

“Love is our answered prayer”

“Love is our answered prayer” (from *Christian Science Hymnal*, 179)

was the theme of our annual meeting, held on September 18. Vice Chairman, Larry Combs provided the readings, perfectly focused on this topic. Later, Jim Meyer, CS, of Denver, Colorado, graciously gave the inspirational address, “Acknowledging the



Shepherding, Nursing Activity of Divine Love,” which blessed those in attendance with sun rays of Truth,

Life and Love. In addition to the published insert, Jim’s talk is posted on our website (www.widehorizon.org). An audio recording of it is also available for listening on site. We are very grateful to Jim for his generous gift of inspiration!

Love Meeting the Need

Board Report by Rick Davis

We appreciate you all for sharing in the progress that has been made at Wide Horizon this past year.

As you know, Wide Horizon’s theme for our annual meeting is “Love is our answered prayer.” Every activity at Wide Horizon is based on prayer and much gratitude can be expressed for the ways divine Love has blessed us this past year. We are grateful for the love Wide Horizon’s Christian Science nurses express to our guests as well as the love that the guests share with us. We are also grateful for the love expressed by our excellent staff, which includes the activities director, kitchen, housekeeping, maintenance and business office staff members, and by our Business Manager,

Director of Christian Science Nursing, and Executive Director. I’d also like to express gratitude for the love I have seen expressed by my fellow board members. Every board meeting has had a metaphysical topic. Each board member shares individual inspiration on the topic at



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Board Transitions

Our gratitude abounds for three longtime volunteer board members. Rick Davis, former Chair, and Mary Louise Parsons, CS, former Vice Chair, completed their full terms. Jeanne Salo, former Treasurer/Secretary and Christian Science nurse, recently passed on and will be missed. These three dedicated individuals represented 25 years of dedicated selfless service to Wide Horizon. We’re also grateful to Pamela Dickson, CS, of Fort Collins, Kathryn Hoyt, CS, of Littleton, and Lydia Roberts of Castle Rock, for joining the Board and becoming part of our team at Wide Horizon. Those remaining on the board are Larry Combs, Jerry Farmer, Bob Schoenfeld, and Carolyn

Talcott. Board members and volunteers such as these are one of the vital reasons that Wide Horizon has been able to serve guests from the Rocky Mountain States region and beyond for more than 60 years!

Christian Science Nursing: A Healing Activity of Love

By Susan Wood, Director of
Christian Science Nursing

Each year I have the privilege of sharing inspiration from the Christian Science nursing activity with you.

One of the very inspiring experiences we had this past year was participating in a series of three workshops on Christian Science nursing presented by Christine Irby Williams, a long time Christian Science nursing educator and former President of Tenacre Foundation, the Christian Science nursing facility in Princeton, NJ.

This was a fine opportunity for refreshed and reinvigorated thought about Christian Science nursing. What kind of material do you suppose someone would have a group of experienced Christian Science nurses work with for their "continuing education"? Well, it wasn't a study of new products on the market for bathing or wound care! Of course, we went right to our primary source material: The Bible, *Science and Health*, and Mrs. Eddy's other writings. But specifically we focused on the bylaw in *The Manual of The Mother Church* regarding the Christian Science Nurse (p. 49).

Since the bylaw begins with "A member of The Mother church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse," we began our work re-discovering the high standards Mrs. Eddy expected of all church members.

"Demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice" and a thorough understanding of "the practical wisdom necessary in the sickroom" along with the ability to

"take proper care of the sick" are the other requirements of this bylaw.

In the final workshop we were working with the concept of what really constitutes "proper care" in a Christian Science context. One comment that has stayed with me is that "proper care happens before you even enter a patient's room." Proper care is so much more about what the Christian Science nurse is knowing and seeing about the patient, than about what she/he does for them humanly. Mrs. Eddy tells us, "We



must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives" (*Science and Health*, p. 248). The model the world is holding in front of us is one that Christian Scientists want to stay as far removed from as possible. It is more blatant every day in its insistence that matter is the only reality and material medicine the only remedy. Wide Horizon provides a refuge from this mental malpractice. In fact, when you think about the fact that refuge and the firm conviction of Spirit is being provided day in and day out by Christian Science nurses, it is rather remarkable. Christian Science nurses have been on duty here, maintaining the Truth about God and man in His image and likeness for over 60 years. There hasn't been a lapse of even an hour in 60 years when someone was-

n't on duty helping and being ready to help their fellow Christian Scientists.

This past week we admitted a couple, shortly after midnight. They had been on the road traveling for several weeks. While they were driving in Denver, a driver appeared out of nowhere and hit their car head on. They were wonderfully protected, just a little "roughed up."

