



Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2014

A year of growth, healing, and inspiration

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Mission Statement

In the spirit of the Good Samaritan and Christ-healing, Sunrise Haven provides Christian Science nursing care consistent with the *Church Manual By-Law* to those relying solely on God for healing through the practice of Christian Science.

Board of Trustees Report, Mark Schoening, President



We thank God, the Father-Mother, for steady progress at Sunrise Haven this past year. Here are some highlights:

In March, Sunrise Haven adopted the Le Verger Christian Science Nursing Training Program. Headquartered in Switzerland, instructors from Le Verger are training Christian Science nurses worldwide. Congratulations to our Director of Christian Science Nurses Training, Woody Minsk, who is now a licensed trainer with Le Verger and authorized to conduct training under the program.

In June, Wendy Blumer Abdollahi, Co-Director of Training at Le Verger, traveled from Switzerland to oversee the establishment of the training program at Sunrise and provide mentoring training for our Christian Science nursing staff. Sunrise Haven is currently applying to the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities for accreditation as a training facility.

In November, Woody conducted Le Verger's Spiritual Dimension of Care workshop as part of a well-attended Sunrise Haven event for Christian Scientists on Bainbridge Island and the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas. The workshop is designed to help all Christian Scientists explore their individual Christian Science nursing ministry. The event included a helpful presentation by Business Manager Jennifer Johnson on Medicare and insurance benefits, and a discussion about health care advance directives led by Executive Director Robin Banko.

Also in November, we were blessed to welcome Linda Kohler, President of The Mother Church, and Caroleen Scholet, Manager of the Department of Nursing Activities at The Mother Church. The visit was part of their "Conversations on Christian Science Nursing with our Church Family" tour. These meetings are designed to help every member of our Church better understand how central Christian Science nursing is to the fabric of our Church and the fulfillment of its healing mission to all mankind.

Of course, our most significant progress has come in the fulfilling of Sunrise Haven's healing mission. I join my fellow Trustees in gratitude and rejoicing for the dedicated and selfless efforts of the Christian Science nurses, support staff, management team and volunteers. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to you for your faithful support of the healing activity that continues at Sunrise Haven.

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Co-Directors of Christian Science Nursing Report

Vicki Lane and Woody Minsk

We are so happy to share the wonderful progress and healing taking place at Sunrise Haven this past year.

Witnessing the activity of the Comforter is a wonderful privilege. Every healing, no matter how small, is worthy of rejoicing. Each one gives a clearer picture of man's undisturbed, uninterrupted and harmonious relationship with God.

Some recent healings include: broken bones, mental needs, mobility needs, eating difficulties, open skin areas, and the fear of passing on. It's incredible to learn how every healing touches and blesses so many people.

For many, a Christian Science nurse is a visible representative of the Comforter — evident through such qualities as support, love, understanding, help, care, kindness, assurance and compassion. God maintains and sustains the varied expression of each of His ideas. Just as one person is not the same as another, each Christian Science nurse uniquely exemplifies God's comforting care. Yet, we all have the same

source, God, which makes us "...parts of one stupendous whole" (*Miscellany*, p. 269).

Christian Scientists don't need the title "Christian Science nurse" to be capable of providing comfort. By obeying Jesus' two great commandments, to love God and to love one another as ourselves, we are all nursing and loving each other!

However, the *Church Manual By-law*, "Christian Science Nurse," designed as every By-law "...to maintain the dignity and defense of our Cause..." (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 148), lifts this role higher than that of a loving caregiver because it's based on the theology of Christian Science and provides for proper care of those in need.

The healing demonstrations of the Comforter show proof of its relevance and usefulness. We are so grateful for the consecration, devotion, selfless love, and inspired healing ministry that each Christian Science nurse brings to this holy work. ■



Financial Report, Nanette Leatherwood, Treasurer

For the fiscal year 2014:

- (1) Funds on hand at the end of the year were \$1,100,000.
- (2) There was no debt.
- (3) Total expenses were \$1,050,000.

We enjoyed a slight increase in occupancy and service revenue from the previous year and we were able to slightly reduce expenses. A positive net income of \$263,000 in the fiscal year 2014 increased from a deficit of \$172,000 in the fiscal year 2013 due to a large donation received from Tenacre in New Jersey. How grateful we are for their generosity in support of Christian Science nursing.

Occupancy at Sunrise Haven continues to be significantly lower than capacity. There is "radiant room" (*Christian Science Hymnal*, Hymn 298) for those who are relying on God

for healing to experience the comfort and care provided by Christian Science nurses who devote their lives to that purpose. Truly to be treasured is the encouragement that helps dispel fear, the firm stand for Truth in the face of the arguments of disease, and the inspiration, joy, and peace that Christian Science nurses exemplify and bring to patients. So many folks have been blessed and healed by coming to Sunrise Haven, and so many more could be.

Sunrise Haven, like most Christian Science nursing facilities, operates at a deficit. These deficits must be offset by contributions and grants. It currently takes about \$350,000 a year in contributions and grants for us to break even. This is why your contributions are so important to us, and necessary to carry the mission of Sunrise Haven forward into future years. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support. ■

Executive Director's Report, Robin Banko



Not too long ago a Christian Science practitioner contacted me after his patient returned home from a healing stay at

Sunrise Haven. The practitioner mentioned that the patient had a suggestion for Sunrise Haven, "They need to change their name, tell them to add another "e" to haven — it should be call Sunrise Heaven!"

I believe the haven, or heaven, this patient was referring to is the mental atmosphere epitomized in Christian Science nursing. This is one way Christ-healing is felt and therefore the Comforter's presence is experienced through inspiration and healing. Christian Science nursing is the Comforter comforting! This comfort is often expressed through Sunrise Haven's most valued and cherished asset: the strength of our highly qualified, professional and experienced staff. All Sunrise staff members earnestly strive to bring the healing thought of the Comforter to every facet of our haven and our world.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the "...new views of divine goodness and love..." (*Science and Health*, p. 66:15) which have unfolded this past year and have resulted in healing and progress in all aspects of our haven. Through prayer and listening, we further reduced expenses to their lowest level in six years. This reduction in expenses combined with record nursing revenue and contributions yielded results worthy of much rejoicing in fiscal year 2014. This blessing enabled us to give modest pay increases to our dedicated and loyal staff and to recover some of the losses incurred during previous years. These progressive steps point us toward sustainability.

Truly the Comforter is blessing all! We are grateful to continue fulfilling the role that Mary Baker Eddy set forth for all church members in the *Church Manual* and caring for those in need (Article VIII, Sect. 31). We all share in the responsibility of ensuring that Christian Science nursing remains an option for those who choose it. Thank you for your love and support of Christian Science healing, Christian Science nursing, and Sunrise Haven! ■



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