

## 2018 Annual Meeting Issue

The entire day of our 2018 Annual Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> went well. The lovely autumn weather was particularly cooperative and provided such a beautiful day that doors to the west patio could be open to feel the autumnal freshness. The inspirational talk “Christian Science Nursing within the Structure of Truth and Love” given extemporaneously by Kate Mullane Robertson, C.S., of Buena Vista, Colorado, was very well-received – speaking from heart to heart! Many attendees felt the holy blessing of Spirit from this inspiring message!

Although our speaker’s inspirational talk will not be published this year, Kate graciously shared the following.



### A Journey of Discovery

*Kate Mullane Robertson, C.S.*



Being invited to speak with those gathered for the annual meeting of Wide Horizon was both an honor and a privilege. Listening for the message, with the Executive staff and Board of Directors, in the months leading up to the meeting, was a journey filled with joy.

When Brian Boettiger asked me to speak about “Christian Science Nursing within the Structure of Truth and Love,” I was humbly perplexed. I love Christian Science nursing – but who was *I* to speak on this subject? I turned to God, “Dear Father, what would you have us know about Your vision for Christian Science nursing — within the sacred structure of Your Church?”

Over the course of those months, the message came together in small moments of inspiration. Each idea was catalogued on index cards. At one point, I wrote Sue Wood (the Director of Christian Science Nursing) for her insights. These were rich with inspiration. I suggest you reach out to Sue and ask her to share those thoughts.

But what was God sharing with me? In the weeks leading up to the meeting, all the pieces fell into place. I could see that my entire year had been a journey of discovery. It was a journey that took me from Calvary to Ephesus. From Turkey to Boston. I traveled with the Apostle John and Christ Jesus’ mother, Mary. With Mrs. Eddy and Florence Nightingale. It was a journey that unfolded for me a fresh sense of Mrs. Eddy’s vision for Christian Science nursing, its historic relationship to “church,” and the value of its practice by every member engaged in serving universal humanity out of their love for God.

Driving from our small mountain town, to the city that Sunday morning, I felt God spoke to me, “You are ready. Just continue to listen. I will unfold the message. Remember you are listening to Me. I am listening to them. And I will speak to each of you – individually.”

And that is what I did. With 10 months of notes in hand to draw upon, I waited for divine Love to guide me, “this, this is next...” and spoke from the fullness of my heart – of my love for Christian Science nursing, and of my love for Him.

Every report shared, testimony recounted, milestone reached, and prayer of gratitude given was an expression of Wide Horizon’s deep love for humanity, and laid the groundwork for the message we each heard.

I drove home that afternoon, inspired by the ministry of Christian Science nursing at Wide Horizon, and eager to practice it more generously in my own life.

The journey really was beautiful, compelling, and filled with discovery!

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# A Record of Spiritual Healing Christian Science Nursing Report

*Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing*

**H**ello everyone. So good to see you all. We have had a good year at Wide Horizon.

One of the events this year brought, was an inspection from The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities. All accredited Christian Science nursing facilities have an inspection from this organization at least every three years, and this summer our turn rolled around.

This inspection is a “peer review,” meaning the inspection is carried out by Executive Directors and Directors of Christian Science Nursing from our sister Christian Science nursing facilities. Each year Brian Boettiger and I are asked to inspect other facilities. It is a learning opportunity for us as much as a time to make sure the other facility is upholding the high standards agreed upon by all the Christian Science nursing organizations.

When “The Commission” comes, the reviewers look at a lot of documentation; they talk to most of the Christian Science nurses and to the department heads of maintenance, housekeeping and food service, as well as key personnel in administration. They also speak with a number of our patients, or guests, to see if they feel the care they receive is satisfactory. The review team that came this year found everything to be in order and recommended that Wide Horizon receive a full unconditional three-year accreditation, which was granted.

Some of their summary comments were:

“Wide Horizon has a dedicated staff who clearly understand, appreciate, and strive to support the healing mission of the facility.”



“The Christian Science nurses on staff are supported in their work and encouraged to grow. The patient care adheres to the high standards of Christian Science and the *Church Manual* bylaw, Christian Science Nurse. The Housekeeping and Maintenance staffs are exemplary. Each staff member clearly is devoted to Wide Horizon, and their work gives daily evidence of their devotion. They perform their tasks with quiet grace and thorough competence, and they work so very well together...”

“The Review Team ate all meals in the guest dining room, and both the food and the service were very good.”

