



Blessings of Being a Christian Science Nurse

An Interview with Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing

“Be prepared to be loved!” says Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing, about what patients should expect when they come to Wide Horizon. “They should expect to be healed. They can expect to be supported by the people (Christian Science nurses) around them, not criticized.”

In regard to becoming a Christian Science nurse, Sue answered: “Probably my love of Christian Science is what brought me into Christian Science nursing. It wasn’t my first choice, but when I really listened to God for direction regarding employment, it seemed quite obvious that this is what I was supposed to be doing. I am a totally different person than I was when I started. I

have learned to be less critical, and to turn to God almost constantly for help. I have become more patient and trusting.”

Sue Wood is one of about twenty Christian Science nurses at Wide Horizon (half of whom are listed in *The Christian Science Journal*) whose employment is supported partially by the contributions of donors. Christian Science nurses participate in the healing going on at Wide Horizon – by reminding patients of the Truth, voicing it to them when needed, and reading to our guests from our Pastor and/or the Christian Science periodicals. “Christian Science nurses strive to keep their focus on the truth about God’s man and constantly watch, work and pray to not accept the material picture,” says Sue.

Sue recalls that one “guest, who was at Wide Horizon for a little over two months, arrived in very critical condition. He had some very deep wounds, had not been eating, and was very confused. It required lot of skillful Christian Science nursing, patience and loving care to assist him and help him back on his feet.” After this guest left, Sue says, “He never stopped talking about how loved he felt at Wide Horizon.”

“We endeavor to treat each person who comes to Wide Horizon as a patient for Christian Science nursing care as our own family member,” adds Sue.



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Blessings of Being a Volunteer

By Emma Schaefer

As a senior in high school during my time volunteering at Wide Horizon this past April, it was so refreshing to be around people who were living each moment with gratitude – gratitude for where they were and for all the places they had been. The entire time there, I heard no one complain. This may seem trivial, but as a high schooler it is rare to be around people who are continuously living with a positive outlook. At the end of the two weeks at Wide Horizon, I left feeling so grateful for the kindness that was bestowed upon me while there and for knowing that I had just made so many new friends.

I had the pleasure of getting to take some residents on wheelchair rides, to read metaphysical articles to them, and to perform some music for them, sometimes as they joyfully sang along. At times I was privileged to just sit and listen as the guests shared pieces of their wondrously full lives. It seemed as though everyone at Wide Horizon was overflowing with and expressing divine Love. This expression of Love was so palpable in every interaction. I've never been in such a loving community as Wide Horizon. Every smile, every hug and every heartfelt conversation filled me with vast gratitude and joy.

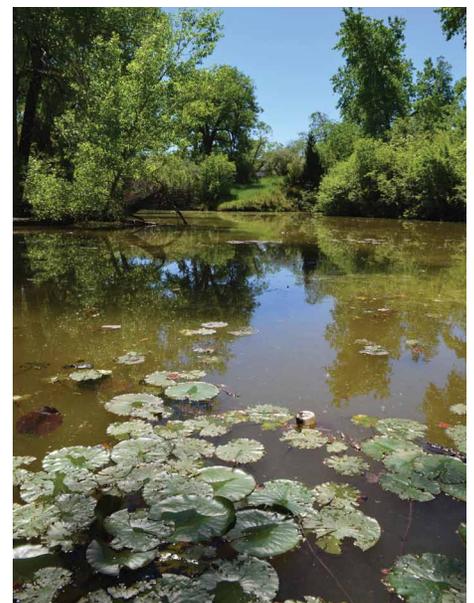
I cherished getting to listen to residents talk about some of the many things they accomplished or places they'd been. Having learned about much of the 20th Century this past year, the history I had merely heard about in the classroom was brought to life by hearing residents talk about their first-hand experiences. Hearing about their individual resilience in the Great Depression, and the strength and hope they possessed during WWII, was truly inspiring. I wasn't just hearing about certain events that had occurred throughout the past century; I was hearing about how people dealt with them and worked through difficulties,

often applying Christian Science.

Reading the Bible Lesson with some of the residents each morning and hearing the inspiration they gleaned from the readings was a perfect foundation for each day. Being a witness to people putting the Bible Lesson into practice and sharing their insight with others was both inspiring and profound. It was so evident to feel and see the healing love of Christian Science and recognize the capacity we have as God's children to correct our thinking. In essence, to recognize and become more at peace with one's spiritual identity.

