

Spring Campaign Includes \$55,000 Matching Grant

Thanks in large part to generous donors, branch churches and foundations, Wide Horizon has been in continuous operation for seven decades as a non-profit corporation, having benefitted from continual support, metaphysically and financially, through challenging economic times and national emergencies. Wide Horizon remains open during this pandemic as an essential State-licensed “nursing care facility” in the health care industry, while first and foremost being a vibrant Christian Science nursing organization, fulfilling our mission by serving our guests and the community.

We need about \$140,000 more in individual and church donations before the end of our fiscal year on June 30 to meet our individual and church contributions goal. To help

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Wide Horizon continues operations, providing its services during this unprecedented national and global pandemic. As a State-licensed “Nursing Care Facility,” Wide Horizon is required to follow the guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Per these guidelines we have implemented emergency preparedness for infectious disease control. Some measures we have taken are:

- All visitation, including families, CS practitioners, volunteers, has been suspended.
- In lieu of visitation, Wide Horizon helps to facilitate phone calls or video calls to family members of guests.
- All special events on our campus have been postponed

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“Let us exalt His name together.” Psalm 34:3



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us a foundation has pledged a \$55,000 matching grant. New donations toward this goal will help Wide Horizon operate as normally as possible during this unusual time.

We also understand, however, that these are challenging financial times for many individuals and organizations. Even if you are unable to give financially at this time, we always truly appreciate whatever metaphysical support and prayers you may give us.

If you would like to donate, please go to <https://www.widehorizon.org/donate/> and scroll down to General Fund. Or, you can contact Norm Williams, Director of Development & Outreach, by phone at 303-403-2450 or by email at nwilliams@widehorizon.org.

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until further notice. (We still provide in-house activities for the guests to the degree possible.)

- Staff is following guidelines for “social distancing” on campus to the degree it is reasonable to provide care and services as well as required hand-washing and sanitizing procedures.
- Staff is wearing homemade and/or purchased masks as required.

We’re grateful for the way Marshall Ingwerson, Chief Executive Officer of Principia College, expressed the following sentiments. We have paraphrased, inserting Wide Horizon into these comments and with added emphasis.

“As global efforts to contain the Coronavirus escalate, we at [Wide Horizon] are supporting those efforts with every common sense step to keep all [patients, residents and staff] safe. We are also conscious of the importance of reassuring the larger communities around us dealing with this fear. We want to convey that we are safe neighbors and good fellow citizens. As Mary Baker Eddy writes, ‘When fear disappears, the foundation of disease is gone.’ (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 368)

Our goal is to lessen fear with everything we do by neither under-reacting nor over-reacting, but responding to the mental [and practical] need of the moment.”

All of us at Wide Horizon are grateful for the opportunity to grow together in service unto others.



In Memory of Robert (Bob) Schoenfeld

From Brian Boettiger:



From the day I met Bob more than 17 years ago, when he interviewed me for the position of

Administrator (Executive Director), he used to say he'd been around for "100 years." Yet in many ways he was ageless. Bob used the word "sweetie" a lot, mostly of his dear wife, Carolyn, who also loved and supported Wide Horizon beyond measure. And, those who knew Bob well, knew he was a crusty sweetheart. He taught Sunday School classes forever, at least "100 years," so many young students were blessed by his sage wisdom and intelligence. Bob's memos were detailed items almost equal to artistic masterpieces. Bob's experience as an engineer literally was instrumental to completing three building projects. His expertise, clear direction and kind guidance were invaluable to me on the latter two projects. In addition,

all of us at Wide Horizon who knew and worked with Bob are forever grateful for his professional mentorship, his business acumen, his dry humor, his caring nature, his keen intellect, his remarkable attention to details, his humble yet substantial generosity, and his being the best "Bob" for anyone who could call him "friend."

Jennifer Babcock: Bob gave from a true heart and was a dear friend of Wide Horizon.

Andrea McCormick: Our gratitude to Bob "runneth over!" I'm so grateful I got to be a part of our special luncheon when Bob was recognized for his years of service to Wide Horizon. He's a proverbial guardian angel to our facility and all who work here for years to come. "Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind..." and Wide is forever the blessed recipient of Bob's expression of Soul! (*Science and Health*, p.60)

Doug Patti: Bless Bob!

