



## Wide Horizon 2014 Annual Meeting Issue

Wide Horizon's theme for its annual meeting was "*Christ-healing and Christian Science Nursing*," which was derived from Mary Baker Eddy's statement in *Science and Health*, "Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing" (p. 136). It was our collective desire to have a theme that was in unity with that of The Mother Church, while appreciating and recognizing the Church's focus on and support of Christian Science nursing.

We were very grateful that Marian



English, CSB of Colorado Springs gave the keynote address titled "*Christ-healing and the Grace of Christian Science Nursing*." In addition to being

a longtime Christian Science Practitioner and Teacher, Marian has served the cause of Christian Science as a contributor to the CS periodicals, as a member of the Board of Lectureship, as the President of and a Reader at The Mother Church. All in attendance appreciated Marian's solid message filled with truth and love, humor and healing!

We've included a gift of her talk with this newsletter. You are also welcome to visit Wide Horizon if you'd like to listen to an audio recording of her address. May you be blessed!





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## Quotes about Gratitude

“Gratitude is the very source of true happiness in the most mundane of days and during the most difficult of life’s challenges.” *Moments of Gratitude*, Christian Science Publishing Society

“Scientific research has . . . confirmed what every spiritual teacher from Cicero to Buddha has taught for centuries—that being grateful merely to be alive makes us happy and healthy . . . gratitude encourages a positive cycle of reciprocal kindness.” **Bryan Patterson**, “Gratitude is more than its own reward,” *Sunday Herald Sun* – Melbourne, Australia, February 10, 2002)

“Everyday gratitude makes for happier, healthier and more productive humans . . . gratitude is a key that opens up some kind of door to happiness.” – **Mike McCullough**, Professor of Psychology, University of Miami

“I really believe that by being grateful for what we already have, we can be happier and improve all aspects of our lives.” – **M.J. Ryan**, *The Giving Heart*

“Gratitude helps us to return to our natural state of joyfulness, where we notice what’s right instead of what’s wrong. It makes us feel complete, that we have everything we need, at least in this moment.” – **M.J. Ryan**, *Attitudes of Gratitude*

## Gratitude for Meeting

Congratulations on a very impressive annual meeting yesterday. It is quite obvious that you guys have done this once or twice . . . well done! (**D.P.** – CO)

The meeting was very successful. Thanks to all the work on everyone’s part. Marian English did a terrific job! What a joy! (**L.R.** – CO)

## Gratitude from Family Members

At a testimony meeting in June, the daughter of a resident gave a beautiful testimonial expressing her gratitude for the Christian Science nurses, the care provided, and the general kindness given at Wide Horizon. She was so grateful for the loving care that her mom is receiving daily, as it is a great relief and comfort to them both. She was very, very appreciative of Christian Science nursing and Wide Horizon’s availability and services.

Another family member called to say “thank you so much for taking such good care of her.” She shared how much the resident “raves” about Wide Horizon, the quality of the care, the good meals. The cousin repeated that she “really, really appreciates you all for taking such good care of her. It’s a real blessing to her and her daughter and the rest of the family members.”

## Gratitude from Rest & Study Guests

I feel special gratitude to all for the warmth and love I always feel at Wide Horizon. (**K.J.L.** – CO)

Another guest thanked us all for the substantial discount afforded her during her stay. She bubbled with good news and said that coming back to Wide Horizon was like “coming home to a favorite place.”

Our stay at Wide Horizon was delightful! Horizon House was lovely and perfect for us. We made several new friends too. All the helpers were so friendly and made us feel so at home. Thank you. (**J.C.** – KS)

Two other guests raved about our “little place” – appreciating the food, the friendliness, the help in answering their questions. One of them thanked us again for taking such good, loving care of her mom [who is a patient at Wide Horizon].

## Gratitude from Donors

One donor who consistently and generously gives to Wide Horizon lives far from our Rocky Mountain Region. She comes to Colorado once a year to attend a ceremony regarding a scholarship program that she established at CU Boulder. Educated as an engineer, she comes to greet the new scholarship recipient personally. This donor continually supports Wide Horizon in honor of her mother and because she herself is originally from the area. She stated, “You can take the girl out of the west, but you can’t take the west out of the girl.” (**J.M.P.** – NY)

Another donor appreciates all the Christian Science nursing care facilities. Various friends as well as her husband have received care at several facilities. Since she is originally from the Midwest and has a longtime friendship with others in the area, she supports Wide Horizon. (**J.D.** – CA)

I support Wide Horizon because members of my family and friends have used Wide Horizon’s services in the past. I am grateful and recognize how valuable it is to the Field. In the past, I enjoyed being a Reader to the patients. (**J.H.** – CO)

I have been privileged to make weekly visits to Wide Horizon recently. I am so grateful to see the professional, tender care of individuals and feel the truly spiritual atmosphere that prevails. Your collective work is being so well done. Thank you. (L.B. – CO)

### Gratitude from the Files – June 4, 2003

“Words will never convey the gratitude we feel toward Wide Horizon. Simply put, you were there for us when we had a very great need and we don’t know how we could have handled the situation without you.

