

A Grander View Witnessed!

More than 100 attendees and members enjoyed a glorious afternoon at Wide Horizon for its Annual Meeting on October 14th. The living and activity rooms of the new addition were filled to capacity. As the sun shone brightly outdoors, the light of the Christ shined within each heart, for all in attendance felt enlightened by the talk

“The Power of a Grander View” that was given by Todd Herzer, CS, of Buena Vista, Colorado. Tours of the newly remodeled North Building were also given to members, who saw the beautifully decorated and finished spaces for the first time. Much praise was heard and much more gratitude was felt!



"The freer step, the fuller breath, the wide horizon's grander view..." –Christian Science Hymnal 218

Building Report from Board of Directors — Robert Schoenfeld

In early 1990 all non-mobile guests at Wide Horizon were moved to the brand new North Building where more suitable care was available.

Nine years later in 1999 the shortcomings of the original South Building, opened in 1950, coupled with a smaller guest list dictated that all patients be cared for in the newer North Building, which has 20 rooms. But that also introduced a problem – kitchen and dining facilities that were sadly lacking. All cooking facilities remained in the

original South Building, together with the administrative staff. Each meal had to be carried over to the nursing building, and then distributed to the mobile guests in a small dining area or to those who required food service in their rooms. This situation, while far from ideal, was made to suffice by the patience and good will of our staff.

For almost 10 years the Board of Directors had been seeking a more appropriate solution. The North Building built for non-mobile guests lacked suitable living and dining rooms, a kitchen, and facilities for administrative staff. Initial design studies indicated that the solution was to materially modify and extend the North Building at costs up to \$4 million. Funds were solicited from our membership and redesigns were able to shave a million dollars from the program cost;

but companion financial support was nowhere near adequate.

About two years ago, the Board realized that the program seemed to be floundering and endeavored to move the project forward within available and reasonably projected funds. It was agreed to fully develop the existing partial lower level for administrative use, add appropriate commercial kitchen facilities, a real dining room, and an activity room. These later two rooms have a movable separation wall, so that we have an area suitable for larger meetings.

The architect was advised that we wanted the project's needs embraced within \$1.5 million for construction costs. In addition it was realized that related costs for the needed professional design services, furnishings, electronics, extras, etc. would swell the entire project cost to about \$2.25 million – these additional costs being paid either



New addition exterior at dawn

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by additional contributions to the North Building Expansion Project and/or from the Wide Horizon investment funds. A construction manager was hired to plan the construction, hire all subcontractors, and most importantly guarantee the \$1.5 million cost of the contract construction work. With this

project scope, it was presented to the Wide Horizon membership in early March 2011 and approved.

Construction began in November 2011 and was effectively completed in June 2012. Much of the electronic design was done without charge by one of our Wide Horizon members, Jerry Farmer, probably saving many thousands; tight control by our

construction manager; and a good design by our professionals help to limit “construction extras” to about \$100,000 less than originally estimated – thus only about \$400,000 was needed from our investment account – the entire cost of the project including professional design fees, furnishings, etc “came in” just a shade under \$2,000,000. Thank you!

Treasurer’s Report — Lydia Roberts

Mary Baker Eddy wrote in "The Cry of Christmas-tide:"

In different ages the divine idea assumes different forms, according to humanity's needs. In this age it assumes, more intelligently than ever before, the form of Christian healing. This is the babe we are to cherish. This is the babe that twines its loving arms about the neck of omnipotence, and calls forth infinite care from His loving heart. (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 370)

...and we cherish the healing work going forward at Wide Horizon.

Here are a few numbers pertaining to Wide Horizon’s financial position at the end of our fiscal year June 30, 2012, which have been audited by our outside accounting firm. Funds on hand, including bank accounts and investments, are approximately \$2.5 million. We had income (net revenues, contributions, interest and dividends) of more than \$1.7 million. However, we finished the fiscal year with a loss of about \$300,000, similar to past years. Gratefully, we had invested monies to draw upon. This is not, however, the position we want to be in.

