



Twelveacres Director's Report

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went...For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God,"

(Hebrews 11:8-10)

Like Abraham, we obeyed God's call to seek a land of promise, a site for an educational program, which will bless the residents of Twelveacres and anyone else who seeks Christian Science education and care to overcome developmental challenges. Like Abraham, we have faith that God is guiding us to the right place.

Since last Fall, we have made steady progress in preparing to open the day program. In December, our Program Director completed the classes required for the program to be licensed, (Those classes had been cancelled until the California State Budget was signed). Our program plan has been reviewed by the Regional Center—the State agency in charge of funding. They are waiting until we have a site to give their final approval. As we visit potential sites, we are now working with an architect to ensure that the site will meet the students' needs and comply with the zoning and building code regulations governing day programs. We have not yet found a site that meets all the requirements, but we are actively seeking one, along with the resources we will need to prepare it for licensing.

This year has been a challenging one, given the difficulties in finding a program site and the continuing cuts in support from the State of California. We just received another cut in State funding for the residents of 1.5%. In the last three years, the State has cut our funding by 6.5%. We greatly appreciate your prayerful and financial assistance in meeting the needs of the residents as we deal with these cuts while incurring the costs of preparing for the new program. We estimate that we need approximately \$100,000 within the next three months to support our current operations while we

prepare to open the day program. Because the day program has the potential to provide income to support Twelveacres' residential programs and gives us a way to strengthen our programs in the midst of cuts in State funding, it is vital that we have the financial resources needed to accomplish these two goals.

Two ways that we have increased our financial support and our outreach are by giving presentations about Twelveacres and actively recruiting new residents whenever we have openings. In February, we gave a talk at Wannamaker Hall at Principia in support of Christian Science homes in the Midwest for people with special needs. You can view the informal video introduction to the presentation on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFYat5kvGPk>. As a part of our outreach, we are also recruiting new staff members to assist us with the residents' care and education, and

in the office. We have advertised in *The Christian Science Sentinel* and our ad is on p. 4 of this newsletter. We also recruited interns and staff members at the Principia Job Fair while visiting Missouri and Illinois. In the next few months, we will be speaking at the Care Fair in Newport Beach, California and will visit Christian Scientists and Churches in the Rocky Mountain States and Southern California. We look forward to seeing you there!

Giving these presentations around the country also gives us the opportunity to meet the families of potential residents. We recently admitted a resident from Colorado to Twelveacres' Adaptive Skills Training Program and we are preparing to admit another resident from the East Coast. Actively seeking ways to help more people overcome development challenges is a blessing for them and their families and they, in turn, have blessed us with increasing support.

By faith, Abraham went forth and found the promised land. By faith, we will do the same for the residents of Twelveacres. Thank you for your loving support as we seek the right place for Twelveacres' Day Program.

Lin Watts, Director of Twelveacres



Twelveacres' 2010 Annual Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting was hosted by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Gatos, on November 7th. Elizabeth Schwartz C.S., of Menlo Park, a former member of Twelveacres' staff and board, was welcomed back as our guest speaker. Excerpts from her inspirational talk entitled "They Shall Be All Taught of God" are included in this newsletter. There were also joyous reports of progress and healing from Twelveacres' board and staff. Lisa Vollnogle, Program Director, presented The 2010 Marlie Brooks



Award of Achievement to a resident for expressing a greater sense of peace while attending church services. A brief drizzle of rain outside before the meeting refreshed the spirits of all in attendance. Following the meeting, the rain stopped and all were invited to enjoy refreshments with the residents and staff under the tent set up on the back patio of the church. It was a beautifully harmonious day, and we are very grateful to the members of First Church, Los Gatos for their help in preparing for the meeting. We hope you will mark your calendar for our 79th Annual Meeting to be held on November 6th, 2011, at 2 p.m. We will have more good news to share!

Matching Grant 2010

We are pleased to report that through the outpouring of love and support from our donors, Twelveacres raised more than the \$65,000 in matching grant funds. Together with donations and the generous grant offered by a group of loving supporters of Twelveacres last November, the total money raised for Twelveacres was \$155,000! The Twelveacres' Board of Directors and staff are very grateful to our donors for their quick response to our President's letter announcing the Matching Gift Program, and to the group of loving supporters of Twelveacres who offered the matching grant to benefit the residents of Twelveacres and support our healing mission.