Wide Horizon is a place where divine Love is being recognized every moment of the day. It was wonderful to be a part of this uplifting atmosphere and experience. I am so thankful that I was able to spend two weeks at Wide Horizon. So, as I journey on to new adventures and to college this Fall, I know that no matter where life takes me, I can reflect on my time at Wide Horizon, and with conviction know that divine Love is always there for all of us. Moreover, as students of Christian Science, I feel we must do our best to help others to find the love within themselves.

And, as one resident put it, "you are always in your right place."



Blessings of Board Service

by David Shawaker

The Wide Horizon Board of Directors is very grateful for the steadfast and dedicated work of the Christian Science nurses and the supportive staff. These individuals strive to maintain the spiritual, peaceful atmosphere at Wide Horizon. This atmosphere is conducive to healing, which makes Wide Horizon such an attractive place for the Christian Science community.

For our part, Board members feel our most important role is to provide metaphysical support to Wide Horizon and its activity of Christian Science nursing through our individual and collective prayer.

Of course, we also meet monthly to review the operations of Wide, as summarized in reports from management, as well as to act on any requirements specified in our bylaws, such as approving any large

expenditures which arise from time to time. We also prepare for future events, such as the Wide Horizon Annual Meeting.

Recently this spring, we were pleased to approve rates for Christian Science nursing care at Wide Horizon as well as wage increases for Christian Science nurses and other staff for the new fiscal year. These approvals were consistent with the first year of the five-year financial plan expressed in the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability* document.

One of our monthly meetings was focused on broader issues, such as how Wide Horizon can better meet the needs of the community, both within the Christian Science movement and the broader world. Although previously discussed at times in past years, one key decision is that the Board unanimously felt the time is right to “voluntarily withdrawal” from the federal Medicare

program (see article re this Public Notice p. 5). While doubtless well intentioned, we unanimously feel that Medicare’s review and reporting requirements are inconsistent with the pure metaphysical practice of Christian Science.

The timing for Wide Horizon’s exit is particularly good now because of the availability of grants to Christian Scientists in need of financial help for care from the National Foundation for Christian Science Nursing. (Call Wide Horizon for more information or go to www.nfcsn.org).

Lastly, we do have one position open on the Board for someone interested in serving our cause in this way. This is a time of great growth and expansive thought in Christian Science nursing. We’d love to speak with you to share the good news of Board service at Wide Horizon!



Blessings of a Spiritual Commitment

– *Withdrawal from Medicare Funding*

Wide Horizon has taken the spiritually progressive step to voluntarily withdraw from the Medicare program, as two sister Christian Science nursing organizations have also recently done. Rest assured this step will not in any way adversely affect the Christian Science nursing care patients receive at Wide Horizon. In fact, there is a better option for financial assistance or funding via the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (see NFCSN article, p. 6).

This from the *Fern Lodge Focus*, May 2018, highlights our active spiritual thought and prayer-based action at Wide Horizon:

