



ARDENWOOD

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Heart to Heart

SHARING PROGRESS WITH OUR FRIENDS



Arden Wood Looks to the Future

Planning Ahead Committee Update

We are exploring future sites! Guided by our core values and specific criteria, our intention is for Arden Wood to “soar and sing” wherever we move (*Christian Science Hymnal, 30*). The vision we cherish is a thriving community of people who share a love of the Christ, Truth, and of adherence to the healing standard of Christian Science nursing. And we foresee our staff, especially our Christian Science nurses, having options for a more affordable lifestyle.

Planning a new Arden Wood is a multi-step process. It begins with a refocus on the spiritual foundation that underpins and permeates everything Arden Wood does. **Refocusing demands time spent in quiet communion with God to listen and hear what our “daily bread” is today, and tomorrow, and the next day.** We are eager to see what unfolds as we bear witness to the fact that “creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, 507:28–29*).

The goal of our planning and design team is to align the setting, the architecture, and the aesthetics to create an environment that reflects Arden Wood’s mission and supports the ministry of Christian Science nursing. Our vision for a regenerative Arden Wood will incorporate leading edge designs for ease of care and a “net positive” approach to building elements related to carbon, water, nutrients, air, and biodiversity. The result will be a facility designed specifically to support the spiritual wellbeing of all who are affiliated with Arden Wood. Wherever we are, we want to lift thought above the “issues of the day” to see the reality of infinite Love, which harmonizes and heals.

This design approach reflects a change in our fundamental thinking about future building and its impact on the local community and ecology. It also changes our plan for how our new facility could operate over the next 50-75 years. We want to build in flexibility, to increase the availability of our current resources and to open the way for

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Arden Wood will be more energy efficient and environmentally thoughtful by using solar power, reclaimed water, and green roofs.



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S&H, 507:28–29



Watch replays of our webinars and inspirational talks: ardenwood.org/events/event-archives

Harriet Ouma and Caroline Gathogo, (L-R), are recent graduates of the Christian Science Nursing Arts! This is quite an accomplishment, and we couldn't be happier for them. Wherever they are called to minister, they will serve with grace and distinction. We are delighted to have them on our staff!



Gratitude for CS Nursing Care

I'm immensely grateful for how all my needs were met on the Christian Science nursing floor in such a loving and supportive way at a time when I needed it. I obviously couldn't have been at home during this period. To have a private, quiet room with three delicious meals each day was a real blessing. Add to this that my wife was able to visit twice a day because of my proximity to her work, and you have a winner. **The CS nurses were very**

attentive and were on call 24/7. They encouraged me in my progress and supported me practically and metaphysically. I am grateful to be at home now, but I look back on my time at Arden Wood with deep and sincere gratitude. My brief stay at the hospital was also good, but that atmosphere cannot be compared with what I experienced at Arden Wood.

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new services. And we fully intend to respond more nimbly to the needs of our staff.

You are vitally important at this amazing time in Arden Wood's history. As we search for and design a new Arden Wood, we are actively listening to the needs throughout the field for healing and for care. Not everyone wants to go to a care facility, and so we aim to expand our visiting services. Not everyone can stay home while receiving care, and so we aim to provide a homelike, quiet, lovely setting bathed in

sunlight and surrounded by nature. Not everyone can come to a specific location to become a Christian Science nurse, and so we aim to expand our teaching and mentoring options to meet CSNs where they are in their lives, as recent college graduates or parents or career changers. And, we aim to reach beyond our church membership to touch the hearts of any seeker of Truth, Life, and Love—to those who don't yet know "the wonders of His love" (*Hymnal*, 164) 



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