Getting ready for an inspection is always an opportunity to make sure all our documents and procedure manuals are up-to-date and all our work and storage spaces are orderly. Beyond that, one of the requirements asks us to show that we are really practicing Christian Science. We are specifically asked to share healings that have occurred at Wide Horizon in the last year or so. I go through some of my records to make a note of healings our patients have experienced. This year we also asked our staff members to share healings they’ve had. Many of the healings they shared, we had not even been aware of.

Getting all this fruitage together in one place was a real “wow” endeavor! Here is a small sample. First healings our patients had:

An individual came to us after having a fall. She was taken to the hospital, and they diagnosed a fractured pelvis. She was able to come to Wide Horizon and before long she was walking around the facility quite naturally. Almost more significant was the progress in her mental state. Initially there was a lot of confusion. She wasn’t always the easiest person to work with. Now she is a joy to be around.

A woman who had basically stopped eating at home and lived in her bed—almost immediately when she arrived here was willing to eat normally. This can be attributed at least in part to the delicious food that our food service staff prepares! At first, she needed to be fed by a Christian Science nurse, but gradually she progressed to feeding herself. She was up and walking in her room, and after a while she even began joining the group for meals in the dining room and other activities. Initially there had been a belief of wound on the breast — which soon diminished and then disappeared.

Another person frequently expressed a sense of agitation, never wanted to sit still, and thought she needed to use the bathroom every few minutes. It was nearly impossible for the nurses to keep up with her desire to be on the move, back and forth to the restroom. Since she wasn’t very stable on her feet, we felt we had to be with her whenever she moved from place to place. As her practitioner worked about these challenges, this false belief of constant agitation was healed. She could sit still in a group and enjoy an activity, and she could sit quietly in her room and read the Bible Lesson to herself while she waited for breakfast to be ready. This was such a major change!

Another woman experienced major hearing loss. Communication with her was really challenging. Her

practitioner and she communicated by email, and they were working to see her wholeness. Finally, she felt she should make an appointment for a hearing examination. Just a few days before the examination was to take place, she had a full return of her hearing, and it has remained clear.

Also, a guest here recently shared a healing of “the most aggressive cold symptoms” she’d ever had. And, another guest shared a healing of not being able to breathe one night.

Now just a couple healings we were told about from staff members:

Healings our staff members told us about included a healing of difficulty with range of motion, of deafness in one ear that persisted for almost a year, of flu symptoms, of sore throat, of stiffness and back pain, of grief, of broken bones in the foot, of fainting, of hay fever, of relationship challenges including healing of challenges with a neighbor who was very unpleasant.

We have an amazing staff here who are practicing Christian Science in their own lives every day. That daily practice on the part of the staff is, of course, what it takes to provide a healing atmosphere for our patients.

Every day we are affirming that the law of God is present to heal His precious children—and we see so much evidence of that healing in big and little ways.

Well, what can I tell you about Wide Horizon that you don’t already know? You know about this building — where we provide the full range of Christian Science nursing care — from light care for those who may be “almost” on their own, to full care, or what might be called skilled nursing care. In this fuller sense of care, we assist people who need help to eat, by modifying their food to make it easier to eat and/or by actually feeding them. We cleanse and bandage wounds. We assist people to get back on their feet after an injury. Whatever the need seems to be, we are ready to help the individual while they rely on Christian Science treatment for complete healing.

In Horizon House, we have Supervised Residential Living (for people who are independent and want to be here longer term), as well as Rest and Study for Spiritual Renewal.

One thing people might not remember is that in this building we provide out-patient care for someone who has a need for Christian Science nursing — for bandaging, instruction in care, or even for a shower in an easy-access shower — for someone who can be brought to the facility. If the person can’t come to the facility, but needs some kind of care that can be done in a couple hours, we will make every effort to find a Christian Science nurse that can come to their home.

Education is another service we provide for our community and the wider Christian Science Movement. We can show a family member how to care for their loved one on a one-on-one basis if they are caring for someone in the home.

Occasionally, we have workshops sharing practical skills, such as the one we had last month called “Caring for One Another” which was held on International Christian Science Nursing Day (September 29). We had 15 participants from a number of different churches up and down the Front Range. There were similar gatherings across the country and around the globe that weekend!

Also, we have a Christian Science Nurse Training program at Wide Horizon for those who are interested in being part of this ministry. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Christian Science nurse, we would love to talk to you!

So, you see that each day at Wide Horizon is one “big with blessings!” We are abundantly grateful!

