

## 2021 Annual Meeting

**“Behold, today has need of you”** is this year’s theme (derived from hymn 6 in the *Christian Science Hymnal*). The date, format and speaker will be announced later this spring.

## Christian Science Nurses Needed

Wide Horizon continues operations yet is in need of experienced Christian Science nurses. So, if you or someone you know is interested, come to beautiful Colorado to contribute to Wide Horizon’s Christian Science nursing team. Inspired fresh perspective is welcome! Competitive salary, housing perk and other great benefits included! Be blessed by working at a Mile High in an atmosphere of Love!

Contact Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing, at 303-403-2471.



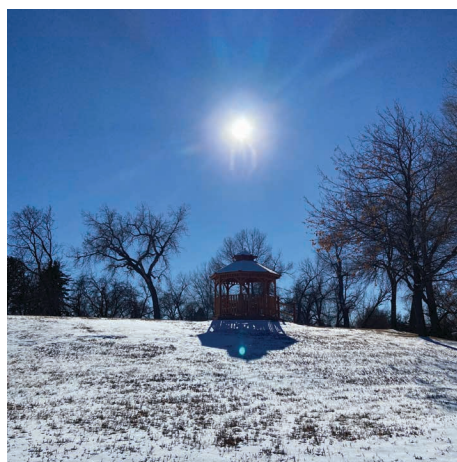
## Welcome New Directors

We are so grateful that Lynn Reiff of Fort Collins, CO, and Neil Kearney of Boulder, CO, have joined the Wide Horizon team as new board members! Both Lynn and Neil, who are solid experienced metaphysicians, bring much business acumen, thoughtfulness and new perspectives to the board. (see list of Board of Directors)

## Brian’s Blog



Checkout a weekly blog by Wide Horizon’s CEO at <https://www.widehorizon.org/news/> on various topics such as Keep the Faith, Hope Springs Eternal, Being Orderly, Celebrating Women, Liberty, Love. It’s usually posted Monday mornings.



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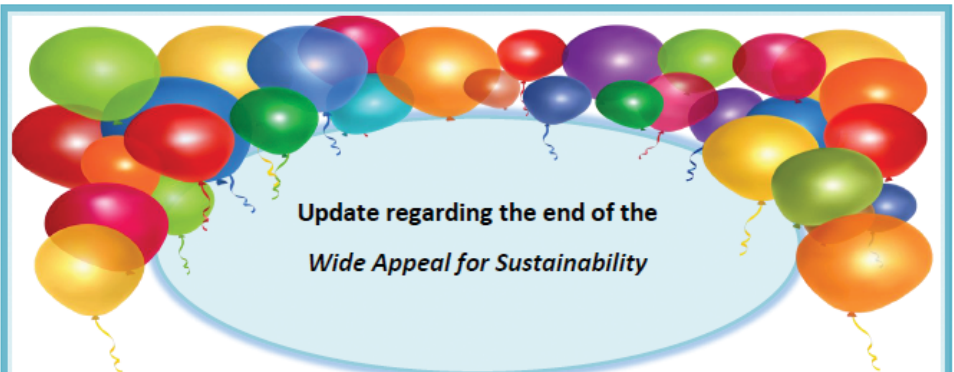
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*“Behold, today has need of you...”*



## Celebration of Citizenship

We are overjoyed that Laurier Nsekukila has recently become a U.S. citizen. Laurier is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He is a graduate of Principia College and a former Journal-listed Christian Science nurse (trained at Tenacre and Wide Horizon), and he earned an MBA from Columbia Southern University. Laurier is currently Manager of Human Resources at Wide. Most importantly he is a compassionate and caring man. Laurier and his lovely wife, Joelle, are loving parents of their toddler daughter, Paris! Congratulations Laurier!



Glory Halleluia! We are joyously grateful to announce that Wide Horizon's campaign *Wide Appeal for Sustainability* is ending because of the generosity of our donors during the past four years!