Paramedics wanted to take them to the hospital. "No," they said. "We have a place here for Christian Scientists. We want to go to Wide Horizon." Our Christian Science nurses were on duty and prepared to take care of a few simple physical needs. But more importantly the couple was able to spend concentrated time quietly reaffirming the ever-presence of God and their inseparability from Him. They left for home after a few days, more grateful

than ever for Christian Science nursing facilities and Wide Horizon specifically.

Another healing of the belief of accident came when a church member slipped on a wintery sidewalk. Her arm was painful and she couldn't use it. She didn't need a lot of help from the nurses, but the metaphysical support she received and the tender assistance with a few little things such as getting dressed, enabled her to rise above the false sense and return home in just two weeks.

When an individual is at home dealing with a challenge, it may take longer to make the decision to come to Wide Horizon or even to call a Christian Science practitioner. Perhaps she may go along listening to that old serpent suggesting that one has to endure some problems—

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Love Meeting the Need from Donors

We are sincerely grateful to all the generous foundations and individuals that support Christian Science nursing and the facilities that provide this service of Christly care. We're especially grateful to the Isabel Foundation, which recently gave the final installment of a \$300,000 three-year pledge after we met the match through generous contributions from individual donors.



“I truly love Wide Horizon so much. First finding Christian Science in 1975, and then becoming a Christian Science nurse while having all three years of my nursing education and on-the-job training at Wide Horizon has blessed and changed my life. I have so appreciated being a part of this loving family.”
–Carol Zietlow, Christian Science Nurse

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that calling a practitioner or getting help from a Christian Science nurse wouldn't make that much difference. Nothing could be further from the Truth! But the longer we allow ourselves to be fooled by that suggestion, the longer it may be before one realizes healing.

Let me tell you about some people who took a stand against this deceiver. Two different individuals came to Wide Horizon because they were challenged with a belief of immobility. They could no longer get around on their own. In both cases, a great deal of discouragement had set in. But it is hard to stay discouraged when you are surrounded with love and joy and the consciousness of Truth. Guess what? Both are back at home taking care of themselves!

There are a couple of other individuals who have recently decided to make homes at Wide Horizon. For both there was an immediate increase in their quality of life when they walked through our doors. One was eating poorly. She couldn't see well enough to care for her home. She

couldn't read the directions on the microwave food she was trying to prepare for herself. She had become weak and was having some digestive problems. She responded immediately to the improved diet and love that surrounded her at Wide Horizon and is enjoying walking in the halls inside and taking wheelchair rides outside on our beautiful grounds. The other individual had lost the desire to live and had stopped eating. A few days at Wide Horizon and a little extra attention and loving thought from the Christian Science nurses turned that around in short order. Family members recognized the dramatic improvement and wanted to make the move a permanent one.

In addition to providing skilled Christian Science nursing care for individuals with more serious needs, we provide care for those who need only a little assistance or guidance

through their day. At Horizon House we provide both Rest and Study and Supervised Residential Living for individuals who can take care of all their own needs, but appreciate the supportive environment and the freedom from household tasks. We also have outpatient care for individuals who just need to come in for help with a bath, bandaging of a wound,



or instruction in how to care for a Christian Scientist friend or family member. If you have questions about how to care for someone or are considering having help from a Christian Science nurse in the facility or in your home,

please give us a call, and let us see how we can help.

Healing is going on every day at Wide Horizon! Come check it out! You'll be glad you did.

Love Continues Meeting the Need

Financial Report presented at the Annual Meeting

“**M**ay the loving Shepherd of this feeble flock lead it gently into ‘green pastures . . . beside the still waters.’ May He increase its members, and may their faith never falter – their faith in and their understanding of divine Love” (My 162:25-29). Mrs. Eddy’s prayer for us has lost none of its appropriateness for Wide Horizon.



This Treasurer’s Report is for the Wide Horizon fiscal year, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. For ease of understanding, all figures are rounded.

Operating Income/Expense:
Revenues from operating income

approximated \$1,450,000; expenses were about \$1,850,000. (It is not unusual for Wide to have expense exceed income as rates are kept as reasonable as possible and benevolence is provided as needed.) The income shortfall of about \$400,000 was partially offset by general contributions from the field of approximately \$250,000; with the balance as needed taken from the investment portfolio.

North Building Income/Expense:

Revenues for the North Building Expansion Project approximated \$250,000 of contributions plus “some promises to give”; expenses were about \$150,000 mostly for professional services (architect, civil, structural, geotechnical, and mechani-

cal/electrical engineers, as well as kitchen design and some government fees.)

Assets: Cash and the investment portfolio approximated \$3,000,000 mostly invested in mutual funds; the North Building Expansion Project fund assets were just over \$1,000,000 and were kept in CD’s and cash to be readily available in the coming months to pay the Construction Manager as the project progresses.

