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### **Christian Science Nursing Care for Sincere Seekers of Truth**

### Spring 2019

# Board & Volunteer Service

e are also happy to welcome Andrea McCormick to the Board of Directors. Andrea is a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Denver. And, we are very thankful for all Wide Horizon board members, investment committee members and all other volunteers who serve so ably and selflessly.



### **Privilege of Volunteering** By Virginia Rouse Dixon

have had the privilege of volunteering at Wide Horizon for more than nine years. It has truly been one of the most joyous experiences I have ever had! I get to witness the spiritual truth of Christian Science at work every day.

I see Wide Horizon as a home for growth, harmony and healing. It sits on a hill where you have spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains. There is large acreage where you can take a peaceful walk, enjoy the calm pond, and appreciate the garden areas. Yet, it offers so much more. There is such an atmosphere of God's love and peace.

The Christian Science nurses and support staff have been an inspiration to me! They each share a unity of



### *Rouse Dixon* thought and a genuine love for their fellow man. Not only do they give physical and prayerful support to each patient, there is such respect, care and love shown for one another.

I have had the privilege to assist various residents, and I've been humbled and touched by these dear longtime Christian Scientists. In my role, I can observe each one living God's truth. They each have helped me grow in so many ways.

When I started volunteering at Wide Horizon, I wanted to give back and show gratitude for the many blessings that Christian Science has offered me. Yet for everything I have given, I have received so much more in return! I am so grateful that we

# Spring Appeal – A Matching Opportunity

e are grateful to announce, as part of our 2019 spring appeal for the *Wide Appeal* for Sustainability campaign, we have a matching gift of \$50,000. All contributions received by June 15 will be doubled, for total potential contributions of \$100,000. Participation in this matching opportunity is an investment in the Christian Science nursing ministry at Wide Horizon. Thank you for your generous support!



as students of Christian Science are blessed to have Wide Horizon as a place for loving care, spiritual growth and healing.

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# An Opportunity for Spiritual Growth

By D. Brian Boettiger or more than 16 years in my role as Executive Director/CEO of Wide Horizon, I've approached

this work as being a steward of the organization. I feel this approach means serving Spirit first and foremost rather than an organization.



Being such a steward includes professionally and prayerfully supporting the continuous good works of Christian Science nursing. Gratefully, I've been part of a strong team of staff, volunteers, board members, donors, church members, and guests. Thus, continual prayer, communication and collaboration are keys to our collective success. This team often strives to demonstrate Science daily as we collectively continue to provide and/or see the utilization of our services.

To continue these services, it's also vital that the company has remained solvent in its operations. There have been trials, even tribulations, during these years. Each one has required me to be a more consecrated practitioner of Christian Science. And, the team has become stronger as Wide Horizon has weathered economic downturns and other challenges. Daily gratitude has been a key to witnessing greater good here.

Professionally, I've had the opportunity and privilege to be the point person on two substantial and successful building projects at Wide Horizon. I believe prayer and action work together hand-in-hand. During these projects, I strived to work from a firm spiritual and professional basis of "wisdom, economy, and brotherlylove" – which began before such projects and continues to this day.

I think Wide Horizon represents "a city set on a hill, a light on a candlestick" and a "structure of Truth and Love" – one that has operated uninterrupted and debt-free for nearly 70 years! Many of us here work to know Wide Horizon is supplied by Spirit, divine Love. It is therefore worthy of its continual sustainability through financial support and daily prayer.

Many guests and patients have been blessed by the remarkable tender spiritual care given by Christian Science nurses. Families often see the holy influence of this care firsthand, which helps to alleviate fear or concern. I'd say every guest, no matter what the human outcome may be, has experienced more fully the Christ, Truth, in their lives. This includes spiritual growth, a greater degree of peace, and a fuller understanding of man's sacred relationship with God.

And, my own spiritual growth stems from daily doing the best I can to be about our heavenly Father's business.





# Service Brings Blessings

By Lydia Roberts hen I was first appointed and then elected to the Board of Wide Horizon seven years ago, I brought with me many years of church experience and business experience. As rewarding as those experiences were in my spiritual growth, I am grateful to say I have gained so much more from my terms on the Board here at Wide Horizon.

Recognition and applause go first to the Executive Director and Director of Christian Science Nursing for their strong metaphysical work. Wide Horizon is the beneficiary of their dedicated years of service, which in turn fosters a healing atmosphere for the facility. The loving support given to all those within the bounds of Wide Horizon – staff, patients, guests, volunteers and board members – is truly a blessing.

Recently, a close relative was admitted as a patient. I witnessed firsthand the gentle, experienced loving care extended to this family member by the Christian Science nursing staff. I shared in some of the regular activities provided to the patients and ate some fine meals with this relative in the dining room.

I hope the gratitude and love I feel for Wide Horizon is communicated in this testimonial.

"To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings." *Science and Health, p. vii* 

# Christian Science Nursing Washes Away Error Like Spring Does Winter

By a volunteer

As a mom of a toddler, I was overcome with grief and disappointment after a second pregnancy ended in miscarriage. I was struggling physically, too, and suddenly lost consciousness. When I came to, I could hear my husband calmly reciting Mary Baker Eddy's poem "Mother's Evening Prayer," so I just stayed there listening to him finish, being very still. My husband helped me to bed and told me he had called a Christian Science practitioner for treatment to metaphysically help the family. At the practitioner's suggestion, my husband had also called a Christian Science nursing facility, and a Christian Science nurse was on her way.

