

## “Trust in the Lord...a continuation”

by D. Brian Boettiger

“Trust in the Lord...” was the lead article in the winter 2023 issue of the Wide Horizon Herald. I’ve asked the “Editor-in-Chief” to indulge me in what I’d write regarding this issue. He said, “Yes!”

Many of you may have heard that I’ll be leaving Wide Horizon June 30<sup>th</sup> to begin a new chapter of my professional and personal life. I fondly remember being hired in early 2003 after 12 years as a Christian Science practitioner. I recall my first day in my new role – February 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a very cold winter day. Wonder of wonders, here we are more than 20 years later – a surprise given that I told the board at that time I’d commit to 3 years! I was somewhat new to Christian Science nursing and non-profit organizational work, yet I was eager to learn and perform. Although I love Wide Horizon and have committed much of my life to it, often with personal sacrifices, I’ve strived to serve Spirit, God, and not an organization, in all ways. I’ve trusted in the Lord a lot during these years of lessons learned—some hard as a worldwide pandemic; some smooth as a glassy alpine lake on a calm sunny day. I’ve done the best I could to listen, to follow, no matter how rugged the way may have been,



and I’ve sought often the guidance of our heavenly Shepherd, divine Love. I’ve appreciated the board of yesterday which, as my beautiful bride said at the time, took a chance on me. (There have been plenty of challenges; but more moments of rejoicing.) I’m even more grateful for my spiritual and professional growth while serving at Wide Horizon, desiring to bless its community. I believe I’ve helped build a strong team, and have worked with many different co-workers, (most who became friends, some cherished always). Perhaps you’ve



heard in sports or corporate work, there’s no “I” in TEAM? Well, for years I’ve shared that TEAM is

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“Together Everyone Achieves More” – especially when we work together in Christ’s name for one purpose. Currently it’s an amazing team of individuals who work together collectively and collaboratively. I’ve especially enjoyed working closely with a remarkable Director of Christian Science Nursing, whose dedication and commitment is unsurpassed. And, I’ve met, gotten to know, and have appreciated caring for many consecrated dear guests who have made a stand to completely rely on Christian Science. I’ve many more relationships than previously, with such good people, including so many donors to Wide. I’ve co-elbowed with a lot of board directors during these years, genuinely appreciating their individual talents, selfless volunteer service, intelligence, humor and perspectives, and most of the time, I’ve felt supported, sometimes praying and sometimes laughing with them.

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# Lilacs in Spring

by Jennifer Babcock



This poem came all at once during spring, as I was mulling over this familiar passage from THE BIBLE:



“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now are we the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed

what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, even as He is pure.” (1 John 3: 1-3, NKJV)

**My beloved child,**

**Receive my love the same way you breathe in the fragrance of lilacs**

**Full-face in the blossoms**

**With your whole attention**

**With your whole breath**

**With delight**

**My love for you is like their fragrance, sweet and strong**

**In the morning, wake up loved**

**In the mirror, see yourself loved**

**Move through your hours in a fragrant cloud of My Love for you**

**Be loved.**

~Jennifer Babcock



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Also, I’ve enjoyed working with so many dedicated colleagues in the Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing, the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organization/Facilities, and The Principle Foundation. I have marveled about the many wonderful Christian Scientists who have devoted and continue to devote their lives to Christian Science nursing. It’s truly been an honor!

During these years, a number of times I’ve either sought out or been recruited to work elsewhere—often in California from which I moved to Colorado in 1991. Yet evidently God has had a different plan for me. From this I’ve learned to listen better, trust more, and follow obediently. My proverbial cup of experiences has been rich and running over.

I often think of the various roles performed at Wide Horizon. All are essential to the whole. Even though there’s an organization chart that appears hierarchical, no one person or role is more important than another. Certainly, my role has demanded different responsibilities and tasks for years, yet each individual is important for the team to succeed. Comparing 2003 to 2023, I can honestly say that Wide Horizon is in better shape than when I began, and I’m confident that Wide will continue to prosper in God’s abundance as the entire Wide team works together in heavenly harmony and with holy purpose. I therefore know with you all, in the words of our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, that “Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 454).