So many spiritual qualities were expressed by the [Christian Science] nursing staff – the tender care, patience, joy, expectancy of good, metaphysical steadfastness, and yes, just plain humor when it helped to break the mesmerism. At times when moral sense tried very hard to impress me, someone was always there to put an arm around my shoulders and assure me that all was well. I cannot begin to tell you how much that meant.

We are so grateful for the nursing skill that was evident in dealing with the physical needs that arose, even as we continued to address other aspects of the challenge. We have witnessed many wonderful healings in our family over the years, and this experience has served to reinforce and greatly strengthen our trust in the efficacy of Christian Science. To be able to work through a physical problem in an atmosphere that supports and cherishes the teachings of Christian Science is truly a privilege. We are so very grateful for the lessons learned, for the unwavering trust that sustained us during difficult days, and the kindness and love expressed by everyone. We are emerging from this experience, not only physically restored, but more importantly, spiritually rejuvenated and refreshed. And we have the deepest admiration for the role of Christian

Science nurses, those who literally serve on the front lines and yet never come down from the mountaintop of spiritual dominion. What a wonderful example they set!

Many of our family members, some of whom have had little or no contact with Christian Science nursing, were deeply impressed with the level of care they observed. These dear people have witnessed and recognized the effectiveness of Christian Science treatment and voiced their respect for the stand we took. We feel this has been an important part of the healing. How blessed we are to have Wide Horizon!

With the experience we’ve had here, I’d be willing to move mountains to help Wide Horizon in any way I possibly can!”

### Gratitude from Staff

My husband Bill and I consider it a privilege to be a part of Wide Horizon, and to work for the Cause of Christian Science; being here each day is a humbling, albeit, joyful opportunity! –  
**Robin Wright, Receptionist**

Thank you so very much for the kind note and the gift for my 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was so very generous. Working at Wide Horizon is a very treasured experience for me – one of much spiritual progress. I so appreciate Wide Horizon’s willingness to [implement] a job sharing approach in the Activities Dept. It seems to me that it has improved this program, with three of us bringing ideas which make for more variety and freshness. And, let me say that preparing to go on vacation is infinitely easier than before. In the past there was so much planning, I wondered if this was truly going to feel like a vacation. Now it’s a piece of cake! It’s been a joy to work with you at the helm, and to see how far Wide Horizon has come. – **Jan Dillingham, Co-Activities Coordinator**

To the Wide Horizon Board of Directors, ... thank you so much for my bonus...and thanks for all your time and dedication in support of our work here at Wide Horizon! – **Mary Culbertson, Christian Science Nurse**

Thank you so much for your note, the certificate and the bonus. It was such a wonderful surprise. I cannot tell you how much Wide Horizon and Christian Science nursing mean to me. Wide has been a second home to me for many years. It’s family to me. Christian Science has changed my life. Thank you for all you’ve done to have Wide be such a welcoming and healing Haven for so many, including me. I am so grateful to be a part of the Wide Horizon family. – **Carol Zietlow, Christian Science Nurse**

### Gratitude for Years of Service

Margit Foster, Food Service Manager, retired after almost 30 years of dedicated, reliable service at Wide Horizon! Originally from Hungary, Margit made thousands of delicious homelike meals, including incredible soups and authentic European foods, for many gratefully satisfied folks. She has always loved art and now enjoys her time painting again!

In addition, Leticia Nortey, JLCSN has chosen to amicably leave Wide Horizon after more than two years of wonderful works in nursing!



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## Executive Director's Report

by D. Brian Boettiger

In the words of Paul the Apostle, "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." (II Cor. 1:2) Most of you know that Paul's trade prior to his ministry was as a tent maker, but most of you probably don't know that the German name Boettiger means "barrel maker" – though unlike Paul plying his trade I've never made a barrel. But I do extend a barrel of gratitude to each of you for your support of the Christian Science healing and nursing that occurs each day at Wide Horizon. Indeed, to continue its good works for future generations, Wide Horizon needs many folks such as you who value Christian Science nursing.

