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Dear Members of Sharon House;

As we approach year end, we want to send you some good news from Sharon House and invite you to renew your membership now for 2014. Your renewal (\$10 minimum) and any other gifts postmarked by December 31 are eligible for a 2013 receipt for tax purposes.

Our growing list of much cherished sustaining donors who make regular gifts (monthly, quarterly or annually by cheque, credit card or automatic bank transfer) will be automatically paid up for 2014 as soon as their gifts in 2014 total to the \$10 annual membership fee. If you are not already a sustaining donor, please call us at 416-233-4447 to make arrangements.

Now the good news. We are pleased to assure you that Christian Science Nursing 24/7 is successfully operating, providing around-the-clock telephone access to independent Christian Science nurses. These self-employed nurses may care for a patient in the patient's home, or if more appropriate, a Journal-listed nurse may rent a nursing room to care for the patient at the Sharon House facility. Sharon House has been staffed around the clock by independent nurses tending their patients for various periods during 2013 and for several weeks recently with multiple patients.

Because Sharon House is not staffed around the clock unless there is a nursing patient (and then staffed by independent nurses rather than by Sharon House employees), we cannot offer the traditional Rest and Study service. However, Sharon House sometimes has rooms which might be used by those who have no need for nursing assistance and who would like some quiet time in beautiful surroundings to advance as students of Christian Science through prayer and study.

And this brings us to a second piece of good news. We announce the availability to Sharon House members of a new "Bed, Bible and Breakfast" (BB&B) service on a limited trial basis. This replaces the traditional Rest and Study. Stays will be short, not exceeding three nights. The price is \$95 per night. BB&B may appeal to those who would be comfortable being alone in the facility – although there will usually be someone at the facility overnight. A self-serve continental breakfast will be available, but a guest will have to prepare their other meals using a microwave oven or walk to one of the many nearby restaurants.

When checking in, BB&B guests will be welcomed by a Sharon host or hostess, who will see that they are comfortably settled in, answer any questions, and make sure they know where to find everything they need. But from then on, guests will have to be prepared to be essentially on their own.

If you are interested in this limited offering, which is only available to members of Sharon House, call the office directly at 416-233-4447 to discuss details. You can find a list of frequently-asked questions and answers along with the BB&B Registration Form at www.sharonhouse.org.

And a third piece of good news. Thanks to your prayerful and financial support, Sharon House is financially viable, the facility is in good repair, Christian Science Nursing 24/7 and limited BB&B are available. We seek your continued support to maintain this promising state of affairs and to further enrich our Christian Science care services to the extent that they are appreciated and affordable.

We invite you to renew your membership now for 2014 using the enclosed form and return envelope. "Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks." (S&H 570: 23-24)

With great gratitude,

The Sharon House Board of Directors