Contributions from the field for both operations and benevolence are essential for the ongoing well-being of Wide Horizon. We are grateful so many of you cherish the concept of Wide Horizon and support the activity of Christian Science nursing. For this fiscal year, the Board has established a contributions goal—“A Wide Appeal”—of \$500,000. This amount is essential to cover annual operating shortfall, including expenditures for benevolence to our guests, and perhaps allow us to replenish Wide Horizon’s investments. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Why Should I Give to Wide Horizon? Because...

1. Christian Science nursing is a Church Manual-based activity.
2. It shows my commitment to Christian Science healing.
3. Christian Science nursing is an activity of Church.
4. It helps to preserve Christian Science nursing care for all mankind.
5. Someone I know has been blessed by the tender care provided here.
6. My support may provide Christian Science nursing for someone at home.
7. Someone I know may need Christian Science nursing care today.
8. Christian Science nursing needs to be maintained now for future generations.
9. Consecrated Christian Science nurses always expect healing.
10. If Christian Scientists do not support Christian Science nursing care, who will?

\$60	= 1 hour of Christian Science nursing care
\$160	= 1 day of Christian Science Care Level 1 (CSC 1)
\$1,120	= 1 week of CSC 1
\$4,800	= 1 month of CSC 1
\$20,810	= Benevolence expenditure for September 2012

Witnessing Spiritual Healing — Susan T. Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing

Every year it is my privilege to report to the members of Wide Horizon about the activity of the Christian Science Nursing Department. And what a year this one has been! I say this because of the construction project that brought us such an array of lovely new rooms, but also because of new nurses on staff and wonderful healings and progress for our guests.

First a few words on the expansion project: When the workmen got started in November 2011, it was fun to watch the progress going on outside our windows. But it wasn't long before our involvement became much more "up close and personal!" We soon found ourselves expressing flexibility and creativity to a higher degree than we had ever imagined possible. For nearly six months we operated with a temporary kitchen, a temporary dining room that also doubled as the activity room, and a makeshift nursing hub that incorporated all of the leftovers into it. Our dedicated kitchen staff and Activities Coordinator demonstrated heroic levels of flexibility and patience. And our dear guests expressed an extra measure of flexibility as well.

The one area that remained unchanged throughout the project was the patient rooms. And that is kind of a metaphor for the work we were doing because the core expression of Christian Science nursing remained unchanged. The hammers were banging and the saws buzzing, but the tender care for each patient's needs, and the scientific focus on the truth of man's spiritual perfection went on unchanged. It reminded me of the hymn that says: *"The storm may roar without me...But God is round about*

me, And can I be dismayed?" (Christian Science Hymnal, 148)

This undisturbed attitude of thought is familiar territory for the Christian Science Nurse. The material senses are always trying to stir up aggressive testimony that would engulf us in a storm of fear—suggesting that God is not all, or that Christian Science can't help us or we don't know enough. The storm of the material senses always tries to impress us with how big and terrible it is. But as another hymn says: *"The tender Christ is here to bless, and all the storms of earth are stilled."* (Hymnal, 34)

I mentioned that we had witnessed some wonderful spiritual healings among our guests this year. Let me tell you about some of them: There were healings of debilitating rashes and skin irritation, of breathing difficulties, of intense pain and weakness. There were several healings of difficulty with mobility—due to of a sudden lack of strength and balance, or because of injuries to a leg or hip resulting from a fall. There were several healings of wounds which had required close attention from the nursing staff: One individual was healed in a few days, one in a few weeks, and yet another received Christian Science treatment and Christian Science nursing care over the course of several months. The picture being presented by the senses was neither pretty nor hopeful. But fortunately Truth is never impressed or limited by such non-sense. The dear woman had a complete healing.

Different things test us every year. This year it appeared that lack of Christian Science nurses could become a major problem, as several of our staff

members made career changes. Each time the need arose we were blessed by a new individual who was willing to help us for several weeks, or in some cases, up to several months at a time. While we were being helped by these temporary nurses, little by little it unfolded for us to hire four new nurses, who have come from Colorado, Arizona, Indiana, and the United Kingdom. We are also grateful to welcome back a couple of nurses we had worked with in years past. The quality of both the temporary nurses and the new staff nurses has been unsurpassed. Christian Science nursing is thriving at Wide Horizon!