It’s been both a blessing and a privilege. That’s all folks!



# Celebrating a Score of Prayer and Progress

by Jennifer Babcock, Board President

**B**rian Boettiger's first day at Wide Horizon was February 10, 2003. He came to Wide Horizon from his work in the public practice of Christian Science, which proved an apt preparation for a role that would daily require elasticity of thought and action to address the myriad challenges involved in overseeing a Christian Science nursing facility.

Under Brian's direction these past 20 years, Wide Horizon has seen remarkable progress in its financial security, its modern and beautifully designed facilities, its role in supporting the progress of the Christian Science nursing worldwide, its diverse and committed staff—all while staying unwaveringly committed to its mission.

Brian has overseen the expansion of the main building (formerly the North building); the refurbishing of Horizon House; construction of the Cottages, which have been full since completion; and the complex dismantling of the South building. He's nurtured staff and supported their professional growth across the organization, building highly effective teams in each department. He's readied Wide Horizon for inspections by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, and in these past years, has successfully navigated the entire organization through the recent Covid-19 pandemic, while ensuring the purity of Christian Science nursing.



I could go on listing accomplishments and Brian's qualities and strengths—from strategic planning, effective communication and financial acumen, to work ethic and servant leadership.

But what I want to talk about are the less tangible contributions Brian makes to Wide Horizon on an everyday basis. For one, Brian is keenly interested in

everything that goes on at Wide, and everyone here—whether staff or guest. He's interested in the lighting along the front drive as well as the slash pile in the northwest corner. He wants to know how the residents liked their breakfast, how the new dumb waiter is working for the housekeeping staff, what the maintenance staff think is the best shingle for the roof, and what metaphysical theme the Christian Science nursing staff are focused on this month. Excellence matters in the big things and the smallest of details. Brian is a valued facility inspector; an excellent speaker and writer; a manager attentive to detail and finances; and a trusted leader—but if there is staff shortage in the kitchen, he is there to wash dishes or serve in the dining room; or if there's a problem on the grounds, he's at the ready, boots on, helping.

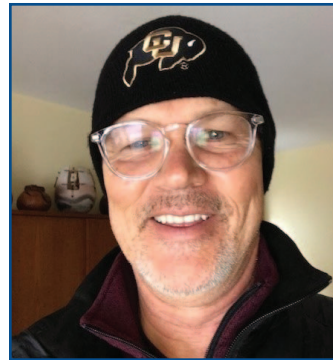
Brian turns relationships with vendors, with board members, with colleagues and mentors into enduring friendships, where no gift

or support or service to Wide Horizon is forgotten or goes unappreciated. He extends his compassion and caring to the whole Wide Horizon family of patients, staff, volunteers and supporters.

And what no one can miss about Brian is his deep love for God and his dedication to Christian Science. His prayerful approach to every challenge that confronts an executive director is certainly a defining characteristic, and something I deeply admire about Brian.

And being prayerful and disciplined never keeps Brian from laughing right out loud, appreciating a beautifully designed car, extending an exuberant greeting, sharing a heartfelt hug, or shedding an occasional tear when moved.

Thank you, Brian, for keeping the lights on at Wide Horizon these past two decades, and for shining your light here every day.