**“To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.”** – Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*, p. vii

# Foundation Readings

*Kathryn Hoyt, C.S.*

## The Bible

“...we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building. ... For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:9,11

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those

virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage:” Matthew 25:1-10

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

“...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ... And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” Mark 16:15,20

“...ye are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.” 1 Corinthians 3:23

## Science and Health with Key to The Scriptures

*by Mary Baker Eddy*

“Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ healing.” p. 136

“The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which Jesus built.” p. 138

“When the divine precepts are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship, in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in accordance with the Scriptural command: ‘Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.’” p. 276

## Miscellaneous Writings

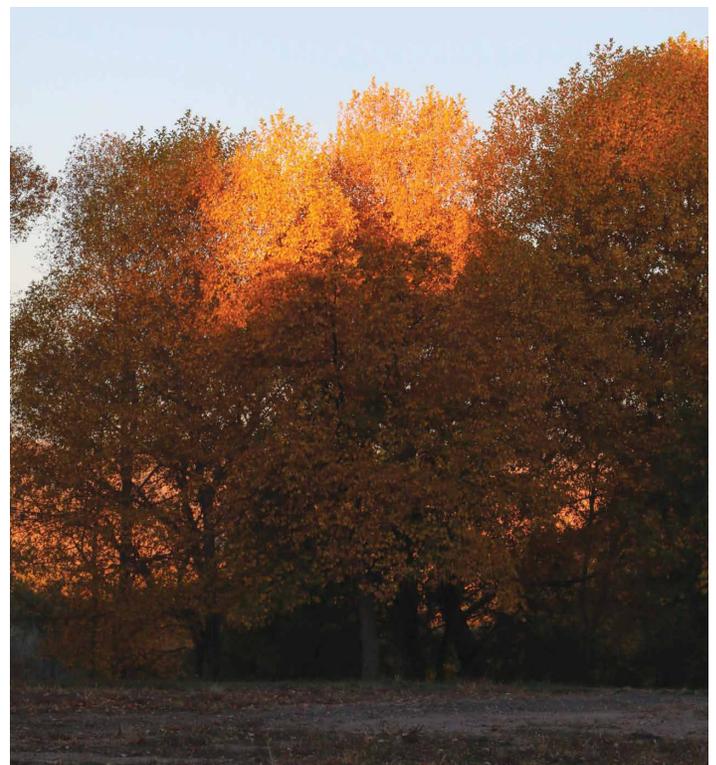
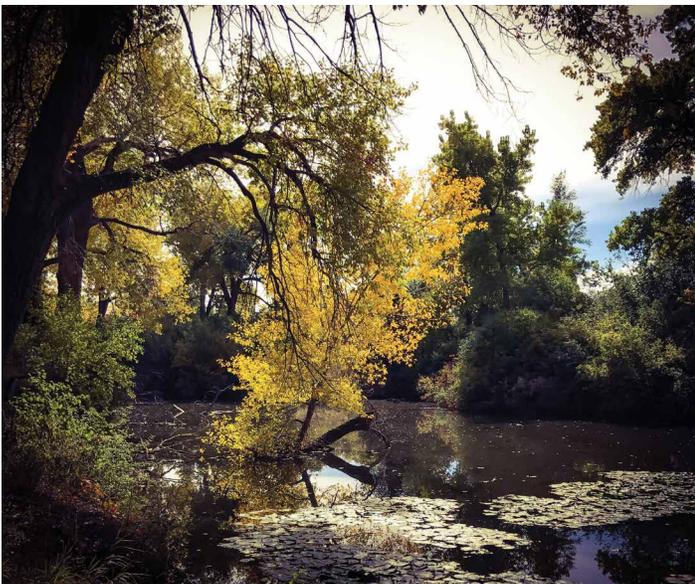
*by Mary Baker Eddy*

“Christian Science gives a fearless wing and firm foundation.” p. 213

### MESSAGE for 1901

*by Mary Baker Eddy*

“Only a firm foundation in Truth can give a fearless wing and a sure reward.” p. 2



# Progress at Wide Horizon Board Report

David Shawaker, Board President

Welcome to the Wide Horizon 2018 Annual Meeting! Wide Horizon has been the sole Christian Science nursing care facility for a vast region in this heartland of the United States since 1950. This large area includes Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and beyond. For more than 65 years, Wide Horizon has provided a peaceful, spiritual healing atmosphere to all guests and patients who have come here, supporting their practice of Christian Science.



We are sincerely grateful to each of you who so lovingly support the activities of Wide Horizon! We value your prayers, your volunteering, and your sharing special moments with individual guests. Of course, without the financial support that you so generously give, it would be even more challenging to sustain Wide Horizon for the future.

Also, we acknowledge and thank our wonderful dedicated Christian Science nursing staff, including our Director of Christian Science Nursing, for without their loving, conscientious and professional care, there would not be a Wide Horizon.... We are also

grateful for the great work done by other support staff which includes activities, food service, housekeeping, maintenance, and administration.



