



Building Project Completed!

Wide Horizon's building project is completed! (The photos in this issue are proof!) We are very grateful to all the individuals and companies which helped bring this to fruition. Some of these include generous donors and foundations which helped meet the financial need, wonderful staff members for their adaptability and patience, William Brummett Architects for its professional design, Travis Vardell (interior decorator), McDonald Carpet One

(flooring and window coverings company) and the Construction Manager, Palace Construction, for its excellent onsite and behind the scenes problem solving. Of course there are many others unmentioned that have made quiet or significant contributions! There were many times that the scene during construc-

tion, with many trades working side by side or in close proximity, with respectful understanding, was much like the account of the building of The Mother Church. Though not

without its many challenges, the project moved forward in relative harmony and goodwill. Come out to visit us and see all the new improvements! Thank you all!



This issue includes articles from former board members of Wide Horizon.

Love Permeates Wide Horizon

During the very first Board meeting I attended in 2007, the love that the Board members showed each other was a tangible force. This love characterized their interactions with each other and was the motivating force in their decision-making. Of course this love included Wide Horizon, its guests and staff. What is this love? Is it the emotional love the world is so wrapped up in? No. It is the love Jesus taught us, the compassion with which he loved. It was this love that saw through personality, through the mortal picture of sin and sickness to behold the perfect man of God's creating. Mary Baker Eddy tells us that "this correct view of man healed the sick." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 477)

It wasn't for another few months that I came to really appreciate what a gem a Christian Science nurse is. Not only did I come to value their practical skills in nursing guests, but I came to see that their work involves far more. It involves that same love with which Christ Jesus healed. No matter how graphic a picture the material senses try to present (and they really can try to present an ugly picture) the Christian Science nurse refuses to be impressed. The nurse knows it is the distorted view of the perfect likeness of God. And we know how this correct view of man heals! The Christian Science nurse doesn't only have to do this once a day. Each nurse has to do it from moment-to-moment as they go about the work. What a blessing

Christian Science nursing is! And how important it is to have these facilities where the whole atmosphere of thought comprises this healing love.

I feel this poem Mrs. Eddy quotes in her work *Retrospection and Introspection* (p. 95) describes Christian Science nurses:

Ask God to give thee skill
 In comfort's art:
 That thou may'st consecrated be
 And set apart
 Unto a life of sympathy.
 For heavy is the weight of ill
 In every heart;
 And comforters are needed much
 Of Christlike touch.

—A. E. HAMILTON

Building One Another Up

Before the construction project got underway at Wide Horizon, staff members began preparing their thought meta-physically. A "Focus Word of the Week" was selected to help deepen and sharpen perceptions of the qualities and activities represented by Wide Horizon and in one another. These qualities are seen also as part of the new addition. One



North Building entrance before construction

would think with a large construction project there would be impatience, irritability and discord, but we've seen that even though there have been displacements, interruptions and noise, there has been a wonderful demonstration of peace, harmony, and creative ways of working together. The Christian Science nurses and other staff continued to be very compassionate toward our guests and one another. We have seen patience and harmony abounding, rather than impatience and discord from loss of space. Some of the words or qualities we have worked with throughout the construction project are: Christ, Peace, Joy, Power, Harmony, Health, Healing,



North Building entrance after construction, showing the patio which will provide outdoor space for eating and visiting.

Hospitality, Humility, Compassion, Patience, Perfection, Reflection, Inspiration, Lovingkindness, Grace, Stillness, Willingness, Reliability, Completeness, Endurance, Fruition, Affection, Trust.

Volunteers Come and Share

Need a three-day break? Need a parent/child project? Bring a friend, your favorite project helper, or team up with a family member. If you are interested in volunteering at Wide Horizon for several days instead of commuting, whether you live 7 miles or 700 miles from here, you're invited to stay in one of our lovely rooms at Horizon House. That would include meals as well as exquisite views of the mountains (four of the five rooms have mountains views) from a beautifully appointed room while your work on one of our volunteer projects such as:

- Gardening in flower beds and raised gardens

- Easy exterior painting such as benches and posts
- Organizing small cluttered areas in various departments (resulting from our recent remodeling)
- Raking leaves in the fall
- Sweeping up from our ample crabapple crop

Since these may be more enjoyable to do in the cool of the morning or the late evening dusk, we invite you to rest and study at times you are not volunteering.

Feel free to call Anna Mead at 303-424-4445 for more information and/or to make a reservation. A reservation is necessary to be sure there is a place for you when you are able to come.



Thank you to all the volunteers from DiscoveryBound who helped to beautify the 38th Avenue entrance on a rainy Saturday, May 19. Thanks for planting!

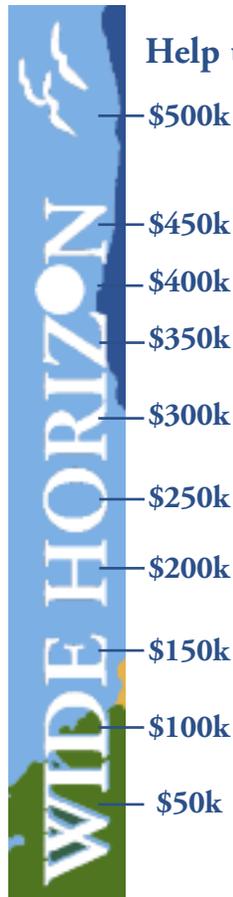
A Wide Appeal

Giving Goal of \$500,000 for 2012-13

The Wide Horizon Board of Directors has set a funding raising goal for our next fiscal year, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, of \$500,000. They would like to invite all those who cherish the idea of a Christian Science facility in the western states to consider giving generously this year. Wide Horizon is providing care for a wide variety of needs, from rest and study, to around the clock care, to residence living.