In July 2017 Wide Horizon publicly launched the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability* campaign. This five-year campaign was a component of a new business plan – partly in appreciation of our Christian Science nurses and consideration of our wide field. The objective of this campaign was to: 1) provide continuity and sustainability of Wide Horizon's Christian Science nursing services; 2) lovingly increase wages of Christian Science nurses; 3) reasonably maintain rates for the care of patients.

Our goal was to receive six million dollars over five years in support of this purpose. We invited your prayers, appreciation, feedback, and financial support for this campaign, which you gave plentifully. To fulfill this campaign was considered essential to our collective work together. So, with heartfelt thanks to individuals like you, churches, and foundations, we have met our objectives and goals before the end of the campaign's five years. Therefore, in light of this tremendous success, we are closing the books on the *Wide Appeal for Sustainability*.

The money Wide Horizon received has helped and will continue to help cover operational costs which ultimately provide our Christian Science nursing services. And, although the individuals may not know you personally, our Christian Science nurses, patients, residents and staff – who either give or receive the loving care at Wide Horizon – are sincerely grateful for your generosity and loving support. So, "O magnify the Lord with [us], and let us exalt His name together." (Psalm 34:3)

Thank you!  
Wide Horizon Board of Directors  
March, 2021



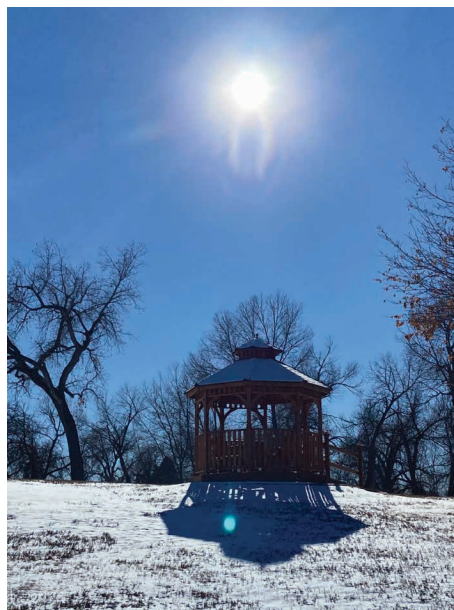
## Nuggets of Gratitude

About the Zoom workshop on “The Vital Role of Testimonies: Blessing the Public” by Dr. Joan Bernard Bradley, on 2/20/2021

- Thank you so much for that incredibly important webinar on the vital role of testimonies given for the public. Gratitude saved my life at one point, so this is definitely dear to my heart. (Jr. 10-2014) But the history of the unfoldment of the mid-week meeting and the need to testify to and for the community was brought out so well. Loved it! Thank you!
- Thank you, the workshop was wonderful and very informative.
- This was a wonderful two hours! I am grateful for everything Dr. Bradley shared. She is a delightful, knowledgeable person! I learned that testimony meetings are for the public. I always thought they were for recognizing and thanking God for our blessings and healings.
- Loved the workshop.
- The program on “The Vital Role of Testimonies” was a terrific experience.
- I REALLY enjoyed your presentation and inspiration. Thank you for sharing.
- Amazing Event. Thank you so much. It was so well thought out and prepared. Perfect timing, perfect balance. Please share this feedback with the rest of those of you who put it together.
- I’m so grateful that Wide offered such a fun, informative and deeply inspiring talk, and that so many people listened in and participated. Outstanding speaker! Thanks to all!
- I thought the presentation was

excellent and a lot of new (to me) information. Thank you!

- I thought the event today went off beautifully, and people really appreciated the information and the invitation to consider the Wed. evening testimony meetings in a fresh light.
- The logistics were excellent. Thank you for all your efforts and prayer. Very nicely done.
- This was a lovely sharing and thank you so much for facilitating it. Surely, we will see fruitage from it in our own branch church and throughout the world.
- Thank you! So informative, well-formatted, and inspiring. A wonderful reminder of what we are really all about as a movement.
- I was thrilled with the workshop. It was an amazing event. It was an example of the whole-hearted appreciation for Christian Science felt from the very beginning of Christian Science and even so today.
- Thank you so much for this gift. Blessings...