“*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.*”

II Cor. 9:8

Twelveacres Legacy Circle

The Twelveacres Legacy Circle (TLC) was designed to honor and recognize those who have made the decision to support Twelveacres through planned gifts as part of their estate arrangements. Planned gifts may provide significant tax advantages to the donors. You're invited to join with other friends of Twelveacres who have made this loving commitment. Membership does not create any obligation on your part. We would be happy to provide you with information you may need in discussing this step with your attorney or financial advisor. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so by making the office aware of their wishes. Please contact Lin Watts, Executive Director, for further information.

Fruitage

Braeburn House: A resident came home from the day program very upset. She was making loud noises and crying. A staff member immediately started talking to her and another staff member called a Christian Science practitioner. The resident started singing the hymn “Shepherd, show me how to go...” and soon she calmed down. Another resident usually does not like to do any learning activities; she prefers to sit and observe other people. She was encouraged to participate in solving puzzles. She is now doing simple puzzles without any prompting. All the residents recently went out for lunch together. One resident said to a staff member, “That was good. Thank you for taking us out for lunch. We should do this again.” Another resident is listening more instead of arguing. When he is taken out to eat, he eats medium portions and when he is full, he lets the staff know that he is done. This shows a great improvement because he used to eat several helpings and not recognize that he was full. He is also remembering to say thank you after someone does something for him. Now, if he feels unwell, he asks the staff to call the practitioner for help. Before, he would not ask for help.

Lily: One day, a resident stayed home with a staff member. She and the staff member went out to the park, had lunch, and walked around the neighborhood. They spent quality time one-on-one. The next day, when that staff member arrived at the house, the resident wished her a very loud and clear, “GOOD MORNING!” A staff member, who had worked at Lily House, but has been working in the office since November, came to the house to visit the residents and staff. After visiting with a resident, who smiled and bounced in her chair the entire time, this staff member was visiting with other staff members and the resident was having a



snack. Without any prompting, the resident waved her left hand, smiled, and got their attention. This resident was truly interacting and involved in the visit.

Bucknall House: A resident's confidence in speaking is growing. She is becoming more easily understood and has a wonderful sense of humor. For example, on a recent shopping trip, she found something she liked, turned to a staff member, and said, “Ok. Get the money!” Upon returning

from her day program, as a resident was walking toward the house, she turned around and waved to the Outreach vehicle. Another resident has begun to interact with staff members. When the resident came home from her program, upon entering the house, she saw one of the Principia interns and said in a loud clear voice, “Hi. Nice to see you!” A resident brought home a gift bag from her program. When talking about a doll that she received, the staff asked if she would like to give it to someone. She nodded and said, “Mhmm.” Staff asked who she would like to give it to. She replied, “I'd like to give it to my sister.” Another resident has begun giving testimonies at Wednesday evening meetings. In the first one, he stated that the world needed to pray regarding the shootings in Arizona. In the second one, he shared that, “Colds are mortal mind.”

AST: A resident was experiencing the symptoms of an allergic reaction. Sensing that she was uncomfortable, another resident reassured her that the divine Mind alone had the power to govern her and that this Mind was communicating thoughts of health and well-being. She said, “You are free and you will go to the program on Monday.” Another resident is more calm, caring, loving and cooperative. When he was asked to share a room with another resident, he was glad to assist. When some of his items were moved to storage to create room for the other resident's furniture, he helped to move them.

For President's Day in February, all the day programs were closed. The residents from all the houses went to lunch together at a salad buffet. A

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“All God's servants are minute men and women. As of old, I stand with sandals on and staff in hand, waiting for the watchword and the revelation of what, how, whither. Let us be faithful and obedient, and God will do the rest.”

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new resident was happy to get to meet all of the other residents. Everyone—staff and residents alike—enjoyed being together as a family, and spent time visiting with those friends they do not get to see often. This activity will be done monthly at different local restaurants because it is a great opportunity for all the residents and staff to get together for fun, fellowship, and a meal. These meals are also great opportunities for the residents to be out in the community.



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Are you looking for a unique way to serve the cause of Christian Science healing?

Twelveacres is a non-profit organization serving adults with developmental disabilities who are relying on Christian Science for healing.

We are seeking a **Teacher, Direct Service Staff, and an Administrative Assistant**, to work in our education and residential programs and in our office.

If you have experience in education, care or clerical work and want to be a part of a team committed to Christian Science healing, please contact: Lin Watts, Executive Director.

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