Wide Horizon has continued to make progress this past year, as in 2007 when Horizon House was so beautifully redecorated and the patio on the south of this building was

constructed, or in 2012 when the main building was extensively expanded and remodeled. Now, through your continued generosity, we're on the cusp of new construction of buildings for housing staff and for maintenance functions for our Progress at Wide Horizon Building Project. As mentioned in the call letter, since the membership meeting six months ago, we've learned that materials costs and labor rates in the construction industry are approximately 10-20% higher than three years ago and that this industry is "booming" again in Colorado, so the trades are scheduled out months in advance. We have made a few changes to the design concepts and negotiated some concessions from our contractor to complete this project within the approved budget of \$1,100,000. We anticipate the building permits from the City of Wheat Ridge

sometime in October. Construction therefore may be completed by the end of November and the demolition of the South Building should occur early in 2015.

Thank you all once again. And now we'll hear about the priceless activity of Christian Science nursing!

### Grateful for New Employees

We are grateful the following have joined our excellent team:

**Mark Henley**, Chef, is now the new food service manager;

**Gwendy Haas** is also new in food service as an assistant cook and licensed baker;

**Alice Nikuzwe**, CSN and **Laurier Nsekukila**, JLCSN have joined the Christian Science nursing staff.

## Director of Christian Science Nursing Report

by Susan T. Wood

Thanks for coming out today to show your interest in Christian Science healing. We're all interested in that, aren't we?

I could have said "Thanks for coming out to show your interest in Christian Science Nursing!" And, yes, I am going to talk about Christian Science nursing today—but Christian Science nursing and Christian Science healing aren't two separate things. They are inseparable. At first glance, it may appear that the Christian Science nurse is involved in caring merely for the physical needs of an individual who is relying on prayer for healing. However the real essence of Christian Science nursing is not what the nurse

is doing with her/his hands, but where their thought is. The Christian Science nurse is actively refuting the evidence of the material senses that say that man can be sick, weak, diseased, or somehow separated from God's love, and she is continually affirming the spiritual wholeness of man. This "taking a stand for the Truth" is what separates Christian Science nursing from the medical profession. It's what gives Christian Science nursing its healing power.

The metaphysical basis of the Christian Science Nurse is established forever in *The Manual of The Mother Church* where Mrs. Eddy lists as the first qualification for one representing

himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse "a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice." Christian Science nurses are first and foremost metaphysicians.

I'd like to tell you about some of the healings we have had the privilege of witnessing at Wide Horizon this year. Healing is going on here every day in little and big ways.

- We have seen healings of dizziness and weakness and inability to eat.
- Mobility problems were overcome.
- Individuals walked again after a period of being confined to a chair.
- Chronic headaches have been healed.

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- A person who had been having regular bouts of severe stomach pain and elimination problems had a complete healing in one day, as she reached out to God to see how she could love more and be more forgiving.
- Another person had had a fall and injured her hip. She'd been in bed for several months at home before she came to Wide Horizon, and things were continuing basically the same for her here. One day as she listened to the metaphysical readings broadcast over the speaker, she suddenly had the inspiration that she could sit herself up on the side of the bed—and that's just what she did! She took us all by surprise, doing this by herself! She told me she decided if she believed the things she was listening to, she'd better act like it! A week or two later (she was still staying in bed, though she had become more mobile) she noticed someone putting colorful balloons up in the trees outside her room. She wanted to know what was going on out there. The nurse suggested she get in a wheel chair just for a few minutes, as we were about to have a Fourth of July parade! We had children with decorated bicycles and wagons, staff members with their dogs, and Wide Horizon guests with red, white, and blue crepe paper on their walkers and wheel chairs. Who can resist a Fourth of July parade? We helped her into a wheel chair so she could watch. She had so much fun she joined the picnic after the parade and had her lunch outside with the

group. And she has been up in her wheel chair, celebrating her God-given freedom every day since then!

Well, we don't have parades every day. And you never know just what is going to inspire or spark someone's thought and lift them out of a mortal sense of limitation. But we do try to provide a nice balance of normal activity and spiritual inspiration for our guests each day.

So now I get to do my commercial: Christian Science Nursing is really good work! It blesses you at the same time you are blessing others. We hold introductory classes in Christian Science nursing from time-to-time as the opportunity presents itself. Talk to me, or one of the other nurses, if you would like to find out more about it. It might be the next step of unfoldment in your spiritual career.

We have an amazing group of Christian Science nurses here at Wide Horizon, for which I am grateful every day and grateful to be a part of this excellent team.

Now here is a bit about the services provided through Wide Horizon.

- Our primary service is "skilled" *Christian Science Nursing Care* in which we may be taking care of a person with a wound or someone who has had a fall or who may be having difficulty eating. Such skilled Christian Science nursing care may be eligible for Medicare coverage. Ask me for more details or check out our website about Medicare if you are

interested.