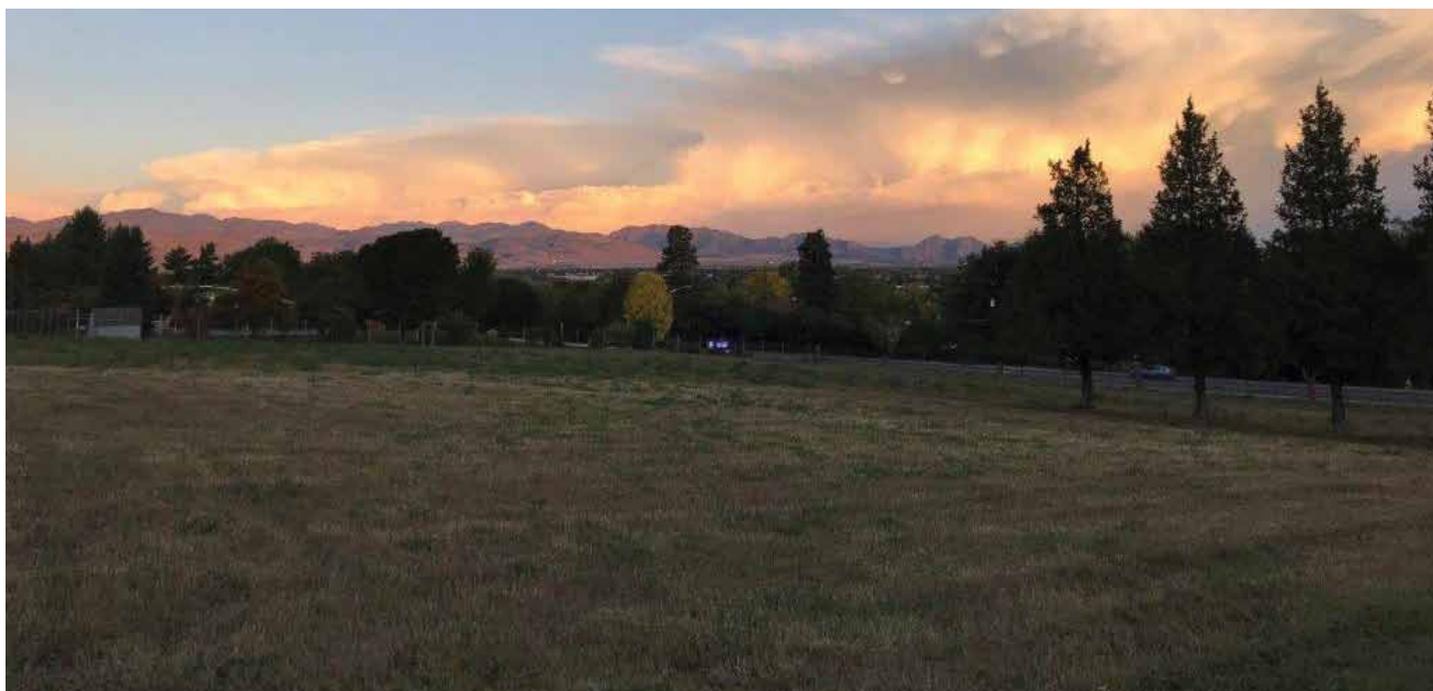
“Christian Scientists understand that God provides for His children. As Mary Baker Eddy [assured], ‘Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need’ (*Science and Health*, p. 494). Our spiritual growth involves increasing understanding of the spiritual nature of true care and of the resources our Father-Mother God provides to meet each need. [This] withdrawal ... is a step on our path of understanding God’s loving and bountiful provision.

...While we are grateful for the financial assistance patients have received through [this] government program, we have been troubled by program requirements that require [staff] to identify

Christian Science nursing as a secular activity, describe in some degree the physical conditions of patients...The [aspect] of observing and recording the conditions of disease, or of planning for ongoing care, are not consistent with our expectation of progress and healing, day-by-day, as a result of Christian Science treatment, which denies the claims of matter as unreal at all times. We strive to remove every obstacle in thought that may have an adverse effect on each patient’s prayer and expectancy of healing. This is especially [evident] to us when we consider Mrs. Eddy’s [statement] in *Science and Health*, p. 146, ‘The ancient Christians were healers. Why has this element of Christianity been lost? Because our systems of religion are governed more or less by our systems of medicine.’

...Our Master, Christ Jesus, prayed, ‘Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that thou hearest me always,’ (John 11:41, 42). We pray for the spirit of our Master and the conviction that our Father hears and answers every sincere prayer. We are indebted to Christ Jesus and to Mary Baker Eddy for their [pure] examples, which strengthen our trust in God to meet the needs of everyone...

Thank you for working with us in the holy ministry of Christian Science nursing...”





The following was posted during the week of June 10, 2018, on our Wide Horizon website and Facebook home pages, as well as in *The Denver Post*.

PUBLIC NOTICE – “VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL” FROM MEDICARE

Wide Horizon, Inc., located at 8900 West 38th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, submitted CMS Form 855A on June 8, 2018, to apply for “voluntary withdrawal” from Medicare.

Wide Horizon, federally recognized as a Religious Non-medical Health Care Institution since 1974, has requested a “termination date” of July 1, 2018, from the Medicare program.

This decision by the Board of Directors of Wide Horizon has been made after years of thoughtful discussion and deliberation regarding the clear contrast of the theology of Christian Science to the medical model of the Medicare system. It was therefore determined that Wide Horizon, as a Christian Science nursing care organization, does not truly fit within the Medicare provider model. The Wide Horizon Board strongly believes this progressive step is in full support of Christian Science nursing.

Please note that Wide Horizon, which is annually licensed by the State of Colorado as a “Nursing Care Facility,” will continue providing without interruption all other Christian Science nursing care services.

For all Christian Scientists and others in the public who may wish to utilize the services of Wide Horizon and may have need of financial support to receive Christian Science nursing, inquiries for financial assistance will be directed to the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing via email at info@nfcsn.org or its website at www.nfcsn.org or by phone at 800-873-2843.