Bob Reiman: Gratitude is often speechless – silence in spiritual recognition of God's infinite goodness. I'm quietly grateful.

Bob believed in the good that Wide Horizon has been and is doing for the field. His last gift is his final vote of confidence! "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth!"

Lydia Roberts: Robert (Bob) Schoenfeld served the Christian Science Cause not least as a supporter of Wide Horizon. Bob was elected to the Board of Directors of Wide Horizon for a full nine years and re-elected in subsequent years. He served for a long time on the Investment Committee. At times, I think he was the Investment Committee. Bob volunteered his civil engineering expertise when Wide Horizon undertook much-needed campus building projects. Bob never wasted anything. It was a trademark of his. I have two examples. There is a copy of the March 2015 Wide Horizon investment report Bob so lovingly prepared monthly for the Board of Directors. Printed on the reverse side is a daily sheet from Sixth Church's Reading Room dated October 2010. I was the bookkeeper for our Reading Room in 2010 and gave Bob the sheets to recycle. Recycle he did. An even more special example is a copy of the Agenda for a Planning Meeting of the Wide Horizon Board dated April 2015. On the reverse side is a check register from his personal checking account dated February 1991. That is nearly a 25-year period between uses of that single sheet of paper. Bob and his gentle qualities will be missed, yet remembered with love and gratitude. His love and support of Wide Horizon and





Christian Science nursing knew no bounds. How grateful we are for his expression of love! Thank you, Bob.

David Shawaker: I am grateful to Bob for his long support of Wide Horizon through his active and forceful participation on the Board for many years and continuing support after his term on the Board expired. Especially, his knowledge and leadership were key to the successful completion of the major improvements in the physical plant at Wide in recent years. "Love inspires, illumines, designates and leads the way." (*Science and Health*, p. 454) Bob was certainly a reflection of those qualities.



Sue Wood: I am so grateful for all that Bob contributed for so many years. He helped a lot of us navigate our way through a number of challenging times at Wide Horizon. Although he may not have wanted people to know it, Bob was actually a really nice guy!

Nuggets of Gratitude

Wow! I just read this wonderful address which came a few days ago. So inspired! So grateful that it was sent out to The Wide family!

I was so inspired and touched by the mailing of the annual meeting at Wide Horizon, where I used to work. I stepped away from Christian Science nursing for personal reasons. This inspirational talk really inspired me & opened my heart, and I'm really praying about my place in Christian Science nursing. I just want to thank you for that!

My stay at Wide Horizon was loving and comfortable. All of the staff members were caring about each individual. I didn't need any physical care but all other care was given with love. I had come to Wide Horizon unable to walk without a cane or walker. I can now walk on my own.

**Happy
Joyous
Fetterless
Free
These are gifts God gives
You and me
Smile**

*By Adelia Sebald
(Former Guest)*

The Wide Horizon Campus - A Look Back with Gratitude

From 2011 to 2015, through the generous contributions from donors and foundations, new areas of the main building were constructed, existing spaces remodeled to provide more space for daily programs and to update the décor, and new buildings were added to the Wide Horizon campus. "These improvements made a huge difference," said Jan Dillingham, Activities Coordinator at Wide Horizon for more than 20 years. "Before these projects it was cramped in the main building," she said. "There was little room to do activities with the guests."

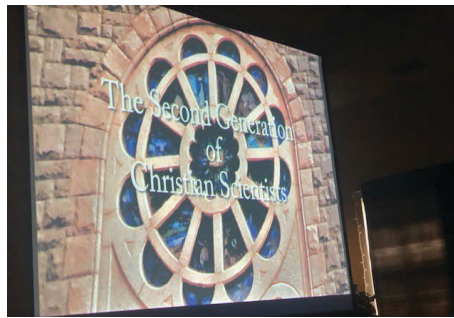
The construction expanded the main building by 3,900 square feet, which included a new kitchen and dining area, an activity room, and a living room. Existing areas throughout the building, including the lower or garden level, were remodeled and redecorated. The Christian Science nurses' station and patient rooms were redone. An auxiliary kitchen for nursing staff was also added, and a new library was designed in an old space. "Before the building was functional. Now it feels more like home. People are happy and proud to have their families visit," Dillingham commented. Furthermore, she feels the new and fresh sense of work space has supported Christian Science healing at Wide Horizon.



