



# Annual Report

## Fiscal Year 2013

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*A year of growth, healing, and inspiration*

April 27, 2014

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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.

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## Growth and Unfoldment

Board of Trustees Report - Kathy Blackwell Harper

The Board of Trustees is grateful to report that the past year has been one of solid growth and unfoldment for Sunrise Haven. We have expanded our mission, witnessed deep commitment to and demonstration of quick and whole healing, and expressed gratitude every day for our Christian Science nurses who dedicate their lives and careers to this holy activity.

We are indeed grateful to all of you who prayerfully support Sunrise Haven and generously volunteer your time and donate funds. It takes not only a dedicated board of trustees and top notch Christian Science nurses and staff to protect and maintain this ministry; it requires the support of a bigger community.

Sunrise Haven fills a small and important niche in the Christian Science movement, one that has a very expansive outreach and

a significant role to play in helping to leaven world thought. Your support is vital to the ongoing activity of Christian Science nursing and Sunrise Haven.

The *Manual By-Law*, Christian Science Nurse, Article VIII, Sect 31, is a mandate for all Christian Scientists, not just those who wish to list their names in *The Christian Science Journal*.

You are invited to join all of us at Sunrise Haven this year in a call to be better nurses to each other, to more deeply understand the omnipotent Love which unclasps the hold of material mindedness and destroys divisions, limitations and discords of all kinds.

The Board thanks each one of you for your support and acknowledges with deep gratitude the many blessings that you bring to Sunrise Haven. ■

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## Joy and Inspiration

*Co-Directors of Christian Science Nursing Report - Vicki Lane/Woody Minsk*

What inspires Christian Science nurses in their daily work at Sunrise Haven? Healing! Playing a part in Christian Science healing brings joy and inspiration to everyone involved in the mission of Sunrise Haven and Christian Science nursing. Supporting and promoting spiritual healing through this *Manual*-based activity is a vital function of our Church. This spiritual model of nursing, or divine Love in action, is needed more than ever in a world searching for healing and true healthcare.

Sunrise Haven continues to cultivate a well trained, deeply dedicated Christian Science nursing staff. This past year we added three *Journal*-listed nurses to our staff, bringing our total to nineteen, and **all *Journal*-listed!** The Pacific Northwest is blessed by the selfless love and inspired healing ministry that each Christian Science nurse brings to this holy work.

We have witnessed many healings this year at Sunrise Haven. To name a few, these included:

- Overcoming the effects from a fall
- Healing of breathing difficulties
- Regaining the ability to eat normally
- Several instances of improvement over mental confusion
- Closing of open areas of flesh
- Regaining the ability to walk
- Healing of broken bones
- Dissolution of swollenness
- Reformation of character

Our goal is that everyone who comes to Sunrise Haven walks out completely healed. Although this isn't always the case, we **can** say that everyone who comes to Sunrise Haven experiences the healing power of divine Love expressed through Christian Science nursing, and the healing results are always visible in some form or another.

**We would like to thank each of you for your continued prayer, support, and dedication to the healing mission of Sunrise Haven. ■**

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## The Mighty Army

*Treasurer's Report - Nanette Leatherwood*

We rely on divine Love, expressed by each one of you involved in the prayer-based work of Sunrise Haven, to supply what is needed to fulfill our mission and ministry. We are always grateful to see how supply comes through new ways and channels.

Sunrise Haven, like most Christian Science nursing facilities, operates at a deficit. While we're happy to report that we have been able to significantly reduce expenses while maintaining or improving the level of service to patients and guests, operating expenses are still exceeding revenues for services provided. These deficits are primarily offset by contributions and grants.

Even so, Sunrise Haven still experienced ***net deficits*** of ***\$174,057*** for fiscal year 2013 and ***\$230,188*** for fiscal year 2012. We're grateful for reserves of about \$1,000,000 that helped to fund these deficits.

Sunrise Haven is a wonderful resource to Christian Scientists and their families when they need care or spiritual renewal. The facility is

dedicated to providing such care both now and in the future. However, it is clear that in order to do this, help is needed from everyone in the Christian Science community.

We can gain encouragement from the Bible story of Ezekiel and the valley of the dry bones. As Ezekiel listened to God and then joined the bones together in the right order (the ankle bone to the leg bone, etc.), the bones became a mighty army (Ezekiel 37). At Sunrise Haven, we too are listening to God for His direction. Many "bones" need to come together: increased occupancy, continued efficiency in operations and management of expenses, increased contributions and grants, and increased return on investments. The solution to declining occupancy and continuing deficits (and resultant depletion of reserves) is not any single "lone bone." We are grateful for your listening to God and His direction for how you can help support this mighty army dedicated to Christian Science healing and regeneration. ■

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## Nurturing our Sustainability

Executive Director's Report - Robin Banko

The world is seeking effective, available healthcare. The provision for Christian Science nursing facilities, like Sunrise Haven, offers access to Christian Science care and treatment to anyone relying wholeheartedly on prayer for healing. Christian Science nursing stands ready to embrace all mankind with the love of Christ that comforts and protects as it heals and saves.

Some may ask, "Are Christian Science nursing facilities viable and sustainable?" The Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing (AOCSN), of which Sunrise Haven is a member, is focusing on this subject. Believe it or not, this group is not talking about how much money is being spent, the size or number of locations, beds, donations, or fees for services. They are talking about divine Love meeting the human need!

The AOCSN's facilities all over the world have identified three characteristics of the sustainable model of a Christian Science nursing facility:

1. Christian Science consistently practiced.
2. Christian Science nursing understood, valued, and practiced.
3. Field engaged –

***Thank you for being here today!***

The word "sustainability" is derived from the Latin *sustinere* (*tenere*, to hold; *sus*, up). *Sustain* can mean maintain, support, preserve, nurture, nourish, tend, cherish, nurse, strengthen. Mary Baker Eddy tells us, "God gives you His spiritual

ideas and in turn, they give you daily supplies" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 307). This infinite supply of spiritual ideas from God sustains and maintains Christian Science nursing and Sunrise Haven's healing mission.

Sunrise Haven's capacity to demonstrate sustainability will deepen and expand as our mission grows in thought and in heart. We are part of the *Manual By-Law* that Mary Baker Eddy envisioned for meeting human needs.

We are enlarging our understanding of Christian Science nursing, its place, history and value. We love sharing what we're learning! This past year, we have been reaching out and visiting churches. At some churches we've explained our healing mission and the blessing of Christian Science nursing. At others we've provided workshops on the spiritual dimension of care. We also hosted a workshop on caring for children and infants. The workshops are inspiring, uplifting experiences for us and for those we visit.

In the coming year, we look forward to visiting more churches and providing more workshops. Please contact us to schedule one at your church!

Allow us to support your radical reliance on God and assist with your everyday needs. We cherish the many ways we see Love made visible daily.

***We're here for you! ■***



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