If there are questions regarding this public notice, the public may also contact Wide Horizon via email info@widehorizon.org or website www.widehorizon.org or phone to D. Brian Boettiger, Executive Director/CEO at 303-424-4445, ext. 3040.

“God could not make imperfect man, His model infinite; Unhallowed thought He could not plan, Love’s work and Love must fit.” *Christian Science Hymnal*, 51

Philanthropy

All quotes are from the written works of Mary Baker Eddy.

“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. Love unfolds marvellous good and uncovers hidden evil. The philanthropist or reformer gives little thought to self-defence; his life’s incentive and sacrifice need no apology. The good done and the good to do are his ever-present reward.

Love for mankind is the elevator of the human race; it demonstrates Truth and reflects divine Love.” (Miscellany, pp. 287-288)

“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, p. 203)

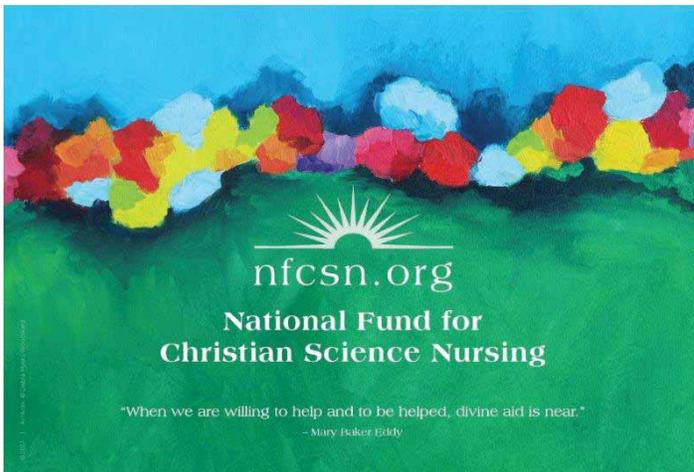
“Yet the good done, and the love that foresees more to do, stimulate philanthropy and are an ever-present reward. Let one’s life answer well these questions, and it already hath a benediction:

Have you renounced self? Are you faithful? Do you love?” (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 238)

“It is proverbial that Florence Nightingale and other philanthropists engaged in humane labors have been able to undergo without sinking fatigues and exposures which ordinary people could not endure. The explanation lies in the support which they derived from the divine law, rising above the human.” (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 385)

“The anatomy of Christian Science ... unfolds the hallowed influences of unselfishness, philanthropy, spiritual love.” (Science and Health, p. 462)

National Fund for Christian Science Nursing



This brochure from the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN) is available upon request. If you would like a copy, contact Wide Horizon or go directly to the NFCSN website at www.nfcsn.org.

What is the NFCSN?

- 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 NFCSN 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 NFCSN procedures and policies, go to www.nfcsn.org.

Development Update

By Norm Williams, Director of Development and Outreach

We are grateful to acknowledge that Wide Horizon’s Spring Appeal of \$50,000, which ended June 30, was met and exceeded by reaching over \$60,000. Truly, our “cup runneth over.” Our gratitude for your contributions is captured in Mrs. Eddy’s writings, when she wrote a letter to her students thanking them for their donations: “A quiet call from me for this extra contribution, in aid of our Church Building, found you all “with one accord in one place.” So, it has been with our donors after the request went out for the Spring Appeal. There was a unified response. Contributions of all sizes came in quickly and generously.

The response was not surprising. Wide Horizon is fortunate to have strong support from a large donor-base. It plays a key role in sustaining Wide Horizon in the short and long term – from paying for operations to adding to our sustainability fund. We thank you for it!

“In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and fishes, -- Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply.” – Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*, p. 206

More Progress at Wide

We are grateful that all repairs due to the hailstorm of May 2017 are finally completed. All the buildings at Wide Horizon have new roofs and gutters. Horizon House and the main building also have new custom skylights and have been newly painted. We are grateful that the substantial financial cost was covered by our insurance company as well as by a very generous donor.