Wide Horizon's volunteer Board usually meets once a month for four to five hours, and sometimes has special meetings when needed. We always have a metaphysical focus for each meeting, during which inspiration is shared. Between meetings, when specific issues arise, the Board has been asked occasionally to engage in collective prayer to address these issues metaphysically. We have found this to be an effective support to the resolution of these issues.

Also, at each meeting we review contributions received, benevolence given to those who need and deserve it, the latest financial information and reports from the Executive staff. With strong teamwork, the Board's planning effort culminated in the announcement last summer of a five-year campaign called "*Wide Appeal for Sustainability*."

The *Wide Appeal* addresses three issues relating to Wide's long-term sustainability: (1) the rates we charge for the field to receive Christian Science nursing care; (2) the salaries we pay to Christian Science nurses; and (3) the necessary reserves as wisdom necessitates to operate a non-profit service-oriented corporation.

I'll talk briefly about each:

We are attuned to the fact that the rates we charge may be difficult for many Christian Science families to

afford. So, our goal is to only raise rates for Christian Science nursing care over the next five years at a rate less than inflation, rather than a traditional practice of raising rates at the rate of inflation to cover the increases in operating costs.

For Christian Science nurses, we have noted that our wages had not been competitive with the labor market. Our plan is to raise wages for Christian Science nurses at a rate above the general inflation rate.

Lastly, we wish to sustain Wide Horizon's financial health for the long term. Our goal is to increase our current investments to insure adequacy in case of future financial volatility.

We are pleased to report that we achieved our first-year goal of raising double the support of recent years. Therefore, we were able to both hold rates for services at less than the inflation rate and pay our Christian Science nurses and other staff at a rate above the nominal inflation rate.

We were able to raise these funds because of the continuing wonderful support of Wide's field and because of a large estate gift as well as significant gifts from foundations.



So, while the most significant issue in the summer of 2017 was the launching of the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability*, the most important action of the Board this past summer was the unanimous decision for Wide Horizon's "voluntary withdrawal" from Medicare (a public notice of

## Progress at Wide Horizon Board Report (cont)

this action was published in *The Denver Post* and in our summer 2018 newsletter). This decision was driven partly by the fact that the increased focus on medical issues and the reporting required by Medicare are inconsistent with the practice of Christian Science. And, it may be of interest that other Christian Science nursing facilities have taken this step or are considering doing so.

Gratefully, for more than a year and a half, the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing has provided a better, more consistent source of funding. This Fund has helped to replace Medicare benefits for those patients who qualify. See Wide's website to learn more about the National Fund.



In addition, there have been a number of success stories at Wide Horizon during the past few years which bear mentioning.

Donors and foundations have generously helped in upgrading the equipment used by our dedicated maintenance managers. We've added new solar powered lighting for greater safety, replaced the roofs on all the buildings and two wings of the main building, and installed new custom

modern skylights, which had been damaged by the hailstorm of May 2017. Also, many newer mattresses for patient beds have been purchased and new modern mechanical nursing beds have replaced those that were nearly 30 years old. And, much needed upgrades are ongoing to the nursing care charting system and to the website, and we have upgraded to a new donor database — Network for Good.

We have also had donors help with costs of the recent Bible Roads presentations given by Madelon Maupin and the "Caring for One Another" workshop in celebration of the recent International Christian Science Nursing Days.

Moreover, at times we've seen greater utilization of our services, including more Rest & Study guests and also residents in Horizon House. These guests and residents truly appreciate the peaceful atmosphere of the campus, the quaint comfort of these beautifully decorated rooms and the magnificent mountain views.

Furthermore, we are very grateful for the six apartments in the three Cottages which are used solely for housing Christian Science nurses. All of these staff members feel appreciated, even loved that Wide Horizon provides comfortable private housing for both temporary and permanent Christian Science nurses.

The Christian Science nursing movement, including Wide Horizon, as an important aspect of Church, reflects the structure of Truth and Love in maintaining a spiritual atmosphere that increases spiritual

understanding and thereby heals the sick and demonstrates divine Science. Indeed, all Christian Science nursing organizations are part of a collective worldwide movement. Such organizations uniquely demonstrate, through individual practice of the Christian Science nursing ministry, essential aspects of Church — described by Mary Baker Eddy on page 19 in the *Church Manual* as "... designed to be built on the Rock, Christ; even the understanding and demonstration of divine Truth, Life, and Love, healing and saving the world from sin and death; thus, to reflect in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant."

Thank you for being here. We are grateful for the many ways you do and can support the healing ministry and mission of Wide Horizon.



## Treasurer's Report

*Lydia Roberts, Treasurer*

**“L**et us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” (Hebrews 9: 22, 24)

Good afternoon. We are glad you are here with us.