God supplies our needs day-by-day in ways beyond our imagining. Nothing is left out. We have learned more this year about trusting God, rather than our own sense of things, to care for even the smallest details of our work.

We thank you all for your heartfelt support of this precious work!

Have you thought of becoming a Christian Science Nurse?

Are you seeking a way to serve God and mankind?

Does Christian Science nursing education appeal to you?

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Minivan is needed for our guests. Do you have one to donate?



Comments from Former Guests

I feel as if Wide Horizon's Annual Meeting is almost like an anniversary for me. It was about this time a year ago I became a patient at Wide. I am still grateful for the TLC—tender loving care—and healing experienced. Construction on the new wing started about the time I returned home. It was a busy, constructive year for me too. I've experienced much spiritual growth. My living situation has changed completely, and I'm very satisfied. Also a difficult family situation has been resolved. I am free to continue growing in Truth. My stay at Wide provided a much needed respite, and I moved on to more

"Through the lens of gratitude one perceives the spiritual fact..." –L. Ivimy Gwalter

challenges which were met and the unfolding of good in my experience has been so incredible. My heart is full of gratitude for Wide Horizon's progress and my own!

My stay at Wide Horizon was very peaceful and healing, as everyone was very loving, kind and attentive. I couldn't have asked for better care. I loved my daily walks on the paths, enjoying the beautiful views. I'd highly recommend any area of care as needed at Wide Horizon. Much credit and thanks to the kitchen folks for the delicious meals prepared for all the

guests and for serving us with such loving care. I'm so grateful to live in Colorado and have a "5-star" facility to enjoy as needed!

"New" Employees

Christian Science Nurses:

Leticia Asante-Eck, JLN, Leslie Hartman, Carol Horen, Cheryl Lahr, Lucianna Nyadenya

Food Service Assistants:

David Cardenas, Mary Ellen Hart, Jennifer Welch

"Lead Me to the Rock" Musical Event

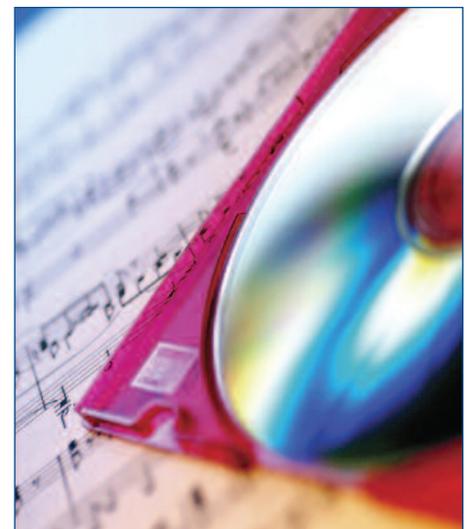
Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Wide Horizon welcomes you to join in celebrating the highly anticipated release of Tanya Kay Perkins' new CD, "Lead Me to the Rock," which offers spiritual depth to the hungering heart. One pre-release listener said, "The light of spiritual Truth shines forth through Tanya's singing like a beacon." Helyn Eitelman's accompaniment envelops Tanya's voice with quiet, steady artistry. Their mutual respect artistically and personally is palpable and very moving. The music can lead

you to the rock of Truth—the foundation for healing. Tanya and Helyn will perform songs from the new CD, a few Christmas favorites, plus lead in an informal Christmas carol sing-along. CD's will be available for purchase from the musicians for cash, check or credit card. Light refreshments will be available.

Seating is limited, so please RSVP by November 27. Call Jan Dillingham at (303) 424-4445, ext. 3028.

"...lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me... So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever..." –Psalm 61



Accreditation & Certification

On September 24-25 a Program Review Specialist from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) visited Wide Horizon to conduct its federal jurisdictional recertification survey, to determine our continued participation in the Medicare program as a Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCI). Wide Horizon was found in compliance after submitting a required Plan of Correction. Wide Horizon has been certified as a Medicare provider since April 1974.

From October 16-18 the Partnership for Christian Science

Nursing (formally known as The Organization for Accreditation of Christian Science Care Facilities) sent a Review Team to inspect Wide Horizon for the purpose of reaccreditation. The Partnership (OACSCF) had accredited Wide Horizon in 2009. This accreditation visit followed the recently adopted procedures and standards of the “new” Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., which officially begins its work in Jan. 2013. All accreditations granted now will be honored by the new Commission.

