

Benevolence Policy

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Acknowledging that, "Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind..." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 60), the financial assistance policy at Wide Horizon is founded on the conviction that, "The human affections need to be changed from self to benevolence and love for God and man; changed to having but *one* God and loving Him supremely, and helping our brother man" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 50).

The word "benevolence" is defined in *The Student's Reference Dictionary* as: "1. The disposition to do good; goodwill; kindness; charitableness; the love of mankind, accompanied with a desire to promote their happiness. 2. An act of kindness; good done; charity given."

Wide Horizon, by the very nature of its mission, purpose, and work therein, provides benevolence each and every day of operation. Sometimes this benevolence takes the form of financial assistance.

Requested financial assistance to aid in payment for nursing services rendered at Wide Horizon may be granted subject to the following criteria:

1. Guest, family member, or guardian must provide proof of need, including tax records and income statements showing all assets and debts. Wide Horizon provides a financial assistance application form that expedites this processing of information. The application must be filled out completely before such assistance is considered. All financial assistance requests and information thereof are handled by the Executive Director and kept as confidential.
2. Guest shall pay a minimum of \$10.00 per day for care, regardless of amount of financial assistance granted. "Christian Science demonstrates that the patient who pays whatever he is able to pay for being healed, is more apt to recover than he who withholds a slight equivalent for health" (Mary Baker Eddy, *Miscellaneous Writings*, 300:29-32).
3. Financial assistance of up to \$30,000 may be granted initially as a gift from the community, which supports Wide Horizon through contributions.
4. Financial assistance requests exceeding \$30,000 will be considered on an individual basis if and when the need arises.
5. While it is recognized that a spouse of a Wide Horizon guest must continue with a reasonable living standard, normally other related adults and children having reached eighteen years of age will not be considered necessary expenses of a guest, but will be requested to provide financial assistance where appropriate, as will be the Church and Association to which the guest is a member.