Wide Horizon's funds on hand are more than 17% higher than the previous year. This is due mostly to our investments, which are carried

at fair market value. This means unrealized gains and losses are included and are not a certainty.

There is no long-term debt on our books, with the exception of two leased copiers.

Operating expenses (excluding depreciation) increased about 5% over last year. Salaries and fringe benefits represent over 80% of those expenses, and salaries and fringe benefits went up 5% over last year. This means that

most of the increase is going toward support of Wide Horizon's invaluable staff. Management is keeping close control on expenses.

As do most non-profit corporations, Wide Horizon runs an operating deficit. However, other income from contributions as well as interest and dividends covered the deficit for the 2018 fiscal year! This tells how vital your contributions are to Wide Horizon! Thank you!



# A Focus on Philanthropy Development Report

*Norm Williams, Director of Development & Outreach*

**M**ary Baker Eddy writes that philanthropy “touches thought to spiritual issues, systematizes action, and insures success; ... it wakens lofty desires, new possibilities, achievements, and energies.” (*Miscellany*, p. 287)

Also, standard dictionary definitions of philanthropy state that it is:

- “Goodwill to fellow man; promoting human welfare;”
- “Giving time and money to make life better for others.”

In the past year we worked to increase our culture of philanthropy at Wide Horizon. The definition and application of philanthropy are much broader than the term “fundraising.” Philanthropy embraces the whole institution and involves development staff, board members, the CEO, support staff and, in the case of Wide Horizon, the Christian Science nurses who care for our guests and patients — all of us demonstrating goodwill toward our community to improve the welfare of others.

Fundraising is simply a tool of philanthropy to support the benevolent work going on at Wide Horizon. It is far more than getting money. Rather, it’s part of a larger philanthropic thought in the institution that also embraces our donors who help support the organization.

Isn’t philanthropy at Wide Horizon ultimately about raising consciousness to see God’s perfect man, which Wide Horizon is doing through the ministry of Christian Science nursing? All fundraising endeavors therefore support this philanthropic work. Here are some of the ways we have been “fundraising” this past year:

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## Support of our Christian Science nursing ministry

- Our 2017 Fall appeal resulted in much larger than normal participation and giving at the end of the 2017 calendar year.
- Our 2018 Spring appeal resulted in 140 donors who participated, compared with 45 donors who gave during the same period one year prior. And, we raised over a \$100,000 more than the previous Spring.

## Blessings at Wide Horizon

- We sent out “blessings” to donors and friends of Wide Horizon, telling our story of philanthropy, which included healings that have occurred here, testimonies of spiritual growth by staff, and praises from guests about the accommodations and staff at Wide Horizon.
- We visited branch churches to give presentations to spread the word about the good, spiritual work going on at Wide Horizon and to talk about our *Wide Appeal for Sustainability*.

## “Thought-raising” and “friend-raising”

- We hosted the Principia Club Christmas singing event.
- We had inspirational Christian Science talks given for guests and staff.
- We hosted an inspirational musical performance by Tanya Perkins and her band of musician friends.
- We sponsored (with the financial help of a generous donor) Bible Roads presentations by Madelon Maupin.



- We conducted two “Caring for One Another” workshops — the second as part of International Christian Science Nursing Days.

## Visits with donors

- We created a PowerPoint presentation available to our donors that informs them how important their contributions are to keep Wide Horizon open and how their money is used wisely towards our operations.

All of these fundraising activities have at their root an effort to support the holy work at Wide Horizon — the ministry of Christian Science nursing. This ministry of care is part of the practice of Christian Science healing. This ministry helps to raise the thought of patients and guests to bear witness to the correct view of God’s man, thus improving their own and others’ welfare.

## Some numbers and next steps

Various reports about fundraising numbers are generally useful tools. But numbers don’t convey the whole picture. As important as they are, they

don't tell us about things like the ideas and vision of an institution and its services.