- We also have "light" *Christian Science Nursing Care* for those who just need a little help during their day—maybe help with getting dressed and bathed each day. These both occur right here in the main building.
- In Horizon House we provide *Supervised Residential Living* for individuals who want to be part of our community on an ongoing basis and can manage their personal needs on their own. We bring 3 delicious meals a day over to you and take care of all the housekeeping and laundry.
- We also have *Rest and Study for Spiritual Renewal* in Horizon House. There is hardly a day in the year when we don't have at least one room available, ready for you to come and enjoy a peaceful, inspiring time studying and reflecting. Don't put off what's most important! Make time for spiritual renewal this year.
- We have *Outpatient Services* if someone needs to have a wound cleaned and bandaged, a shower given—basically something that can be accomplished in an hour or so and then the person can return home.
- When a need can be better met at home, we can often help find a Christian Science nurse to visit you. And sometimes we can give suggestions over the phone to enable you to care for your family member on your own.

We are here in this community as a resource, so please feel free to give us a call and let us help whenever we can!

## *Appreciation of All Staff*

*Wide Horizon wouldn't operate 24/7 365 days of the year if not without its much valued donors and volunteers, including board members, yet Wide Horizon's wonderful staff members are those that keep the wheels of service moving forward each day. So it's a privilege to acknowledge this excellent team with sincere appreciation for all the individual and collective good works! Thank you to all the Christian Science nurses, and everyone in the supportive functions of Administrative Services, Food Service, Housekeeping, and Maintenance. Well done!*

## Board Report

by Larry Combs, Chairman

The Board of Directors would again like to express our gratitude for all of you who support Wide Horizon and its mission of providing Christian Science nursing care in a healing atmosphere for those relying on Christian Science. Some of you might not realize that Wide Horizon serves Christian Scientists within and beyond its seven-state Rocky Mountain region.

Much gratitude goes out to Wide Horizon's volunteers who selflessly give of their time and love. We're also very grateful for our wonderful

Christian Science nurses and for all the other staff members who support the nursing activity every day of the year.

The Board's primary role is to prayerfully support Wide Horizon's mission and assist in carrying out its fiduciary and business responsibilities. Monthly Board meetings always begin with a metaphysical topic. The largest endeavor the Board dealt with during this past year was to hold a special business meeting with Wide Horizon's members to seek approval for a \$1.1 million building project, including the razing of the South Building. We

appreciate your approval of and desire to move forward on this Progress at Wide Horizon Building Project.

The Board thanks you very much for being here today and for your continual financial and metaphysical support of Christian Science nursing at Wide Horizon.

## Treasurer's Report

by Lydia Roberts, Treasurer

Mrs. Eddy takes from Romans 8:28 when she writes "...we have the promise that 'all things work together for good to them that love God' - love good." (Message 1900 11:8)

Wide Horizon is grateful for the bounty of this past year.

*The Church Manual* outlines three numbers to be reported annually for The Mother Church (Art. XXIV). We are going to provide the same three numbers for Wide Horizon.

1. The amount of funds Wide Horizon had on hand at June 30th was \$4,600,000.
2. There is no indebtedness.
3. The operating expenses for the year totaled \$2,100,000.

The Board again set a contributions goal of \$500,000. We call it "A Wide Appeal." Wide Horizon received

enough in contributions to meet and exceed our goal. We were very fortunate to receive several significant gifts, including those from estate bequests, and from the Tenacre Foundation and Isabel Foundation. These gifts and yours make payment for the new construction project possible.

However, your contributions are still needed. Wide Horizon needs to raise approximately \$500,000 each year to meet operating expenses including our benevolence expenses. As you have just heard, we have developed relationships with various foundations and organizations, and are grateful to receive monies from them. However, contributions from you in the field are critical for us to meet our annual goal.

We are grateful to all our supporters who give so generously to Wide Horizon!

## Promise to Give – *Desired and Useful Items*

Slips titled "Promise to Give" which listed desired and useful items were passed out at the annual meeting. These items included: Rosebush; Tree; Landscaping; Walking Path; Gazebo; HDTVs for Nurse Housing; Bobcat / Skid Steer. The latter item (approximately \$40,000 new) is much needed to do many projects on the grounds by our wonderful maintenance personnel. One point is that in order to stay within the budget for the Progress at Wide Horizon Building Project there is no provision for landscaping in the member-approved \$1.1M. Another point, after the South Building is razed, extensive landscaping work will be needed. Wide Horizon is fortunate to have maintenance staff that has the knowledge and desire to do most of the landscaping work around the property – including restoring the appearance of the land where construction and demolition will occur. With gifts to purchase trees and shrubs, our staff will prepare the ground and plant these items, particularly near the new housing and maintenance buildings. This is another way to help Wide Horizon!