## More Nuggets

- A patient shared a lovely testimony that occurred recently in March. She woke up in the night with a very severe headache. She turned on the light, opened *Science and Health*, at random, and by the time she finished reading a particular paragraph, the headache was gone. She turned off the light and went back to sleep and had a restful night in Truth.
- From patient who returned home: The past six months for me have been a blessing. The experience could never have been anticipated, but God has been guiding the plan. Wide Horizon, as a Christian Scientist facility with its administrators, nurses and support staff all cared for my initial three months. The many lessons I learned for the first three months carried me through the next three months. The Executive Director has been a shepherd to Wide Horizon for the past eighteen years. My own various experiences with Wide Horizon span one half of these same years. Wide Horizon is a valuable corporation. I value all the employees and volunteers who have served the organization in past years and those who are serving now. God has been blessing Wide Horizon. Gratefully, ...





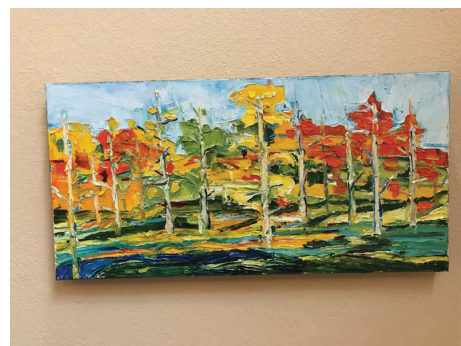
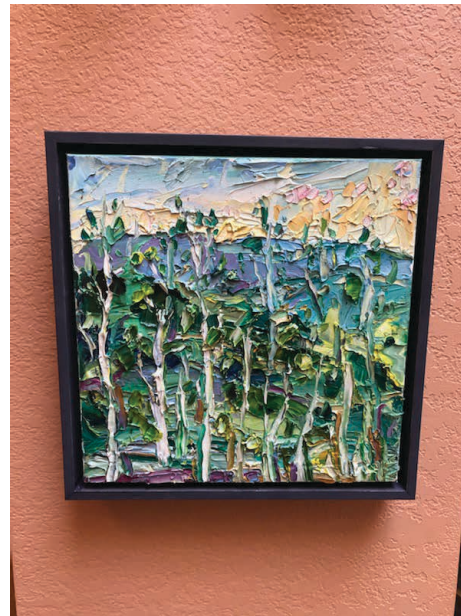
## ART AT WIDE

Enjoy colorful art and crafts made by residents and staff at Wide Horizon.



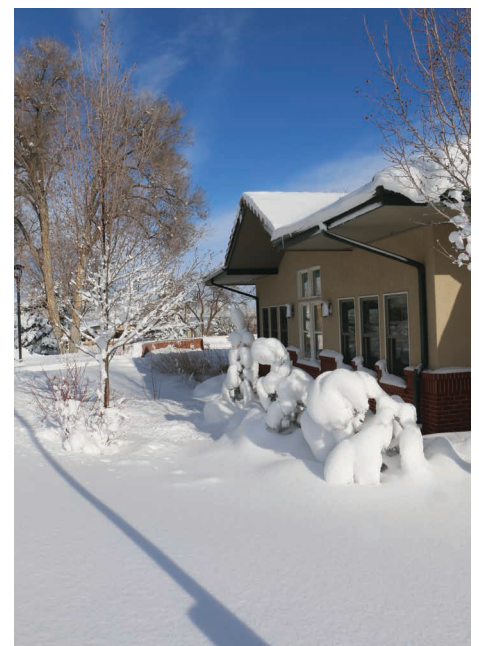
## WIDE GIFTS

Happy to show these three beautiful paintings by Jodie Maurer ([www.jodiemaurer.com](http://www.jodiemaurer.com)).



## WIDE WINTER

Enjoy a collection of photos by Allison Mosley, Christian Science Nurse.