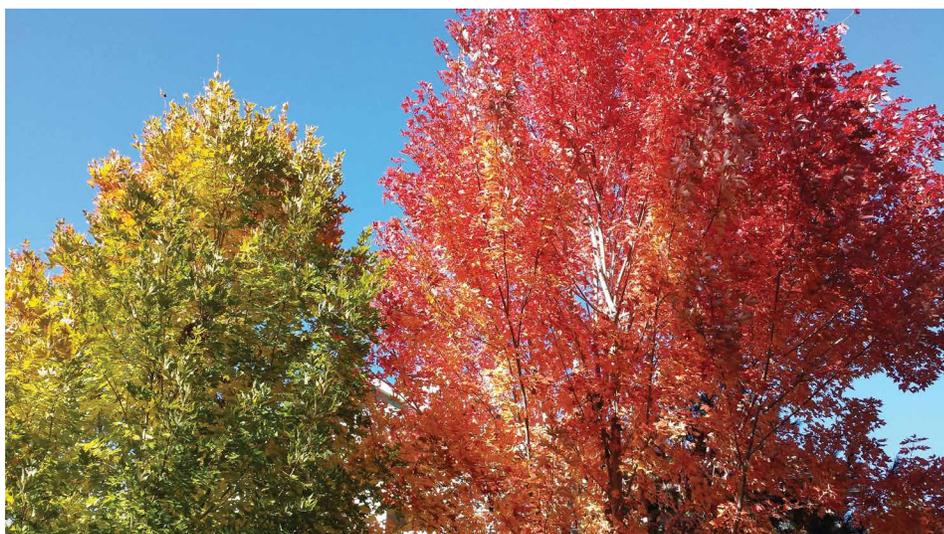
Ultimately, at Wide Horizon we strive to recognize that it is divine Love meeting all human needs. And, it is through infinite Love that we see and witness God's care for our fellow man at Wide Horizon.

So, in this light, here are some numbers that show the divine providence of God meeting human needs at Wide Horizon:

- The total number of gifts given by donors was up by 190 (from 653 in the 2016/2017 fiscal year to 843 in the 2017/2018 fiscal year).
- For the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability* we estimate that by the end of the year it will exceed \$300,000 in total contributions since its launch in 2017.

And, we are developing a campaign for planned giving. As mentioned, a planned gift of an estate made up about 30% of our income in the last fiscal year. The campaign will show you the various ways you can give planned gifts and assist you with the process. We will provide future updates.

So, in conclusion, we hope you can see how Wide Horizon strives to practice the philanthropy that our Leader writes about when she states that it "touches thought to spiritual issues, systematizes action, and insures success .... [and] wakens lofty desires, new possibilities, achievements, and energies." (*Miscellany*, p. 287)



## Matching Grant – An Opportunity to Give



Several donors have come together to offer a matching grant of \$60,000. All contributions received by December 31, 2018, will be doubled up to \$60,000, for total potential contributions of \$120,000. Thus, we are writing to invite you to contribute toward this matching grant. You can choose to contribute to the general fund, which is for funding operations, or the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability*, which is an effort to increase Wide Horizon's reserves if there is a shortfall in the general fund for operations. Please indicate with your contribution whether you are contributing to the general fund or the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability*, or both. Participation in this matching grant is an investment in the Christian Science nursing ministry at Wide Horizon. Thank you for your generous support.



## Blessing at Wide Horizon – A Christian Science Healing

“Wide Horizon is a haven for healing, for quiet stillness, for answers. It’s a place to hear God’s messages and feel renewal,” said a former patient about her healing experience at Wide Horizon.

She added, “Wide Horizon’s healing atmosphere was and is tangible.”

There had been a car accident. An eighteen-wheel semi-truck had moved over to her lane without seeing her car, sending her off the highway. After the crash, she found that she couldn’t move normally. Yet there was no question in her mind, she desired a Christian Science healing. And, she knew where she wanted to go — her local Christian Science nursing care facility, Wide Horizon.

Upon arrival, she was placed on the highest level of Christian Science nursing care 24/7. She radically relied on God and Christian Science nurses to meet every need. In loving support of her and the work of the Christian Science practitioner, who gave daily metaphysical treatment on the case, the

Christian Science nurses would often bring into the room healing thoughts, inspiration, and encouragement. In response to this daily care and treatment, her thought was gently turned by the Christ from accident and injury to restoration and healing.

She strived every waking moment to get closer to God and felt the loving atmosphere was supportive of Christian Science healing. There was no questioning whether she’d ever be normal and active again. She believed her complete and permanent healing was not simply an option, but a certain outcome. There wasn’t any doubt that her understanding of God would bring a full demonstration through Christian Science practice. In fact, she knew her spiritual identity was “fearfully and wonderfully made” and, therefore, her true being was indestructible and whole.

“How glorious to walk out healed, restored, renewed,” she said. “I could not have done this at my home. My every need was met as I learned more about God and His masterpiece, me!”