# How Far...from Tanzania to Colorado

by Winnie Mbache Koderu, Christian Science Nurse

I look around, and take a peek at the side mirrors to see how far I've come [as a Christian Science nurse and student of Christian Science]. I pause to reflect on my future. All I see are blessings. So here I go with my gratitude for being at Wide Horizon. Today my heart is full of gratitude for the management and the whole Wide Horizon family. I'm grateful for this opportunity. I am grateful for accepting me to be part of this great team, for being patient with me and for teaching me how to become a better Christian Science nurse every day of my life. I'm deeply grateful for the fact that the management team is helping me with my immigration paperwork, as far as



my staying in the U.S. is concerned. It's not something I take for granted. And now, I am grateful for the brand-new opportunity awarded to me, the fact that I can go to school and still work. I've always wanted to go to college in the U.S.—to experience it. And, Wide Horizon helping me to finance it is a blessing. I wish there was a better word than thank you. Spiritually this has taught me a lot as well. It has shown me how Divine Love works. I feel blessed and this is the kind of love I'll love to share with everybody else out there. I am so grateful and forever indebted. In Swahili we say, ASANTE SANA!

## GOOD NEWS!

We are seeing a lot of smiles at Wide Horizon! We don't have to do daily symptomatic screening, and we're no longer required to wear facemasks. We rejoice in this progress and freedom. Although visitors are required to check-in, facemasks are optional.

We're all breathing better and smiling a lot now, and guests are seeing our happy faces and smiling BIG too! I've even witnessed some happy dancing in halls!



***“Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.”***

*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 454, Mary Baker Eddy*

## Job Opportunities

**Activities:** Wide Horizon still has an opening on our activities team for part-time help conducting daily creative group activities all of which support our Christian Science nursing staff and the healing mission of Wide Horizon.

**Reception:** Join our team as a part-time receptionist who greets all visitors and supports staff and guests on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Christian Science Nursing:** Join the Wide Horizon team of Christian Science nurses! Experienced

individuals are encouraged to consider beautiful Colorado to contribute to Wide Horizon's healing ministry. Inspired fresh perspectives are welcome! Competitive salary and other great benefits are included!

***Be blessed by working at a Mile High in an atmosphere of Love!***

**Please contact** either Laurier Nsekukila, Director of Human Resources, at 303-403-2454 or [lnsekukila@widehorizon.org](mailto:lnsekukila@widehorizon.org), or Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing at 303.403.2471 or [swood@widehorizon.com](mailto:swood@widehorizon.com).

**We look forward to hearing from you!**





## Spring Appeal 2023: *Goal \$250,000*

Dear Friends,

Our Spring Appeal this year will serve two purposes. We have merged the previously announced House Appeal with our annual Spring Appeal. Wide Horizon is purchasing a house near our campus for housing Christian Science nursing staff at subsidized rates until they are able to sustain themselves on their own. We are seeking \$150,000 in donor contributions for the house. At the same time, Wide Horizon needs \$100,000 to cover spring operations expenses that support Christian Science nursing care. The total goal combined is \$250,000 for the Spring Appeal. It lasts until June 30.

We realize that you get many requests for donations from non-profits, so we especially appreciate your continued generosity in support of our important work.

You can give to the Spring Appeal on our website with a credit or debit card or by PayPal, or you can send a check to:

Wide Horizon, Inc.  
C/O Business Office  
8900 West 38th Avenue  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

With much gratitude for all support to Wide Horizon!



## 2023 EVENTS

**EFFULGENCE FILM** on Paul Stark Seeley at Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist, Denver, occurred on March 26, 2023 and was well-attended by more than 60 folks, even with the inclement weather.

### **SERVANT LEADERSHIP: ITS BIBLICAL ROOTS**

by Dr. Joan Bradley via Zoom on May 21, 2023 at 2:30 pm MDT

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING|**

Location: Wide Horizon

Theme: "Behold, what manner of love..."