We are extremely grateful to our field for their prayerful, volunteer, and financial support this year.

And we hold dear the words from Hymn 330:

“The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack, for I am His
And He is mine forever.”

Love Meeting the Need at Horizon House: A New Sense of Home

We have rooms available at the Inn! Horizon House offers supervised residential living, and a beautiful setting with a peaceful atmosphere. The rooms are beautifully decorated and furnished. Each has a spiritually inspired theme. Housekeeping, laundry and meal services are included. Our newest resident who moved in



this past summer loves her cozy accommodations and looks forward to some housemates! If you’d like to seriously consider Horizon House as your next home, please come and stay for a few days—free! Contact us or visit our website at www.widehorizon.org for more details.



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the beginning of the meeting. These topics included: Health, the Christ, Thanksgiving, Fulfillment, Boldness, Balance, Expectancy of Good, Gratitude is Riches, Completeness, and for two meetings open individual inspiration.

Wide Horizon’s North Building Expansion Project has been progressing nicely. The design is complete and Construction Documents have been completed as well. We are grateful to our architect William Brummett and the construction manager, Palace Construction, for their respective efforts in this important development. The expansion project will accomplish a number of needed improvements. New additions and modifications to the North Building will provide a new kitchen, a larger living and dining room, a new activity area

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for our guests, and offices for our administration staff. This should provide for greater efficiencies by allowing us to move personnel and various functions from the South to the North Building. The changes will also allow us to reallocate some of the current spaces to provide a larger and more centrally located quiet area for prayer and study that can be used by guests, nurses, and visitors. We are waiting for final approval of the construction documents from the State of Colorado. Once that has been received, we will break ground, hopefully in the next several weeks. The construction is expected to take approximately six months and will not cost more than \$1.5 million dollars.



This beautiful elm tree must be removed when construction begins.

Additional expenses for architect services, government fees, and upgrade and expansion of the nurse call system, telephone system, and information technology system, is budgeted to run \$750,000 such that the total cost of the North Building Expansion Project does not exceed \$2.25 million. We currently have a little over \$1.4 million in the expansion fund. We continue to gratefully accept contributions to this fund. Once these monies are expended, we will pull the remainder of the funds from our investment portfolio. We have detailed drawings

for your review and would be happy to answer any specific questions you

have after the meeting.

On another note, our dear board member Jeanne Salo passed on this year. We truly appreciated Jeanne's active sincere interest in Wide Horizon, the perspective she brought as a former Christian Science nurse, and her open warmth and outpouring of love. The board has recently appointed Lydia Roberts from the Castle Rock area to fill this position. (See "Board Transitions" on page 1 for other Board changes.)

I'll close with the second verse of Hymn 179 which characterizes the activity of Wide Horizon:

Love knows no evil,
neither shade of sadness;
Love casts out every fear,
lifts the heart to gladness.
Love heals our every ill,
All the law does love fulfill.
Love is our answered prayer.



Current North Building Entrance.

Changing Personnel

Transitions continue in Administration: Margee Howard, Executive Assistant, retired in August after 10 years of dedicated service; Alisa Greiner has very ably taken on the role of Administrative Assistant.



Alisa Greiner

Anna Mead has fit in wonderfully as our new receptionist and recently added the role of Social Media Specialist.

Food Services also had changes as Ali Osborn and Lisa Brown left

Wide Horizon for personal reasons. Sherlene Dally and Jack Moran have replaced them, fitting in very nicely.

In Maintenance, Isador Rivera from Food Services has helped a lot with various outdoor projects.

Finally, Christian Science nurses, Bobbi Wallace of Grand Junction and Edith Snedeker of Arizona have joined us on an as needed basis. In addition, Vicki Cosson recently became a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse.



Isador Rivera

We are sincerely grateful for all staff members that make up our excellent team!



Anna Mead, new receptionist and Social Media Specialist



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Wide Horizon's Garage Sale a Success

Many donations were received for the on site "Garage Sale" on August 5 & 6. Proceeds exceeded \$6,200. We're grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who were a great help. Special appreciation is felt for Robin Wright, who was the volunteer coordinator of this big event.

Staff Honored for Years of Service

Margit Foster, Food Services Manager - 25 yrs
Rosemary Esquibel, Head Cook - 25 yrs
Linda Gutesha, Administrative Assistant - 15 yrs
Carol Zietlow, CS Nurse - 10 yrs
Margee Howard, Executive Assistant - 10 yrs
Jan Aswad, Activities Asst. & Receptionist - 5 yrs



Rosemary



Linda

Donations can be made online: via our website at www.widehorizon.org, where you can also learn about Wide Horizon and its Christian Science nursing activity. Thank you!