



## Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2015

March 12, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT:

*Christian Science nursing  
inspiring, loving, and healing  
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**W**e reflect with thanks on the progress of another year here at Sunrise Haven. The Board is so appreciative of the loving resolve of Sunrise Haven's outstanding team of Christian Science nurses, and the staff and administration supporting them, who, working in concert with *Journal*-listed practitioners, are daily demonstrating the healing Science of the Christ.

Among the Board's goals last year was to revise and review the Sunrise Haven vision and mission statements. Led by a wonderful facilitator, a team of Christian Science nurses, administrative staff and trustees worked together to create a vision statement. Simply stated, a vision statement conveys the organization's hope for what the world should look like, while a mission statement describes how to get there.

Mary Baker Eddy's statement reveals the importance of a clear vision, "To strike out right and left against the mist, never clears the vision; but to lift your head above it, is a sovereign panacea" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, 355:16-18). As the committee worked through the exercises and loving exchanges with each other, participants found they were rising above the mist of a false sense of humanity and these four words emerged:

***"Humanity  
loved, blessed, healed."***

We rejoiced in this simple, clear and strong vision statement.

Then, we prayed together about how Sunrise Haven could play its part in realizing this wonderful vision in the form of a mission statement:

***"Christian Science nursing  
inspiring, loving, and healing  
humanity."***

We are finding ourselves readily engaging in this powerful statement. We're seeing it as leading to the "sovereign panacea," or supreme, universal remedy that's available to all God's children. Won't you join us in embracing these guiding statements for Sunrise Haven?

The trustees express deepest gratitude to Vicki Lane for her years of loyal service as Co-Director of Christian Science Nursing.

In the year ahead, we look forward to launching a new website in a couple of months, and to continuing our field presentations on advanced directives, Medicare and Christian Science nurses' training. We're so grateful to all in the Sunrise Haven community for your prayers, actions and support of this important activity. It's our joy to serve as your trustees.

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## Executive Director's Report, Robin Banko

**I**t has been a truly remarkable year! Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the unique way 2015 unfolded and resulted in growth, progress and much healing. Our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, writes, "God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis" (*Science and Health*, 258:13-15). Our new vision and mission statements, created in late 2015, are the natural outgrowth of our progress in "broadening and rising higher".

At Sunrise Haven, we are seeing the nurturing, nourishing, and nursing qualities in ourselves and in every child of God. As we cherish and recognize God's ever-present love and pray to love more, we are finding new opportunities to help and support one another and to witness our mission statement in action:

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humanity.***

As our view has broadened, risen and expanded, so has the utilization of our facility. We've seen our occupancy rise to 85% over the past five months. We're always praying and seeing our facility filled and overflowing with God's inspiring, loving, and healing

thoughts, regardless of our occupancy. As we embrace humanity in our prayers, those needing our help and support are led to us.

We are expanding communications and contact with our field as we continue to explore the important role Christian Science nursing plays in our church's healing mission for humanity. In the past six months we have given five Medicare and advance directive presentations to members of 19 churches. In addition, we recently presented two hands-on workshops, *Discovering the Comforter Within*, to members of 11 churches. Please let us know if your church would welcome our support by sharing one of our presentations!

Our wonderful staff is truly our most valued and cherished asset! Our gratitude overflows for our highly qualified, professional team of experienced Christian Science healers. The hallmarks of our staff are love, inspiration, joy, teamwork, flexibility, dedication, and spiritual growth. We are strengthened and inspired by witnessing many healings. We're deeply grateful for each Christian Science nurse's healing ministry.

We thank you for your generous support of Sunrise Haven and the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing. We're here for ***you!***

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## Financial Report, Nanette Leatherwood, Treasurer

**F**or the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015:

- 1) Funds on hand at the end of the year were \$1,100,000,
- 2) there was no indebtedness, and
- 3) total expenses were \$1,010,000.

The 2015 fiscal year saw a significant decrease (25%) in overall occupancy. As a result, there was a decline of more than \$200,000 in nursing service revenue from the prior year. We were most grateful for an unexpected \$200,000 contribution received from Tenacre (located in New Jersey) that enabled Sunrise Haven to break even for the year.

Diligent and persistent efforts in the management of Sunrise Haven have yielded expense reductions in recent years. These efforts, combined with the generous, unsolicited support received from Tenacre in both fiscal 2014 and 2015 made it possible for Sunrise to avoid having to draw down its reserves.

If not for the unexpected contributions the past two years, Sunrise Haven, like most Christian Science nursing facilities, would be operating at a deficit. Donations (including individual contributions and grants) cover 35% of Sunrise Haven's operating expenses. This is why your contributions are so important and necessary to carry the mission of Sunrise Haven forward into future years. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support.

In the Board of Trustees report, you'll find our new vision and mission statements. As we have embraced these ideas in thought and applied them to the Christian Science nursing activity, Sunrise Haven has enjoyed a wonderful, significant increase in occupancy and healing in the new fiscal year.

All of us at Sunrise Haven are so grateful for the opportunity to help and support our beloved brethren. "The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes the achievement possible" (*Science and Health*, 199:21).

What an exciting year we've had at Sunrise Haven seeing marvelous healings and patients returning home! Lifted from fear to hope, family members gained new confidence that their loved ones were safe and being cared for in a haven of healing.

Healings have also taken place among our staff. Recently, one of our Christian Science nurses came to work and was unable to keep working because of sudden illness. With the help, support, and love of her co-workers, this Christian Science nurse was able to have quiet time off the floor and then return home where she was completely healed.

One aspect of Christian Science nursing care at Sunrise Haven includes providing daily activities for our patients. They access JSH-Online in our Day Room and it's heartwarming to see them listen to a chat or lecture and share uplifting, spiritual ideas with each other. We have hymn sings once a week with one of our talented Christian Science nurses at the piano and occasionally additional staff on other instruments. And daily wheelchair rides are always available in the garden when weather permits.

A recent, big event is the change in our Co-Director of Christian Science Nursing position. After many years of being a Co-Director at Sunrise Haven, our beloved Vicki Lane is retiring from this position and returning to the Sunrise Haven nursing floor. The entire staff is thrilled she's back working arm in arm with them. Vicki is excited to be back and loving every minute of devoting herself to her Christian Science nursing ministry.

Woody Minsk is continuing on as the Director of Christian Science Nursing and Jennifer Scott will serve in a new role as the Assistant Director of Christian Science Nursing.

We close this report with excerpts from a letter by a recent patient who's given permission to share her healing at Sunrise Haven:

*"The challenge I faced came swiftly and gripped my loved ones with fear for my life – me, too! When the situation arose, we were so grateful for Sunrise Haven. I knew from the beginning that I would not be relying on material remedies. Yet as a lifelong Christian Scientist I still inwardly wondered how such an aggressive lie would be met. But you (Christian Science nurses at Sunrise Haven) were there to quickly and firmly give the assurance that the situation was not dangerous. This message, which was conveyed to me, was truly a lifeline that resonated in my thinking over and over.*

*Every practical need was met. I've always found hymns to be so healing and here they were sung in an angelic voice. Although I was unable to eat or drink anything for three or four days, all possible ideas for something that might taste good were acted upon.*

*Every single one of you at Sunrise showered me with love. It was beyond a human love. It turns out our family was witnessing the power of divine Love, the love that Christ Jesus embodied and the way he was able to heal.*

*My gratitude is boundless and this healing has been a benchmark in my experience."*

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