



Providing care to those relying solely on God for healing through the practice of Christian Science

Sunrise Haven



Training program receives accreditation and marks a year of growth

In 2014, **Sunrise Haven** adopted a new Christian Science nurses training program from Le Verger, a Christian Science nursing facility in Rolle, Switzerland. We are pleased to announce that in March, 2015 Sunrise Haven applied for and received accreditation for using this newly-adopted program in our facility from The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc.

Our new training program has been put right to work. Over the past year, a number of students have completed various levels of training.

Both Executive Director Robin Banko and Business Manager Jennifer Johnson felt led to take the Basic Course in Christian Science nurses training this year. Here, they each explain what the training meant to them and how it complements their work:

From Robin Banko:

“To heal, in Christian Science, is to base your practice on immortal Mind, the divine Principle of man’s being; and this requires a preparation of the heart and an answer of the lips from the Lord.” (*Rudimental Divine Science* 9:12)

For quite some time I’d been cherishing the idea of taking a Christian Science nurses training course so I could more effectively contribute to all aspects of the healing work at Sunrise Haven. Not only did I feel it would enable me to better understand and support the ministry of our Christian Science nursing staff but it would assist my nursing (nurturing, supporting, strengthening, furthering) Sunrise Haven as its executive director.

I love being mentally alert and ready to replace false pictures with the spiritual truth whether it’s in a patient’s room or elsewhere. I enjoy letting God take the lead and unfold His plan. I value the opportunity to give practical help and see more clearly that, “Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.” (*Science and Health* 494:11) I’m grateful to say Christian Science nurses training has enabled me to be of greater assistance to all those I come into contact with on a daily basis.

From Jennifer Johnson:

I found that taking a Christian Science nursing class was a good way to help support my fellow man. It gave me more of an understanding of what it’s like to walk into a sick room,

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunrise Haven’s Annual Meeting

**Sunday,
March 13, 2016,
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendar for this important and inspiring meeting!

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Sunrise Haven passes inspections with flying colors!

From our Executive Director, Robin Banko

Sunrise Haven underwent two inspections this year. One was to renew our three-year Christian Science nursing facility accreditation and the other was an annual inspection to determine compliance with Washington State licensing requirements. I'm pleased to say that we passed both with flying colors!

In reflecting back on these inspections and thinking about the underlying spiritual view of this activity, I looked up the word "inspection." One dictionary defines it as: "a careful viewing to ascertain quality." This was definitely true in both of our inspections.

On their way out the door, one of the Washington State inspectors said, "We've never seen such happy staff and guests except at Sunrise Haven!" You could say that they were recognizing the quality of thought present at Sunrise Haven.

The team of inspectors for the Christian Science nursing accreditation was

similarly impressed with the outstanding quality of our staff, remarking on how versatile, plentiful and unified we are. It is a tremendous blessing to work with such dedicated staff and trustees in fulfilling Mary Baker Eddy's provision and vision for Christian Science nursing in its unique expression at Sunrise Haven.

When The Mother Church Extension was being built, Mary Baker Eddy made this statement, "The beauty of the building, and the substantial and enduring character of its construction, have been remarked by the many visitors who have recently inspected the work, and they have gone away with the conviction that the structure is worthy of our Cause and that it will meet the needs of The Mother Church..." (*Miscellany* 24:22). It is lovely to think of our recent inspectors as visitors who were confirming the quality of our organization and leaving with the assurance that Sunrise Haven is worthy of our Cause and that it will meet the needs of many. ■

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lovingly care for another and respond to needs from a Christian Science nurse's view. I gained even more respect and love for what Christian Science nurses do on a daily basis. Some would ask why I would take the Basic Course if I am already secure in my position as the business manager. My answer was simply to support the whole. One of my favorite quotes (quoted by Mrs. Eddy in *Miscellaneous Writings*) is by Alexander Pope and states, "All are but parts of one stupendous whole, Whose body nature is, and God the Soul." I find it a good reminder that we are all needed to answer the call and support Christian Science and Christian Science nursing. We are all intertwined. This class gave me a good foundation to provide practical care when someone needs help.

Sunrise Haven continues to offer its own theoretical online training courses to support, on a global scale, those who are beginning to cherish this ministry. Woody Minsk, director of Christian Science nurses training, received a thank you note from a student in Nigeria that recently graduated from Sunrise Haven's online Ethics of Christian Science Nursing class: "*Woody, thank you so much for working with me this year as your online student. What a wonderful shepherd you have been. Your encouragement, support, spiritual insight and friendliness, have been simply great. Thank you so much. I am working and believing Love will perfect the good work She/He has started with me... My special regard to all the staff of Sunrise Haven.*" ■

To learn more about Christian Science nurses training, contact Woody Minsk at 253-813-2096, ext. 3 or csntrainer@sunrisehaven.org. Financial assistance is available.

Sunrise Haven needs your support

Did you know that Sunrise Haven offers a way for you to make automatic, monthly donations? You can set up an easy, secure, online donation plan through PayPal on our website at www.sunrisehaven.org/support-giving/financial-support.



Since we rely on our community to help sustain the operations of Sunrise Haven, our board of trustees wants you to know that donations have decreased this year and we need your help.

We also gratefully accept mail-in donations or other payment options. Contact our business office for more information at 1-800-641-1718, x. 4. ■

*“Through paths of loving-kindness led,
Where Jesus triumphed we would tread;
To all with willing hands dispense
The gifts of our benevolence.”*

— Hymn 388



New mailing address

Sunrise Haven is happy to announce that its mailing address is no longer a post office box. When you mail something to Sunrise Haven, it will now arrive directly at the facility:
24423 100th Avenue SE
Kent, WA 98030.

“Having our mail delivered to our new mailbox in front of our building is going to save many trips to the post office”, said Executive Director Robin Banko, “it’s another small step in making our organization more efficient!” ■



Summer picnic serves up fun on a windy evening

On August 31, Sunrise Haven hosted a get together for staff, volunteers and supporters to thank them for their service to Sunrise Haven. Executive Director Robin Banko and her husband, Phil, hosted the party — although a severe windstorm threatened to put a damper on things. But by party time, the weather calmed and over 50 people arrived and enjoyed yummy food, fellowship, and fun, including a broadcast of a preseason Seahawks game. Many thanks to all who volunteer and so generously support Sunrise Haven! ■



New Sunrise Haven logo

We are delighted to introduce our new logo on the masthead of this newsletter! The updated typeface and design elements better represent our modern facility. We are also working on a new website for the convenience of patients, their families, the community and our staff. We'll keep you posted! ■

Dear Sunrise Haven,

“Sunrise Haven was indeed a haven for our family recently when there arose an immediate great need for Christian Science care. We were on vacation in the Pacific Northwest, some 3,000 miles from home. The caring staff and Christian Science nurses attended to all my practical needs and Love became the healing power that enabled us to be able to make the long journey home within four days. I could never put into words the gratitude we all felt for Sunrise Haven and those who dedicate their lives in this way - we truly could not have managed without them.”

— Gratefully, J.S.



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Our Mission: In the spirit of the Good Samaritan and Christ-healing, Sunrise Haven provides Christian Science Nursing care consistent with the Church Manual bylaw to those relying solely on God for healing through the practice of Christian Science

- 24-hour nursing care, including inpatient, outpatient, and relief care
- Consultation by phone or in-home
- Equipment rental
- Study and Renewal accommodations

Visiting Us: Bring a friend; we'd love to give you a tour. Do call ahead though, so we can be sure a staff member is available to show you around. We'll give you directions over the phone or mail them to you. Call 253-813-2096 or email executivedirector@sunrisehaven.org.