

New Hampshire Home for Christian Scientists

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"Now thank we all our God / With grateful hearts and voices /
Who wondrous things hath done, / In whom the world rejoices; /
Who from the days of yore / Hath blessed us on our way /
With countless gifts of love / And still is ours today."
—Christian Science Hymnal, No. 199

To all our dear Friends,

April 2020

This is a banner year for Tallwood House! We are embracing you in our gratitude to God, and are thankful for all your prayerful and financial support that have helped bring Tallwood to this point.

As of January 1, 2020, Tallwood House, now including the building and grounds, has become fully non-profit under New Hampshire Home for Christian Scientists ownership. This encompasses the working household of staff and residents as well as the extensive house and surrounding five acres. This is an enormous feat, especially for a small band of diligent workers —but we did not do it alone. Love-inspired generosity and compassion have brought this day!

In 2012, our very first resident, Julie, bravely and expectantly moved into Tallwood House. She was paving the way for other Christian Scientists needing a home where they could live according to their spiritual understanding. Soon there were three residents, filling the only rooms that had been renovated so far. But they weren't here alone! Cheerful, active workers were taking care of the various tasks of any vital home, and a Christian Science nurse or two were supporting the residents as needed.

Fast-forward to 2020, and all eight rooms are filled, the entire house is homey, humming, and ship-shape. So far, over 40 individuals from around the country have found a home here, whether for a few weeks or for several years.

Tallwood House is established for longevity—to be here for years to come. It offers Christian Scientists the precious option of an ongoing practice of prayer-based, healing-expectant living. It is a dynamic presence of Christian Science in Mary Baker Eddy's beloved city and a vital part of the Christian Science movement.

We are continuously grateful that Tallwood House is stable and healthy as a business. As you can imagine, in running a home full of individuals who love God, *many* things are always working together for the good of the whole.

In the past year, we have been able to make the regular home workers and Christian Science nurses *employees*—with Social Security benefits and retirement accounts, which they richly deserve. Also, we have hired a Co-manager, Arta Stewart, who's sharing the work of overseeing the home 24/7 with Kerry Reed who has single-handedly been the House Manager since 2012.

There are some needed capital projects for Tallwood that we hope and expect to tackle, but we'll tell you about those at another time. Right now, we're just being grateful.

All along, we have received beautiful evidence of support including generous bequests and *many* individual contributions. These are heartening appreciation for this work from near and far. If you are one of our donors, thank you very, very much!

The Love-inspired progress here is sure, and it is a joy to witness and participate in it. Thank you for valuing this worthy work. It brings you into our hearts—and household—working together for good!

Truly with gratitude,

Danis Collett, Board Chair

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