Our Wide Appeal goal of \$500,000 is primarily necessary to offset operational expenses and benevolence expenditures. As a non-profit organization, Wide Horizon depends on the financial support of individuals to bridge the gap between what it costs to supply care and what a guest (or Medicare) is

(Continued below)



Help us color in our letters and fly!

A voice from the past:

“The existence of [Christian Science] nursing services and facilities does not guarantee the fulfillment of their spiritual purpose. That guarantee is forged through the lives of individual Christian Scientists engaged in the dedicated practice of their theology. The experience and spiritual understanding of the nurses and practitioners, of the patients, and of the entire staff, form the actual structure of a [Christian Science] nursing facility. This is the ‘steel’ that is immovable in the storm. It supports each one and all together in the progressive demonstration of the immortality of man.” (Geraldine Schiering, "Theology of Care," *Christian Science Journal*, July 1982)

“For giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow-Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God.” (II Corinthians 9, J.B. Phillips Translation)

able to pay. The income generated from fees covers only a portion of our annual operating costs. The \$500,000 goal therefore approximates the yearly financial shortfall in normal income versus expenses.

Even though Wide Horizon does its best to maintain costs with wisdom and economy, currently the ideal business model for nursing facilities is a minimum of 60 beds with at least 80% occupancy. Moreover, when one considers the quality of care given at a Christian Science nursing facility with its low patient to nurse ratio (contrasted to

secular models), it is very challenging to operate without monthly deficits. This is one reason Wide Horizon and other sister facilities truly need Christian Scientists in the field to recognize the unique services we provide and value these services with regular contributions. Indeed, Christian Science nursing is a Manual-based activity that supports our Movement and mankind! Thank you for continuing your giving or for joining our team in support of Wide Horizon!



A guest studies the Christian Science Bible lesson in the new reading room/library. Above, Leslie Hartman, a new Christian Science nurse at Wide Horizon, greets us in the well-supplied reading room/library, now available for quiet study and prayer.

Utilization of Wide Horizon

During the past year, utilization of Wide Horizon's services has increased. At times there have been 18 guests in 17 rooms, due to the reassignment of three guest rooms during construc-

tion for use as a living/dining room, an employee break room, and the a multipurpose room for nursing. This has required a lot of patience on the parts of guests, families and staff, who have all demonstrated flexibility, understanding, adaptability, teamwork, and so much more. Such utilization and appreciation of our services is vital to the health of our business and its sustainability.



The new reception area, even after hours, is a welcoming and peaceful place as one enters the North Building. It even has a beautiful view of the mountains. See photo to left.



Wide Horizon's cat Casey is often found greeting visitors or cuddling with a guest.



The new addition will greatly enhance the services that Wide Horizon already provides with additional facilities not pictured, including a combined dining room/activities room and a state of the art kitchen facility.



The new living room provides two separate seating areas for quiet conversation and visits with guests. See photo inset above left.

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A Call to the Field

They have often been referred to as the “B.A.” - the Christian Science Benevolent Associations founded in the early 1900's—one in Massachusetts, the other in California. According to historical data, once a guest is admitted to a B.A., “he is to be given every helpful assistance and service irrespective of any consideration other than to help him gain his healing.” Today, more Christian Science nursing facilities have been established throughout the world, but they need your attention and help. Wide Horizon is one of them! As with the original B.A.’s, Wide Horizon, which we are grateful is serving our region, provides an environment where love and peace, gentleness and compassion prevail. It is not only a haven for those who are able to assume the expense incurred therein, but offers benevolence for those who can pay their expenses only in part or not at all.

One meaning of “benevolence” is “to give with generosity.” While the staff and volunteers at Wide Horizon give generously of their loving care, additional help is needed. The need today is for all of us in the Christian Science community to give generously of our support. Prayerful support is always appreciated, but also needed is our financial support. The number of guests



New conference Room, decorated by Travis Vardell

unable to pay for their care has increased markedly at Wide Horizon. When we help these folks, we help ourselves, for the Christly activity of Christian Science nursing is for you and all mankind.

Perhaps the foremost need is for all of us to be genuinely grateful for this grander view of peace and love which Wide Horizon affords us. Mary Baker



New Conference Room

Eddy states, “Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p.3)

Mrs. Eddy’s intent for such Christian Science nursing facilities should be regarded as “one of the most compassionate undertakings of our great movement.” Is it not worthy, then, of our support?

* Quotes taken from “The Christian Science Benevolent Association” by Elisha B. Seeley, *The Christian Science Sentinel*, December 17, 1927.



New entrance with patio. The new addition is to the right.

Appreciation for former Directors

Carolyn Talcott, of Larkspur, and Pamela Dickson, of Fort Collins, have resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reasons and family obligations. Carolyn served selflessly for 5 ½ years, as did Pam for the past year. We are grateful for their individual contributions and loving support of Wide Horizon.



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New entrance at 38th Avenue

Wish List

Do you have a vehicle such as a minivan to donate? Would you like to donate toward a new computer upgrade? Is there a small project that you'd like to fund? Would you like your donation to help with paying for new furniture and programming for our guests? If so, please consider Wide Horizon in your giving plans.

Annual Meeting Announcement

Wide Horizon's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, October 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Board has chosen "A Grand View" (hymn 218) as the theme. This year's inspirational speaker will be Mr. Todd Herzer, C.S. of Buena Vista, Colorado.

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!