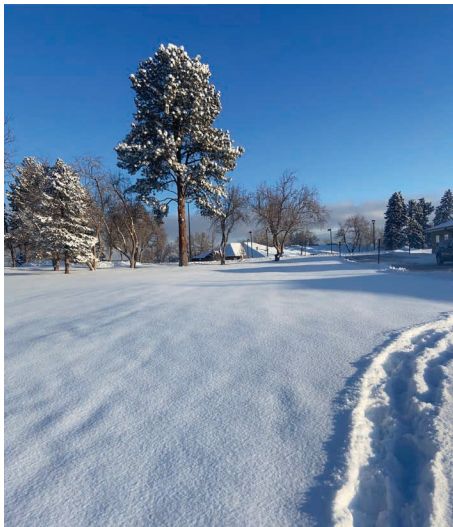




**“One in the larger  
thought of God; --  
The freer step, the fuller  
breath,  
The wide horizon’s  
grander view;  
The sense of Life that  
knows no death, –  
The Life that maketh all  
things new.”**

*Christian Science Hymnal, 218*  
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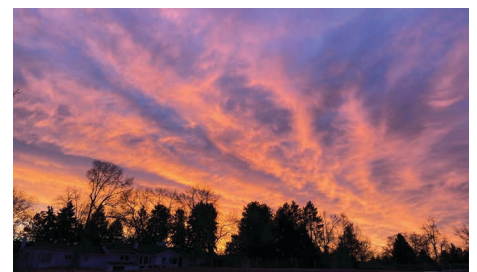
## Monthly Giving



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.

## Operational Costs Ongoing

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. 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](mailto:nwilliams@widehorizon.org).





## Helen Farmer: The Journey of One Christian Science Nurse at Wide Horizon

By Norm Williams

“I never had a problem knowing what I wanted to do with my life. Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to help people. When I was 12 years old, I joined the American Red Cross and volunteered at a nursing home in Aurora for several summers. When I was older, I volunteered at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital during the Vietnam era,” says Helen Farmer during an interview about her retirement from Christian Science nursing at Wide Horizon.

Helen’s journey to become a Christian Science nurse began when her mother enrolled her in the Christian Science Sunday School as an 8-year-old. She attended for several years. Later, during her senior year in high school, she was asking questions such as, “Why am I here? What is life’s purpose? Who and what is God?” So, she returned to the Christian Science Sunday School for answers.

In the fall, she began taking classes at Metropolitan State College in Denver, pursuing a mental health degree. She discovered that what she was learning in psychology classes was contradictory to her new found discovery of spiritual identity, as



taught in Christian Science.

One Sunday she picked up a pamphlet in the Sunday School titled *Your Career as a Christian Science Nurse* that led her to pursue it as a career. “I was so excited about who I was, learning about my identity as the spiritual child of God, that I thought maybe I could become a Christian Science nurse,” she says. Soon, while still a teenager, she started working at Wide Horizon as a Christian Science nurse’s aide.

In 1972 she began training at the Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association in Boston, MA, to become a “Graduate Christian Science Nurse.” As part of her training, she spent 3 months each for further schooling at two other Christian Science care facilities: Tenacre in New Jersey to care for the mentally ill and Lambscroft in Wisconsin to care for children with emotional problems. In 1976 she finished her training, and began working again as a Christian Science nurse at Wide Horizon. Over the decades since, she spent cumulatively 20 plus years working at Wide Horizon, while taking time

off to be a stay-at-home mom, travel with her husband to job sites, and care for her parents.

There were important lessons along the way. She learned how to deal with difficult pictures in the sickroom. “I needed to really understand that material sense testimony is illusory, not substantial. Spirit is substance, Spirit is our dwelling place, our life, not limited physicality.” In addition to ensuring safety, cleanliness, and nourishment for the patients, she demonstrated cheer, expectancy of good, compassion, friendship, non-judgement, and a sense of fun to support healing. These qualities reflected those listed by Mary Baker Eddy when she wrote, “The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 395, lines 18-20). She went on to become a Supervisor and have a long fulfilling career at Wide Horizon.

“I love Wide Horizon. I value all my colleagues. I think of everyone as family. I will always be grateful for Wide Horizon,” she says.

Since retirement, Helen welcomes the increased opportunity for deeper study of Christian Science, thereby becoming a better Christian Science practitioner for the world community. She also enjoys writing submissions to the Christian Science Publishing Society.



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



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