Blessings of Gratitude

➤ Wide Horizon has a loving and supportive atmosphere based in the principles of practicing Christian Science. The quality of care given is excellent, and I would recommend Wide Horizon to others in need of Christian Science nursing. As the family member responsible for helping to move the patient into Wide Horizon, I experienced a great deal of loving care myself. There were a couple of adverse circumstances for the patient which demanded that I demonstrate a greater degree of listening to the One Mind. Each of the challenging circumstances required all loving care on the part of the Christian Science nursing staff. During the recovery period, and to aid the recovery,

the staff used creative and inspired thinking to meet the patient's needs. The metaphysical standards upheld by the staff provided a solid basis for the many healings that were made manifest during my family member's stay at Wide Horizon. The Christian Science nurses demonstrated such loving patience, tender care, joyous humor, and so many other uplifting qualities, for which I am profoundly and sincerely grateful. Wide Horizon is a gift to the Christian Science community!

➤ I am grateful to be employed; to be of service as both a Christian Scientist and a Christian Science nurse.



Rest and Study for Spiritual Renewal



Do you need a quiet place for spiritual renewal? Do you desire an atmosphere conducive to strengthening your practice of Christian Science? Horizon House provides such a place and atmosphere. Come rest in the Truth and be embraced by the atmosphere of Love. Enjoy the idyllic surroundings and views of the mountains. Beautifully decorated private rooms are available for rest and study for only \$100 per night, which includes three meals daily and housekeeping as needed. Sometimes we offer seasonal specials, so check our website at www.widehorizon.org or call 303-424-4445 to arrange your next visit.



“The Bible teaches transformation of the body by the renewal of Spirit.” *Science and Health*, p. 241

Events

BIBLE ROADS with MADELON MAUPIN

Although Madelon Maupin’s academic background includes both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Biblical Studies, it is probably her 35 + years in business with a strong emphasis on written and verbal communication that prompts others to often say, “she makes the Bible come alive.” Madelon’s goal is to help others unlock the Bible’s many spiritual treasures. Her approach includes unpacking the history, politics, geography, religion, customs and culture of Biblical periods and books with the goal of helping the reader or listener.



We will explore the colossal Apostle Paul and a brief overview of six of his letters on Friday night. You will discover more about the major influences that shaped his thinking, his diverse audiences and key messages. The intent is to make the letters more distinct and understandable, showing the wide range of topics he addressed so relevant to Christians today as well as the 1st century.

On Saturday, we’ll delve into the gospel of Luke, which gives such a detailed picture of Jesus’ compassion for the downtrodden in society, and in the afternoon, we’ll explore the holy boldness with which the Good News traveled from Jerusalem all the way to the heart of the Roman Empire.

Friday, September 7

6:30 to 8:30 pm, “An Overview of Paul and His Letters”

Venue: Wide Horizon

Saturday, September 8

9:30 am to 12:00 pm, “Luke – Revealing God’s Universal Embrace”

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, “Acts of the Apostles – The Holy Spirit at Work”

Venue: Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist, Denver

Registration & Cost:

RSVP to info@widehorizon.org with subject line of “Bible Roads with Madelon Maupin.”

Cost is \$25 per session, or \$65 for all three.

Questions? Contact Norm Williams at nwilliams@widehorizon.org or 303-403-2450.

Join Tanya Perkins at Wide Horizon for a Hymn Sing Saturday, August 4, from 2 to 3:30 pm



Tanya Perkins, best known to the Christian Science community for her “Still with Thee” and “Lead Me to the Rock” CDs, will be leading a hymn sing as well as performing some hymns herself. Join Tanya and Wide Horizon for an inspiring afternoon of friend-raising.

Following the hymn sing at 3:00 pm there will be ice cream and treats.

Helyn Eitelman will accompany Tanya on the piano.

Tanya’s CDs will be available for purchase.

There is no charge for this event.
Please RSVP to nwilliams@widehorizon.org

Every Day is Big with Blessings

There is so much good taking place at Wide Horizon each day. We’ve added new lighting for improved safety, custom modern skylights for better natural lighting and energy efficiency, freshly painted buildings, and there’s always ongoing improvements indoors and outdoors. So, we invite you to come to our campus – to visit for a tour, to enjoy some quiet moments for spiritual renewal in Horizon House, to rejoice with grateful hearts in singing. You’ll feel and witness spiritual healing and progress that is evident every day.

Mary Baker Eddy wrote, “God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies. Never ask for tomorrow: it is enough that divine Love is an ever-present help; and if you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment.” (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 307)

Join with us in our gratitude for these “daily supplies” as we affirm that “divine Love is an ever-present help.” We believe Wide Horizon is one of God’s “spiritual ideas” – an idea that we cherish, an idea that is sustainable. So, we hold steadfastly to know that divine Love provides all that Wide Horizon needs every moment. Therefore, we thank God – and thank you too!