Within an hour, things changed dramatically. It was as if a window had been opened and a fresh spring breeze was blowing away all sense of pain, sadness and discouragement. The Christian Science nurse arrived, prepared a meal and helped establish a completely different atmosphere – where human will and grief could yield to receptivity, wholeness, and – miraculously, to the mom – even joy. The sense of depression was simply gone.

My husband and I went on to have a very complete sense of family, and a profound appreciation for Christian Science nursing – which I found interrupts error like spring interrupts winter. At Wide Horizon, outpatient or emergency care is available at any time of day for individuals who can come to the facility for care. Wide Horizon's Christian Science nurses commonly provide services that can be accomplished in a short time, such as cleansing and bandaging of wounds or lighter services as nail care or assistance with a shower and shampoo. Wide Horizon also can often help to arrange for a Christian Science nurse to assist you in your home. We're just a phone call away!



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# It's Spring – Feel Refreshed

By D. Brian Boettiger he adage "April showers bring May flowers" comes to my thought due to recent Colorado spring snow showers. For years I've appreciated this statement from Mary Baker Eddy, who wrote, "The floral apostles are hieroglyphs of Deity" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 240). Thus, flowers can remind us of God's creation and of His glorious presence in our lives. Outdoors we will see subtle symbols of renewal and signs of promise that spring brings. We are reminded of jov. freshness, promise, and beauty. And, we can be grateful for God's constant comfort and care. We are therefore spiritually refreshed.



One of the highlights of my work at Wide Horizon is observing the many good works performed by a dedicated staff and volunteers as well as the little acts of kindness by both staff and guests. These acts of love by everyone are part of the activity of Christian Science nursing. Each job performed well and unselfishly supports this blessed activity of Christian healing. Divine Love is expressed in so many



wonderful ways at Wide Horizon. When we serve Spirit and acknowledge Love being present in our work and lives, we are refreshed each moment.



Christ Jesus' promise, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" comes to thought. This spiritual sense of peace is a present reality that never truly leaves us if our treasure is with God. Peace helps to enable us to think clearly and do good works unto others. When we seek to feel more peace in our lives, we demonstrate more peace in our interactions. The Master Christian always performed his work with his Father, God, with whom he knew "all things are possible." Let us follow in his way and feel refreshed by the unspeakable peace that comes with knowing God, Love.

Let us therefore feel freshness of Spirit and renewal of Soul. Yes, let us witness each budding floral apostle, give acts of kindness, see smiles on faces, and experience the healing presence of Christ, Truth. Together let us glorify our Father's heavenly work!



# Gratitude Rocks!

"Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more." *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 3* 

"Thank you again for all the care and love it takes helping put lives happily forward."

"You're doing a good and important work there! And you have a good team in place!"

"...with God all things are possible." – Mark 10:27



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### Wide Horizon Herald

## **Teamwork Every Day**

By Carol Hanauer eamwork is what we do here every day. One person cannot nurse 24 hours a day, cook meals for 20 guests, clean and maintain the grounds, manage the finances, answer the phone, wash the clothes, etc. It is good to realize we are already a unified body of individuals always working together in perfect harmony. We work together, having the same motives – working together for good for God.





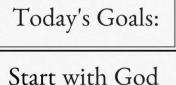


# Events at Wide Horizon

When we can, we love to extend the joyful and inspiring atmosphere at Wide Horizon more broadly through special events. Some of these events in 2018 were the Bible Roads talks with Madelon Maupin, the annual meeting with Kate Robertson, CS, a donor luncheon, a musical performance and voice workshops with Tanya Perkins, and a Principia Club Christmas Hymn Sing.

# Special events in 2019 will include:

- May 19 Give Your Voice Power workshop with Tanya Perkins
- June 8 Bible talk by Kristy Christian: Jesus the Master Healer and Scientific Christian
- October 20 Annual Meeting with Andrea Jenks McCormick, CS



Start with God Stay with God End with God

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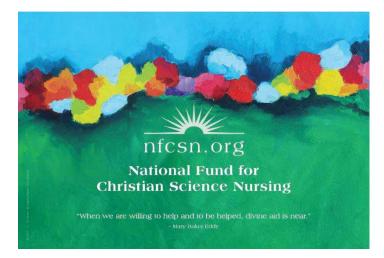
# **Donor Appreciation Luncheon – November 2018**

We are so grateful to have the support and input of our donors and enjoyed this Thanksgiving sharing with some of them in November. Have you been to Wide Horizon lately? We would love to meet with you or give you a tour. Have an idea that would help us make Wide Horizon even better? Please let us know!



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# 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 <u>www.nfcsn.org</u>.

### 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.





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# Save The Date – 2019 Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Main Building, Wide Horizon, 8900 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

**Theme & Talk Title:** "The High Calling of Christian Science Nursing"

Speaker: Andrea Jenks McCormick, CS, Denver, CO

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"The mission of Wide Horizon, Inc. 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."

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!*