## Gratitude & Praise

*Some comments from friends of Wide Horizon...*

- “We have been thinking of the Wide Horizon team. It is difficult to put into words the gratitude we have — for the more than five years of loving, supportive interactions with us and care for Mom. When we first explored Wide Horizon as a safe environment and comfortable home for Mom, you helped us to address her changing needs — both in response to our concerns and proactively through compassionate, thoughtful daily attention, to supporting us peacefully and gently when Mom recently passed on. Thank you for the constant practical care and assistance and for the ever-inspired expectation of good, of Life, of health and healing. Thank you all at Wide Horizon — individually and as a team. You all provided just what Mom needed. Mom loved the outdoors. She loved the grounds at Wide Horizon. Thank you for being home for her these five years. With sincere gratitude — from our family...”
- “Just received your news about the singing class [with Tanya Perkins], and that’s a good idea to host some events like that!”
- “I am really enjoying living here at Wide Horizon. The food is excellent and activities are invigorating. The grounds are beautiful and well-kept. The lawns so pretty and green, the flowers, plants and all the trees are all beautiful in their own way. I feel like I’m already in heaven.”
- “Thanks for all the great work you and Wide Horizon are doing. Glory be to God. All gratitude and love.”

- “Always so grateful to support Christian Science Nursing. All part of the revelation of Christ healing. Your annual meeting was truly special — the speaker’s message was just what I needed to hear, and I’m sure everyone was blessed.”
- “Thank you so much for all your assistance, especially in regards to the ‘Special Fund’ and the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing. Thank the staff for all their gentle care of [my wife].”
- “Wide Horizon provides such a beautiful environment and is very clean. Everyone was very attentive and loving. And, I like that the facility has been modernized!”

### **Re: Public Notice ‘Voluntary Withdrawal’ from Medicare – June**

- “Excellent report and presentation. Thorough. Thank you all and much appreciation for this forward step.”
- “I commend you and support you on your radical step to withdraw from Medicare.”
- “What a courageous step to move away from Medicare! Well done!”
- “To all at Wide Horizon [regarding the decision to exit from Medicare], thank you for helping all of us grow spiritually.”
- “Dear Board Members... Thank you for all you’re doing for Wide Horizon — especially for your stand in ‘letting go’ of Medicare.”

### **Re Hymn Sing with Tanya Perkins – August**

- I mark the Saturday hymn sing a success! Overflow crowd. Everyone sang out.
- Tanya did a great job.
- Treats were good.
- Grand time for singing.
- Delightful, warm and inviting.
- Absolutely loved it!

### **Re Bible Roads Presentations with Madelon Maupin – September**

- Wow, I learned a lot!
- It was great!

### **Re “Caring for One Another” Workshop on International Christian Science Nursing Days – September**

- “Thank you so much for organizing such a helpful and fun day for us. It was most informative having all those areas covered — the challenges, the no-no’s and helpful suggestions in so many situations of caring. The afternoon session was also great. We don’t have a Christian Science nurse here, so we do need to know how to do these things ourselves. And I certainly feel more confident now about the practical side of things. So nice also to have the binder with all that detailed information. I appreciate the thought, time and effort you put into this. Thank you so much. Please thank Carol for her input too. ... She made a realistic model for your demonstrations! With love and thanks, ...”

## Additional Gratitude & Praise

*Some comments from friends of Wide Horizon...*

- “Thanks so much for the most helpful workshop, and for the love, and wisdom and expertise you and the other two nurses have brought to our region for many years. Have seen this firsthand ... what a difference it has made to the patient and their families! Have shared the statutes with our ACOP (who was at the workshop), with the listed practitioners in our church, with our church clerk (who was also at the workshop) and with the Sunday School family who rely solely on Christian Science for healing. Grateful to be reminded of the need to pray for additional Christian Science nurses throughout the field, and will add that to my daily practice list. Talking to a friend ... on Sunday, helped me realize even more the courageous and healing stand Wide has taken in removing itself from Medicare. Will also continue to cherish and support that. With great gratitude to you and many thanks...”
- “Thank you so much for the great workshop today! It’s information we pray to not need — but glad we have anyway. In fact, after the workshop, I used the info to put... in her wheelchair while transferring her from a recliner chair. I felt so skilled! Thanks for all the good work you’re doing for the Movement. Well done, good and faithful servants! Love, ...”