International Christian Science Nursing Days



Worldwide celebration of the ministry of Christian Science nursing. Workshops, talks and other events will be sponsored by Christian Science nursing organizations from California to Switzerland.

Explore Christian Science nursing as an avenue for spiritual healing!

<http://aocsn.org>

To celebrate the International Christian Science nursing days, Wide Horizon will be giving a workshop about Christian Science nursing:

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER
Saturday, September 29, at
Wide Horizon, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Christian Science nurses will be giving a workshop called “Caring for One Another,” which is designed to equip church members with practical skills and ideas that will enable them to feel more confident in reaching out to be of assistance to others. Lunch will be included. *(There’s no charge but donations are appreciated.)*

Blessings of a Healing Mission

In the spirit of the excerpt to follow, Wide Horizon has provided Christian Science nursing in Colorado for a vast region for more nearly 70 years. Our mission is to “provide Christian Science nursing, facilities, and support for those seeking healing accomplished through complete reliance on Christian Science as taught by Mary Baker Eddy.”

Excerpts from “The Christian Science Benevolent Association” in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of December 17, 1927:

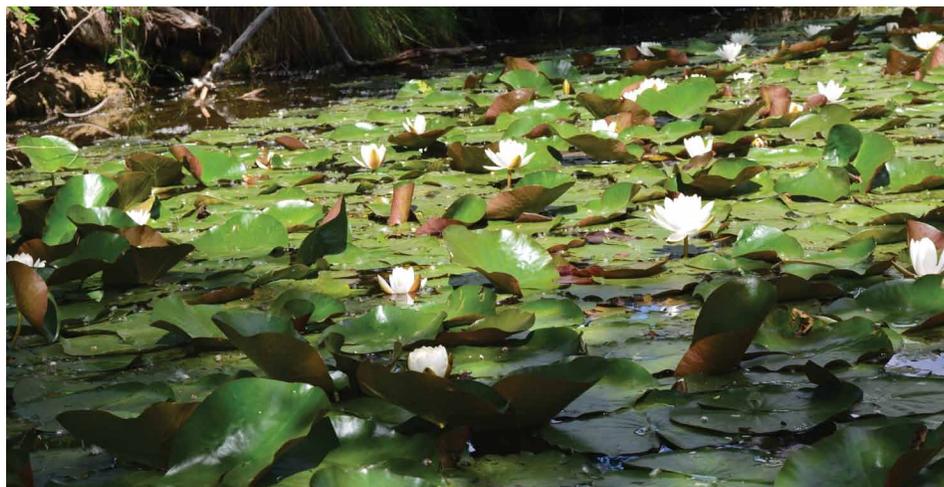
“This home is not only providing a place of shelter for those seeking relief from human ills who are able to assume the expense incident thereto, but at the same time the generosity of Christian Scientists throughout the field is providing for those who may be able to pay their expenses only in part or not at all, thus meeting the need of individuals, irrespective of personal financial circumstances....Christian Scientists everywhere should feel within themselves a thrill of joy in knowing that through this beneficent charity they are bringing to a great number

of people the healing which they seek. They should also feel that it is an influence in the world as an example of that Christianity which is so important as the animating spirit through which humanity is ultimately to find liberation from all its ills, and to discover what constitutes the eternal kingdom of heaven, now and everywhere...The idea of our Sanatorium[s], as presented by Mrs. Eddy, must be regarded as one of the most compassionate undertakings of our great movement.”

(Also see the pamphlet “The Healing Mission of the Benevolent Associations.” If you’d like to look up

the articles therein from *The Christian Science Sentinel*, these are the dates from which they originate: January 25, 1919; April 8, 1922; December 17, 1927; “Forget not all his benefits,” January 10, 1953; “The Christian Science Nurse,” November 28, 1942).

As we do, you will feel also an even greater degree of freedom now that Wide Horizon will no longer be part of a medical model of Medicare and healthcare insurance. We believe Wide Horizon is on the cusp of doing greater works for our community through an unencumbered, purer practice of Christian Science nursing. And, we think the spiritual concept of “Love’s work and Love must fit” will be even more evident than in the previous decades.





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2018 Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, October 21, at 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Wide Horizon

Where: 8900 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Keynote Speaker: Kate Mullane Robertson, C.S. of Buena Vista, CO

Theme: Christian Science Nursing within the Structure of Truth and Love

(Look for future announcements and mailing.)

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!*