

Name of sponsoring Christian Science Organization:

North Carolina State University

Type of event:

Wellness Fair at the Women's Center Chocolate Festival

Date of Event:

Wednesday, October 4, 2007

What led you to organize this event?

I thought it would be a type of leaven to have the CSO participate in the Wellness festival to show a spiritual approach to dealing with breast cancer, since all the money raised by the Chocolate Festival goes to support breast cancer research. I thought we could have some interesting dialogs with people who were interested in healings of breast cancer and thereafter share Science and Health with them.

What were your expectations from this event? How did you prepare for it?

I asked TMC Youth for articles and healings of breast cancer and made colorful copies of four different articles/testimonies. I took the 'Being a Light in the World' display and some Science and Healths. I expected some raised eyebrows when people learned what we were doing there, but they were very receptive and grateful for our presence. I continued to pray that spiritual healing is relevant, and that the 'simple seekers for Truth' would find our booth and explore this healing alternative.

What was your overall response to this event? Did it meet your expectations? Were you surprised? Was it successful? How did your intended audience respond?

The articles TMC Youth suggested were a big hit, and even before I set up the display, I overheard a woman at a neighboring booth lamenting about her friend whose cancer had spread to other parts of her body and she was praying to God for help. I told her that is the very reason why the CSO was at the event and she looked at the testimonies and began crying and saying this is just what her friend needed and she was even more excited to send a Science and Health to her. After that, I shared many Science and Healths and testimony copies on colorful paper. I found it really useful to introduce the booth by saying that these were four stories of women who used prayer to address their breast cancer, both diagnosed and undiagnosed...and they all used ideas from this book (Science & Health). I went on to explain the CSO and that we were here supporting women's spirituality. I was very well-received and lots of Science and Healths

were shared to grateful women. We were definitely a leaven, definitely part of something bigger! HOORAY! Lots to be grateful for!

Is there anything you would do differently? No