In addition, three new buildings were constructed for Christian Science nursing staff housing and a new building was created for the maintenance staff. After many years in difficult and cramped conditions, these spaces are much larger than older rooms and spaces. The maintenance building was built with a workshop, a garage, an office, and lots of storage space. Lukas Guennel, a co-manager of maintenance and grounds said, “We cannot say enough how wonderful it is to have the maintenance building! The modernized facility has allowed us to expand our in-house operations and do so much more here at Wide Horizon. The workshop is expansive and provides us with a clean and safe workspace to complete projects. All our equipment is safe from the elements and ready to go when needed. We are so grateful!”

This quote from Mary Baker Eddy about the “new” edifice of The Mother Church describes well the benefits of much needed and well-planned building expansion:

“It is inevitable that the transforming influence of Christian Science should improve the thought, enlarge the favorable expectation, and augment the achievements of its followers. It was inevitable that this mighty impulse for good should have externalized itself, ten years ago, in an edifice for The Mother Church. It is inevitable that this same impulsion should now manifest itself in a beautiful, ample building, embodying the best of design, material, and situation.”
(*Christian Science Sentinel*, May 16, 1903)



The Tutt Film Event

On March 8th Wide Horizon showed the documentary titled *The Dr. John Tutt Story* produced by the Effulgence Foundation to a full house. The film’s director, Darrell Dorr, who is also President of the foundation, gave enriching details and comments. The film covered Dr. Tutt’s extraordinary story of becoming a Christian Scientist and his contribution to the Christian Science movement as a teacher and lecturer as a part of the second generation of Christian Scientists after Mary Baker Eddy’s passing. This event is part of Wide Horizon’s on-going effort to provide its donors and friends with inspired Christian Science educational opportunities. Wide Horizon expects to show more of the Effulgence Foundation’s films which are listed at <http://www.theeffulgencefoundation.org/films-currently-available.html>.

None have been scheduled at this time.



“This is My Right Place”

“This is my right place. This is my fit. These are my people,” said Virginia Dixon, a volunteer.

After looking at many non-profit organizations for volunteer opportunities to be of service, Virginia found a home at Wide Horizon. Now for more than 10 years she has volunteered one day a week in various capacities, including reading to guests and walking with them. “Volunteering at Wide Horizon helps me grow in so many ways as a Christian Scientist,” she shared.

At one time, Virginia looked at other nursing care facilities for a family member in need of assisted living. She found that these didn’t have the atmosphere of Wide Horizon, which has a “palpable sense of peace and the expectancy and promise of healing.”

She prays about her work, and knows “God has put me in my right place and gives me the right words and actions for what is needed. 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. I’m so grateful that Wide Horizon exists as a place for loving care, spiritual growth and healing.”

“One in the larger thought of God; --

**The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon’s grander view;
The sense of Life that knows no death, --**

The Life that maketh all things new.”

*Christian Science
Hymnal, 218
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A Testimony of Christian Science Healing from the Archives of Wide Horizon

[NOTE: This testimony was written in April 2003. Alverna Bowen was in the public practice of Christian Science for about 60 years in Colorado. Alverna appreciated her brief stay at Wide Horizon so much that later on she became a resident at Horizon House, where she lived for several years. After she wrote this testimony, she had another decade of an active healing ministry as a Christian Science practitioner. She peacefully passed on in her late-nineties. We continue to be grateful for this testimony and for her generosity of Spirit, as she also left Wide Horizon a substantial gift from her estate.]