*Gift to Wide of “Aspen Trees 2” – Jodie Maurer, artist @ [www.jodiemaurer.com](http://www.jodiemaurer.com)*

# Autumn Thanksgiving

By Brian Boettiger

Colorful autumn is here and with it comes the Thanksgiving season. We at Wide Horizon feel the Spirit moving upon the proverbial waters of our good works. We're inspired by the symbols of gratitude during the Thanksgiving holiday, and strive to do our daily deeds with grateful hearts. The following verses from Scripture hopefully are true for all those who call upon or come to a Christian Science nursing care organization:

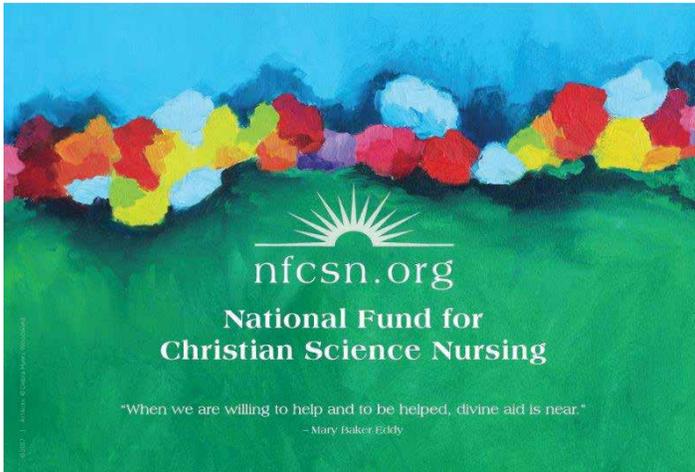
“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.” (Psalm 100:4, 5)

We hope everyone who enters our doors at Wide Horizon feels the spirit of this message and the presence of the Lord's mercy and truth. The daily operations and works of a Christian Science nursing care facility are often joyous yet demanding, and we are grateful to know we are working together with so many dear friends of Wide Horizon. Thank you!

## Wildlife at Wide



# National Fund for Christian Science Nursing



This brochure from the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCNSN) is available upon request. If you would like a copy, contact Wide Horizon or go directly to the NFCNSN website at [www.nfcnsn.org](http://www.nfcnsn.org).

## What is the NFCNSN?

- A resource for individuals seeking financial help for Christian Science nursing care at home or in a facility like Wide Horizon.
- A fund that helps with payments for treatment by Christian Science practitioners.
- A support to those who are practicing the high standard of Christian Science nursing in accord with the *Church Manual* by-law, "Christian Science Nurse."
- A gathering place for organizations, branch churches, and individuals to contribute to a benevolence fund that supports the greater availability of Christian Science nursing.

The NFCNSN is administered by The Principle Foundation, a nonprofit organization that has been offering financial assistance to students of Christian Science for more than 50 years. For more information and a detailed explanation of NFCNSN procedures and policies, go to [www.nfcnsn.org](http://www.nfcnsn.org).

## Appreciation for Volunteers & Staff

*Jan Dillingham, Activities & Volunteer Coordinator*

**H**ave just been thinking about how grateful I am to you all for what you're doing for the guests at Wide Horizon, particularly in one area. Sometimes when we're reading either metaphysical or recreational books, it's tempting to wonder if anyone is listening. Let me assure you, from recent feedback, that, yes, they are!

In a recent Thursday testimony meeting, a guest expressed gratitude for the meetings we have regarding "supporting a righteous government." Recently her car at home had been stolen, and the ideas she had heard in these meetings helped her to realize

that EVERYONE is under God's good government, including those who had stolen the car. The car was returned rather quickly, with minimal damage inflicted and the individual apprehended.

Another individual shared with me that she has really enjoyed the recreational book we've been reading, ***Kinship With All Life***. This book has helped her to see that she needs to see all of God's creatures in a better light, and that animals ARE God's creatures, not here to pester us or to harm.

Sue Wood recently reconnected with a former employee who was a Christian Science nurse at Wide

Horizon. She misses the reading we provide at Wide Horizon that is not available at other facilities where she has worked. She often felt supported and inspired by what she would hear over the speakers here.

So, my sincere gratitude to everyone for your participation in selecting, reading aloud, playing audio articles and books for our guests. I know there are many other feelings of gratitude that have not been shared verbally, but the message still has been present to comfort, inspire, and heal.



## Gratitude for Service

**W**e are immensely grateful to Kathryn Hoyt, C.S., of Highlands Ranch, CO, for her seven years of dedicated service on the Wide Horizon Board of Directors. Kathryn has chosen to resign to devote herself entirely to her public practice of Christian Science. Kathryn's prayer-based approach to the business of Wide Horizon, her devoted love for Christian Science nursing, and her spiritual focus on Christian Science healing were always evident.

We are also grateful that Doug Izmirian, who is an active member of the branch church in Littleton, CO, was unanimously elected to the Board. Doug already has been a wonderful addition to our work together in the ministry of Christian Science nursing!

## Accreditation

**A**s mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, this summer, Wide Horizon received a full unconditional three-year certification of accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities. Among the Review Team's comments were, "The Administration Department has been recently reorganized. Human resource tasks and organization have been updated and improved, and development work has been fruitful, leading to a broader understanding within the local Christian Science community of the mission and achievements of Wide Horizon."





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