Speaker: Linda Kohler Williams, Christian Science Nurse

Date: October 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm MDT

### **SAVE THE DATE! MARK SAPPENFIELD,**

Editor of The Christian Science Monitor,  
via Zoom on November 11, 2023 (time TBD)





Mary Baker Eddy wrote to her young student James Neal, who also was a successful Christian healer, **“Pray daily, never miss praying, no matter how often: “Lead me not into temptation”, - scientifically rendered, - Lead me not to lose sight of strict purity, clean pure thoughts; let all my thoughts and aims be high, unselfish, charitable, meek, - spiritually minded. With this altitude of thought your mind is losing materiality and gaining spirituality and this is the state of mind that heals the sick.”**

*(Mary Baker Eddy Christian Healer Amplified Edition, p. 238)*



*“Enduring Beauty” ~ Original watercolor painting by Annie Thayer*





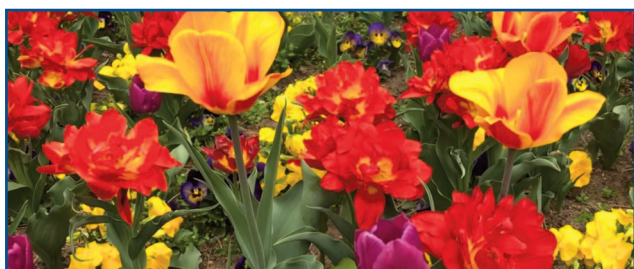
**O Life that maketh all things new,**  
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;  
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew,  
In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,  
From eye to eye the signals run,  
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,  
The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,  
One in the joy of paths untrod,  
One in the heart's perennial youth,  
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.

*(Samuel Longfellow, Christian Science Hymnal 218)*





## Why I Value Wide Horizon

by Lynn Reiff, Director

I value Wide Horizon and serve on the Board because Wide Horizon makes such a significant difference in the lives of Christian Scientists in a time of need. Think about this, “What if Wide Horizon were not here—where else would we go?”

My mother experienced the loving care and atmosphere at Wide Horizon in the 1990s. She expressed her deep gratitude for so much, but especially for the Christian Science nurses who would sing to her at night. Of them, she said it was like listening to the angels singing!

Wide Horizon gives us the opportunity to keep our attention on the real man, the true man, the image and likeness of God.

When thinking about Wide Horizon, I recalled an article by

William Milford Correll titled “Organization—Menace or Tool?” in The Christian Science Journal, January 1977. In it

he stated, “... the Christ is being manifested to mankind in the most direct manner... To be able to bring to humanity some understanding of the nature of God as Spirit and of man made in the likeness of God is to show how, through spiritualization of thought, one may come to the solution of every problem on the human scene. As long as we keep this in mind, we will preserve the right perspective and keep our eyes on the goal of healing....”



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## Volunteers

Most non-profit organizations gratefully rely on and welcome volunteers who do so much to support the programs and activities of the entity. Wide Horizon has been grateful to have wonderful giving volunteers, including many board members, throughout its entire history.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jan Dillingham at 303-403-2469.



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# Greetings from Wide's Newest Board Member

by Cathy Veges, Director

I am grateful for the opportunity to be serving as Wide Horizon's newest Board member. Expectancy of healing "through complete reliance on Christian Science as taught by Mary Baker Eddy" is an integral part of Wide Horizon's mission. As a fourth generation Christian Scientist, I grew up knowing only complete reliance on Christian Science for healing and trusting wholeheartedly in God, Mind, for all aspects of life. I have witnessed numerous healings for my and family members' well-being through this wholehearted trusting. A favorite hymn has been

"Everlasting arms of Love" (#53), which has sustained me through many experiences and challenges.

I am a retired Teacher Librarian; during my nearly 30 years as an educator, I consistently saw proof of



God's care, protection, supply, right activity as a result of putting into practice daily prayer. Since high school, I have been an active member of several

Christian Science churches in different states. Currently I belong to First

Church, Denver. My husband, Bob, and I enjoy many activities together such as skiing, biking, golfing, traveling, reading.

I have known several friends and two family members who have been recipients of the loving care from Christian Science Nurses at Wide Horizon, so this facility holds a special place in my heart. For me, financial and prayerful support of Wide Horizon is necessary in order to continue providing an atmosphere conducive to healing, wherein Christian Scientists, who find themselves needing nursing care, can expect complete healing.