I offer this testimony with the hope that it will give courage to others who may be facing severe physical difficulties. ... I became limited in my movements with considerable discomfort. Since I am a widow and live alone, there came a morning when I was having extreme difficulty and the Christian Science practitioner who was praying for me said, "You need to be in a Christian Science nursing facility." I was taken to Wide Horizon and put in intensive [Christian Science nursing] care where I remained for five months, though part of that time I was in a wheelchair. I grew worse for a while and lost weight; however, this was a time of spiritual growth.

I spent all the time I could striving to thoroughly digest the teachings of the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's writings, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and *Prose Works*.... I also spent many hours in silent prayer for the world and myself, especially in the evenings, sitting in the dark and looking out at the stars. I poured out my heart to God. Desiring to obey Christ Jesus' first commandment to love God supremely above all else, I told our heavenly Father-Mother over and over that I loved Him with my whole being, and that no matter what the human condition seemed to be I loved Him (Spirit) more than all flesh. My motive was not to just have a comfortable body but to keep on loving more both God and His idea man. I thanked Him for fashioning me after His own likeness and for my being His spiritual child only. Beyond doubt and darkness, I affirmed that God was my Mind, my Life, my substance, my intelligence, my all, and I claimed no other. I knew my true selfhood to be His idea, His image, and not physique. My highest prayer was and still is: "Father, let you and me be one and let that One be you."

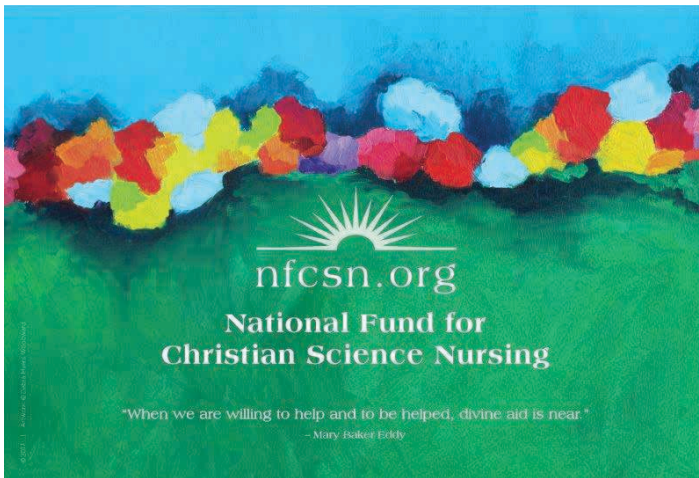
The physical condition seemingly affected my body from the top of my head to the tip of my toes. One time, a [Christian Science] nurse was helping me shower, and when I looked down at my body, she must have seen my shocked expression, for she said, "Don't believe the appearance." I had to do that to keep from being terribly frightened.

There was a point when I began to gradually improve. I tried to be helpful to others at Wide Horizon. I read Christian Science books and literature to other patients, read their mail to them and helped write their letters. When it was evident that I was getting well enough to go home, the [Christian Science] nurses started preparing me for this event. In order to regain my confidence in driving, one nurse urged me to get into a car wearing house slippers on my feet and had me do some driving in a residential area. Shortly after that she took me to a shoe store where I was fitted with shoes two and a half sizes larger than I am wearing now (my normal size) and then had me drive in traffic. I was and am so grateful for the loving and strong support of such wonderful nurses who helped me demonstrate my God-given dominion.

... when I returned home, friends from church cleaned my house and brought me food, but it wasn't long before I was entirely on my own with the One God.

I am now in my mid-eighties, and my movements are free and easy. In fact, I am agile and feel strong. I easily do my house and yard work, and take care of all my affairs. I'm active as usual in my church. A visiting friend has said, "You haven't changed in twenty years." How wonderful it is to know that Divine Love is infinite and good to all! I rejoice that all healing is possible to God!

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.

Monthly Giving

We appreciate our generous donors’ long-term commitment to Wide Horizon shown by monthly donations, which helps to provide a steady source of income to support Christian Science nursing operations. If you’d like to give monthly, contact Norm Williams at 303-403-2450.



The Principle Foundation offers special financial support during this pandemic via an economic interruption grant program. For more details go to <https://principlefoundation.org/relief/>



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart...” Proverbs 3:5



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