Board Appreciation:

This summer Jerry Farmer, CS, of Wheat Ridge, resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reasons and family obligations. We sincerely appreciate his several years of service and selfless support of Wide Horizon. In addition, we gratefully welcome David Shawaker of Fort Collins to the team!

“A meeting we will never forget”

[Gratefully borrowed from High Ridge House, www.highridgehouse.org.]

An article in the October 2012 issue of *The Christian Science Journal* entitled “A meeting we will never forget” describes how the Christian Science nursing facility community worked for two years to re-work a system of standards and organizational relationships into a form that was proper to meet the needs of today. Despite differences of perspective, we were able to reach unanimous decisions and literally felt “of one accord in one place.” For those of us

who participated, the process was almost Pentecostal and the results have blessed us in ways unanticipated. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, “*Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love*” (p. 106). As we individually and collectively allow ourselves to be governed by our Maker, we will be impelled to proper decisions, proper government, and proper care which will bless us and all mankind.

Employees Recognized at Annual Meeting for Benchmark Years of Service at Wide Horizon

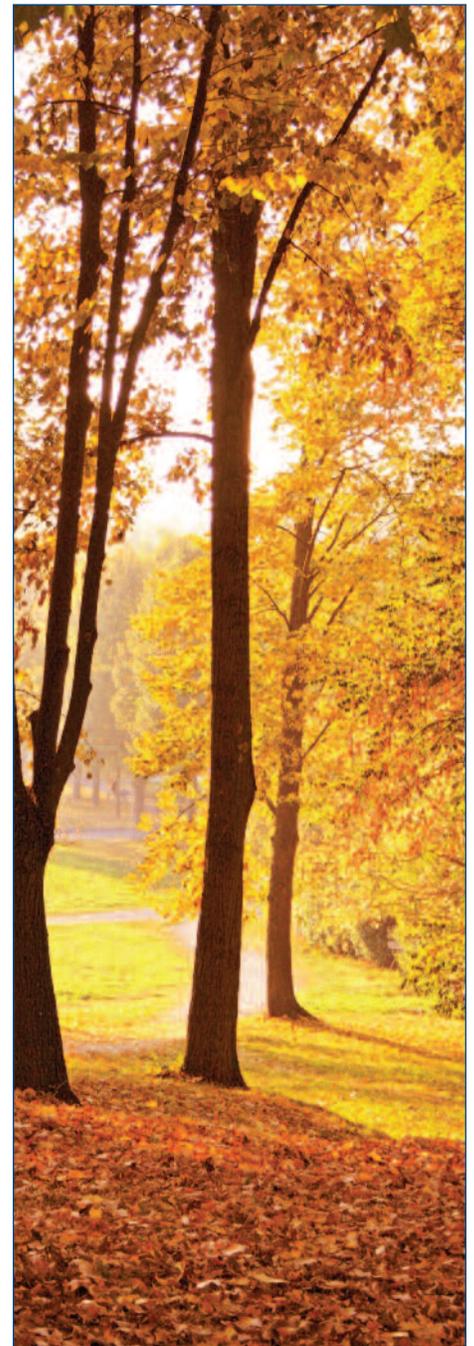
Peggy Henderson, JLN, Christian Science Nurse, 30 years

Cindy Goodwin, JLN, Christian Science Nurse, 10 years

Judy Fryberger, Activities Assistant, 10 years

Alisa Greiner, Administrative Assistant, 10 years

Mary Culbertson, JLN, Christian Science Nurse, 5 years





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Teddy Bear Tea

Activities for guests and friends of Wide Horizon during this past year included monthly "Lunch Bunch" luncheons, Hawaii Day in January, "The Sunshine Serenaders," vocalist Celia Webster, pianists Jonathan Moyer and Nancy Stewart, pumpkin decorating, drives to the foothills, a lot of construction viewing, and the "Teddy Bear Tea!"

"In God I find the precious gift that knows no fear, no feud, that glows so still, serene and pure: the gift of gratitude."

—Christian Science Hymnal 146



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!