## Wide Horizon Legacy Community

Wide Horizon Legacy Community members are supporting the future of Christian Science nursing with an estate gift. There are different ways to help:

- Bequest in your will or living trust
- Naming Wide Horizon as a beneficiary (e.g., IRA or life insurance)
- Charitable Trust

These gifts help ensure that Wide Horizon can provide Christian Science nursing care to our community in the years and decades ahead. The right approach is whatever is right for you.

*For more information, please contact Norm Williams at or 303-403-2450. All inquiries will be received in confidence.*

## Resources

  
[www.principlefoundation.org](http://www.principlefoundation.org)

**NATIONAL FUND for CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING**  
[www.nfcsn.org](http://www.nfcsn.org)

**Caring for Christian Scientists Call Center**  
 800-930-3797

**RiperYears**  
[www.RiperYears.org](http://www.RiperYears.org)



*"Agree with God and be at peace..." Job 22:21 NRSV*

## Nuggets of Gratitude

- Thank you so much for sharing with me your Winter 2023 Newsletter, it was a pleasure reading it! It fills my heart to remember that wherever Christian Science nurses are Love is going in full force!
- Thank you so much for the informative discussion and tour of Wide Horizon buildings and grounds—it was so helpful and eye-opening. I couldn't get enough of the grander view from the hilltop. The high level of care and dedication is so evident among all staff in supporting patients who are needing this assistance. I'm daily appreciating this new opportunity to be actively supporting Wide Horizon. Much appreciated.
- A resident in the main building shared her gratitude for the kindness here at Wide.
- Another resident expressed her gratitude for the kitchen staff making the effort to accommodate her requests, their kindness and the fact that they listen.
- A resident in Horizon House was also grateful for the kindness here at Wide Horizon and enjoys her apartment. She added that she has all she needs and is grateful for the wonderful food and the music that she hears over her speakers in her room. Grateful to be here!
- Another resident was grateful to know that "progress is the law of God" and that she has seen so much progress in another resident.
- A different resident expressed her gratitude for Wide Horizon and the loving care she experiences and witnesses here, sharing that her family members are reassured by her being safely at Wide.
- I am so sincerely grateful for the consecrated, honest, selfless Christian Science nurses who serve and who have served at Wide Horizon.
- A resident expressed gratitude for all individuals at Wide Horizon, particularly kitchen and housekeeping staff for their joy, love and support, for being so accommodating,
- Thank you to all who willingly adhere to Principle, Love, in all they do!
- Kudos to the kitchen staff for the vegetarian meals which are excellent!
- A resident wrote: After my husband passed on, and while living alone in our home in Florida, it occurred to me to live in a Christian Science nursing facility. After much prayer, the thought came to visit four or five nursing facilities in the eastern part of the country. Even though I knew of and admired Wide Horizon, I felt I could not consider it because of unhappy relations with a close family member who lived in Denver. Feeling pressure to make a decision, I chose one of the facilities I had visited. I was still praying about my pending relocation, and I called the family member to share the upcoming move to a Christian Science facility. To my surprise the response was, "Did you consider Denver?" This was a "Wow" moment! I then realized that moving to Denver would not cause any family problems. So, after more prayer, I visited Wide Horizon and was immediately convinced it was indeed the right place for me. I was lovingly accepted, and happily moved in shortly thereafter. It's now well over a year later. I have been totally happy and satisfied, and remain more grateful than words can possibly express. This was indeed an answered prayer!