Wide Horizon is a member of the Christian Science Provider Network (CSPN), which provided the following noteworthy information:

## Health Plan Coverage of Christian Science

*“It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.”*

*S&H 494:11*

In light of changes in health insurance, the Christian Science Provider Network (Network) thought it would be helpful to explain some of the changes, why the Network was created, and invite your help as we continue to bring Christian Science care and treatment to humanity.

Health insurance has dramatically changed since the 1980’s when patients could choose individual health care providers and have their services covered by health plans. Currently the “managed care” health plan system involves networks of health care providers that contract with the health plan to provide health services for the health plan’s members.

After many years of research and prayer, it became evident that inclusion of Christian Science care and treatment in health plans would require the formation of a network. As a result the Christian Science Provider Network, a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, was created in 2012 by The Mother Church as an independent nonprofit organization to facilitate health plan reimbursement of Christian Science services. The Network consists of independent contractor Christian Science Providers

(Christian Science practitioners, Christian Science nurses, and Christian Science nursing institutions). The Network is open to any Christian Science provider who meets objective criteria required by health plans. It does not cost anything to join the Network.

Presently, Christian Science practitioners, Christian Science nurses, and Christian Science nursing institutions – “Christian Science providers” – are frequently faced with caring for individuals who are insured with health plans. Now they are being required to become “credentialed providers” of health plans. They must bill the health plans (not the individual) using forms with codes. And finally, they must learn about co-pays, coinsurance and deductibles. This is a major paradigm shift that is only going to become more prevalent. The formation of the Network solves these issues by credentialing providers, billing electronically and resolving claims issues. In addition the Network contracts with health plans for coverage of Christian Science and performs other administrative functions. All of this is so Christian Science providers can focus on the healing practice. Finally, the Network is committed to honoring the sanctity and confidentiality of Christian Science practice.

For more information:

- Visit the Network’s website:  
<http://www.csprovidernetwork.org>
- Email [ipa@csprovidernetwork.org](mailto:ipa@csprovidernetwork.org)
- Call: 617-510-6491

### How you can help

Health insurers need to hear from you that you want Christian Science to be a part of health plans. Ask your employer through your Human Relations Department to include Christian Science as a health benefit in your employment health benefit plan. Importantly, if your health plan is an Aetna health plan, Aetna has indicated that it will cover Christian Science in its large employer health plans (50+employees). Ask your employer that Christian Science health services be included as a benefit in your Aetna plan. You also can watch for updates at the Committee on Publication, Federal Office’s website [http://christianscience.com/member-resources/for-churches/committee-on-publication/us-federal-office/\(language\)/eng-US](http://christianscience.com/member-resources/for-churches/committee-on-publication/us-federal-office/(language)/eng-US) regarding developments for inclusion of Christian Science in affordable health plans offered at the state health exchanges.



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# Mary Baker Eddy on Philanthropy

“**Philanthropy** is loving, ameliorative, revolutionary; it wakens lofty desires, new possibilities, achievements, and energies; it lays the axe at the root of the tree that bringeth not forth good fruit; it touches thought to spiritual issues, systematizes action, and insures success; it starts the wheels of right reason, revelation, justice, and mercy; it unselfs men and pushes on the ages. (*Miscellany 287*)

“Goodness and philanthropy begin with work and never stop working. All that is worth reckoning is what we do, and the best of everything is not too good, but is economy and riches.” (*Miscellany 203*)

“**VOLUNTEERS**” – What a wonderful word! And one of Wide

Horizon’s most important assets! What do volunteers bring to Wide Horizon? Love, joy, inspiration, love, grace, tenderness, love, compassion, fun, gratitude, warmth...LOVE! Thanks to each and every one of you for your special gift to Wide Horizon, in whatever form it takes. We DO appreciate YOU.

You may be thinking, “Me? Volunteer? I’m so busy—I don’t have time!” Please re-think. Yes, we have volunteers who give their time frequently and several hours at a time. Others, for example our Thursday evening readers, usually read only once a quarter. Having as many volunteers as possible allows the opportunity to serve, but not feel overburdened. But, if you have lots of

time to give, that’d be great also. Jan Dillingham would love to hear from you to see what opportunities we might be able to work out to suit your particular interests and needs.

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**Donations can be made online:** via our website at [www.widehorizon.org](http://www.widehorizon.org), where you can also learn about Wide Horizon and its Christian Science nursing activity.

*Thank you!*



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