know You... Introducing New Staff at Twelveacres

Lisa Alomatsi



Recently hired as Lily House Manager, Lisa Alomatsi is no stranger to Twelveacres. She initially worked here in the 90's, right after her graduation from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Lisa earned her teaching credential at Ball State in Elementary and Special Education.

She's delighted to see the healing progress the clients have made since she last worked at Twelveacres. Lisa has been a Journal listed Christian Science nurse for over 15 years and worked as a nurse and Director of Nursing at Midland House, as well as Hilltop in Chicago.

She, her husband Lawrence, and their daughter, Jessica, are looking forward to visiting the beach and mountains — exotic terrain for transplanted Hoosiers. Welcome Lisa!

Megan Van Genderen, Business Manager



Megan Van Genderen brings many talents to her position of Business Manager. She has excellent technical skills, and comes to us from the Information Technology Industry in Silicon Valley. Her past experience as a database administrator and database reporting analyst

is valuable in helping Twelveacres communicate with donors. Her education at Prinicipia College in Computer Science has prepared her well for the variety of duties she has in both the financial and

human resources aspects of her job at Twelveacres. She makes the technical language of her duties easy to understand – especially by those who are not quite so computer savvy. Her helpful attitude and orderly, systematic reports are of great help to the Executive Director and the Board. Welcome Megan!

Linda Lehman


Linda comes to Twelveacres from Massachusetts, where she was the Manager of Daystar Retirement Home in Needham, MA. Linda grew up on a dairy farm



in Kansas. She attended Kansas State Teachers' College in Emporia, and received her Master's Degree in Safety and Health Education. She taught extensive adult safety classes as part of her work for Con-Tel, now part of the AT&T telephone system, and she was a Deputy Sheriff in Johnson County, KS.

Linda is a fourth generation Christian Scientist. In her branch church work she has served in a variety of positions: Second Reader, Board President, Treasurer and Sunday School teacher, to name a few. This is her first time living in the Bay Area and thinks California is marvelous. She said, "If I had known how lovely it is I would have moved here twenty years ago!"

Linda was the church Administrator for The Mother Church and worked in the Shipping, Facilities and Clerk's Department. Among her many duties was overseeing the general upkeep and renovation of the original edifice, extension and Sunday School.

Linda is now Program Manager of Twelveacres where her extensive management skills are needed in Twelveacres' interface with the state licensing agencies, conservators and families, and House Managers. Welcome Linda! 

“Welcome
Lisa, Linda and
Megan!”

Fruitage...And Continuing Progress

From the AST program: A client had a healing of a rash under his armpit. It seemed to reappear. At first he said it was the same as last year, and then said, “no,” affirming that he did not have to have it again. The rash has not returned.

From Flores House: A new staff member commented, after seeing a client healed of not being able to retain food, that he realized that if you have faith and trust in God everything will work out.

A family member said that he is most grateful that he can see the consistent progress his son makes each and every year at Twelveacres.

From Lily House: A client is talking more quietly. She still calls out, but is responding to quieter expectations. Also, for the first time she has begun to open her hands, which previously had remained in a closed position.

Braeburn: Another client, who was extremely obese when she came to Twelveacres, has reduced her weight by half, and is now able to walk better.

A family member said that her daughter has made so much wonderful progress at Twelveacres that she couldn't imagine anything we could do better. Her daughter now laughs and is very happy when she calls and is peaceful and happy when she visits her family.

Bucknall: A client attended camp and the camp staff praised her for participating in all activities. They said she was helpful and polite to the other clients.

Another client is very happy with her new home. She is talking more than she ever has before and she now calls aloud for her roommates. She now thanks staff after bathing. A new staff member was impressed when she loudly said, “Thank you!”

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In our last Newsletter we inadvertently placed the name of our friend and supporter, Kay Holser, in the “In Memory of” column, rather than in the “In Honor of” column where it belonged. Our sincere apologies to Kay!

Twelveacres greatly appreciates the donations made in the names of the following individuals:

In Memory of:

Dorothy Bird	Alice Hellyer	Paulette Pridmore-Brown
M. Scott Darnell	James Lowell Hellyer	Lois Savoye
Phil Decker	Margaret L. Hubbard	Susan Schoettler
Mary Baker Eddy	Steve Holman	Steve Smith
Scott R. Fedde	Peter Kalmoutis	Kathleen Stanely
Elsa Forsblad	Elizabeth Lagergren, C.S.	Julie J. Veach
John Gibson	Harved E. Marietta	Donald Walrod
Wanda Grenke	Hugh Scott Pennington	

In Honor of:

George Bishop	Barry Gray	Amy Long
Shirley Bishop	Walter and Honor Hasse	Debbie Mueller
Molly Byers	Cheslie Rogerts Heck	Laura Spaulding
Carrie Carson	Kay Holser	Shari Tobias
Elissa Charles	Donna Kneeland	Marian Wells
Michael Eliot Ford	Amy Hellyer	



Thoughts... from the Executive Director

Every day at Twelveacres is amazing. In the year that I've been here, I have witnessed incredible progress and healing in the lives of our clients and for Twelveacres itself. This past year, we have seen many human limitations melt away in the light of the Christ, Truth. I'm reminded of the Bible statement, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

We started the New Year with many staffing positions open. We each got to wear many hats as I shifted between learning more closely the Executive Director's duties while filling in as Program Manager. Our staff also filled in as needed as the receptionist, and as Managers of more than one house. What an education, and what a blessing as I got to see Twelveacres operation from the top down, and bottom up. It truly gave me great appreciation for the work of our employees! And it made me especially grateful for all of you, our friends and supporters whose loving prayers, care, and financial support moves Twelveacres forward.

We all work to make this a place of healing. And we've seen great evidence of healing!

The healings are seen in the staffing positions being filled with individuals who have caught the vision and excitement of Twelveacres' healing purpose. You've met some of them in this Newsletter, and you'll meet more of them in the coming months. And we continue to see healings accomplished in the lives of our clients that shatter the human claims of "unhealable." There is so much to be grateful for.

This fall, as we move toward the end of the year, let me express my gratitude to all of you for your prayers, support and joy in our work. Thank you for welcoming me as part of the Twelveacres family, and thank you for helping to keep our unique mission within the Christian Science Movement moving forward!

Sincerely, Lin Watts

Can You Help: We've recently lost the use of one of our vans and it needs to be replaced. Our entire fleet of vans that transports our clients to church, day program, and other activities is very well used. It is our hope to replace them with new or newer models. If you can help by arranging a purchase, or arranging for a business donation we would be very grateful. Although all our vans need replacing, we especially need to replace the one van which cannot be repaired.

Annual Meeting 2006

Be sure to mark your calendars for Twelveacres Annual Meeting this year scheduled for **Saturday, November 4th, at 2:00 PM** at First Church of Christ, Scientist, San Jose. We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you Twelveacres wonderful progress. Look for our announcements in our local churches.



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