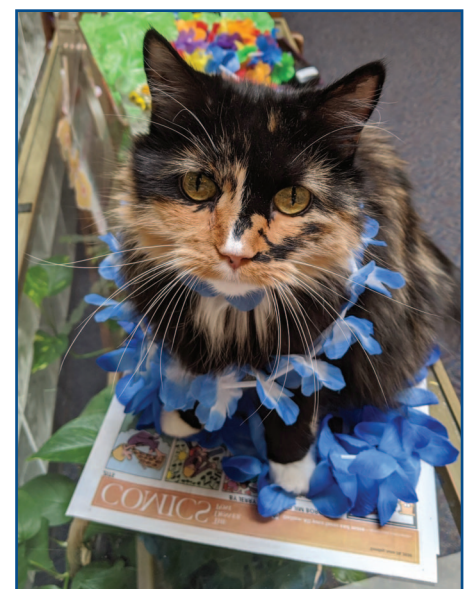


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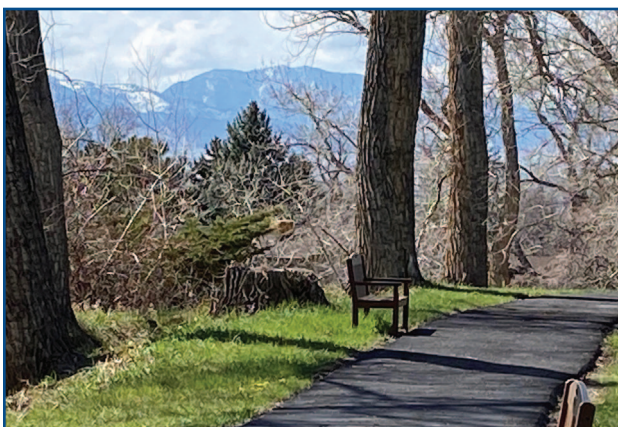
*Casey the comfort kitty*



## Views of Wide

The board and staff participated in different sessions facilitated by Norm Williams regarding philanthropy, from which came individual “elevator speeches” and personal mission statements about Wide Horizon. I hope you enjoy and appreciate a few of the many ideas that came from these sessions.

- Wide Horizon is a wonderfully peaceful place where prayer is practiced daily and which helps promote spiritual progress and healing through the activity and ministry of Christian Science nursing. Wide has been doing this good work successfully for more than 70 years! Would you like to hear more?
- Wide Horizon’s purpose is: to provide care to Christian Scientists which is in accord with their theology; to serve our Movement by training the next generation of Christian Science nurses; to show our broader community that Christian Scientists “Take care of their own.”
- Wide Horizon provides Christian Science nursing care to those relying on Christian Science for healing and who may need extra support.
- Wide Horizon is ensuring that Christian Science nursing care is always available for anyone in our community who would benefit from it. This form of expressing and reflecting God’s love for man provides blessings for everyone involved in the process.
- Wide Horizon has been a sanctuary of spiritual thought, blessing a multi-state region for over 75 years. It provides practical care and loving support to those who are seeking healing through Christian Science.
- I think about Moses when he was holding up his staff with his arms open wide, and he grew so tired. So, another came along and helped hold his arms up. We each have our own work to do to demonstrate the health and freedom taught by Jesus and in Science and Health. But a Christian Science nurse can come and help hold up our arms so to speak. This is what Wide Horizon is all about.
- Wide Horizon is a beautiful, serene Christian Science nursing facility located on a hill in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, that cares for individuals wanting to rely on Christian Science for healing. Wide is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and contributions from individuals, foundations, estates, as well as payments for services from guests. People who live and work here love Christian Science and are expectant of healing, and we want to support both guests and colleagues in their individual and unique expressions of Christian Science living. We all benefit from the work we do here.
- Wide Horizon is a Christian Science spiritual healing care facility for practicing Christian Scientists who seek encouragement and practical support with their everyday needs. Christian Science nurses provide this care in a supportive atmosphere where spiritual growth is nourished and embraced to facilitate healing in tandem with the prayerful support of a Christian Science practitioner.



- Wide Horizon is a Christian Science care facility that was founded in 1946. The facility is available to meet multiple levels of care. It is not designed as an end of life stopping point but rather creates an environment for those to grow metaphysically and to expand their thinking spiritually. To meet those needs, Wide Horizon sits on more than 21 acres of beautiful property with views of the mountains. Everyone should come with expectation of growth and expansion of one’s views. Do you have any questions? Are you interested in knowing more? Let me know.



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