# The Leaves *focus*

SPRING 2021

## Spring Cleaning Fundraiser

Would you like to have a seat? You may have noticed our benches need replacing (bottom left). We're sending out a call for 10 new benches! These maintenance-free beauties are $500 each and made up of recycled plastic that will last for 50 years (bottom right). Donate today for new benches during our Spring Cleaning Fundraiser! Support us at theleaves.org/contribute.

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# Divine Mind has All Power


## Craig Johnson

**Executive Director**


We are so thankful for the outpouring of support after a February winter storm with record breaking lows that left one-third of Texans without power. Although we saw some leaking and draining issues, The Leaves was grateful to have maintained power, water and care for its patients and residents throughout the entirety of the storm. Our community near and far reached out with help, prayers, and donations. The way in which we are all banding together in challenging circumstances and offering steady support is a balm, not just for our facility, but for our entire movement. "Every leaf upon every tree declares perpetually that God is Love" (Mary Baker Eddy, as quoted by William Rathvon reminiscence, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy, Expanded Edition, Volume II, p. 541).

Before this storm, we were in the process of working on funding for industrial generators.

"Acknowledging that divine Mind has all power" is perpetually a rewarding experience (Science and Health 157:8-10).

# Now is the Time to Help


## Yvonne Fitzwilliams

**Director of Christian Science Nursing**


I have felt so much love and gratitude for the Christian Science nurses on our staff who continue to work in these challenging times of a pandemic and even do overtime during Texas' winter storm to allow others to stay at home during hazardous driving conditions. These are Christian Science's frontline, essential workers. These workers are ready, able and willing to see each person the way that God sees them and are reaching out and providing tangible care and, honestly, we need more of them. We need more who are up for this demanding but satisfying work. If you'd like to learn more about training in this work, visit us online at theleaves.org. Now is the time to help.

# Creekside Residential Living


## Kim Johnson

**Development Director**
**Christian Science Nursing Services**

Our Creekside program is here for students' of Christian Science who would benefit from a safe, spiritual atmosphere filled with regular activity and delicious meals. Our program is for those who do not require regular oversight from a Christian Science nurse and have adequate mobility, vision, and hearing (use of mobility and/or hearing aids is acceptable). If you or someone you know is looking to benefit from overcoming aging beliefs and enjoy normal daily activity within a community setting, we'd love to be of service. View more details at theleaves.org.

Creekside
AT THE LEAVES

## MARCH'S PRAYER TOPIC

**he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

**Psalms 1:3**

# Admissions & Waitlist

Our eligibility for care has consistently been to admit those relying solely on Christian Science treatment for healing and ensuring that they have a Christian Science practitioner who is currently listed in *The Christian Science Journal* treating them. Over the past year, these guidelines have stayed the same and we have added others to ensure that we are abiding by local, state, and national regulations. This could include requesting a person to quarantine for two weeks or present a negative COVID-19 test upon admission. We understand that this may not be ideal for some, but as we are entrusted to care for others and work within the laws, these are what seem to presently be best practices.

We have been prayerful about our growing waitlist. With existing patient and staffing numbers, this is not just a challenge solely for our facility but for most Christian Science nursing facilities. We would love your prayerful support.

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The Leaves' 2021 Annual Meeting is October 2, 2021 and will include its first-ever online art auction. Caroleen Scholet will speak about "The Art of Christian Science Nursing." Artwork from Christian Scientists across the United States will be available after the talk through an online art auction.

Keep up to date on details as they unfold at theleaves.org/support-the-arts.