



*Christian Science nursing  
inspiring, loving and healing  
humanity*

Fall 2016

# Sunrise Haven



COURTESY OF PHIL BANKO

*"Thus founded upon the rock of Christ, when storm and tempest beat against this sure foundation, you, safely sheltered in the strong tower of hope, faith, and Love, are God's nestlings; and He will hide you in His feathers till the storm has passed. Into His haven of Soul there enters no element of earth to cast out angels, to silence the right intuition which guides you safely home."*

(Misc. 152:22)

## Sunrise Haven's "sure foundation"

**W**hen Sunrise Haven's new building opened in 2001 in Kent, Washington, it was clear that it was designed and constructed not only for practicality and function but also with spiritual qualities in mind such as light, inspiration, receptivity and love.

Since then, Christian Science nursing has been fulfilling its mission many times over through Sunrise Haven's healing atmosphere and the Christian Science nurses' skilled, loving care.

Everyone working at Sunrise Haven gains inspiration daily from our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, who speaks of the glorious blessings that come from the desire to do good and to share. She writes, "As an active portion of one stupendous whole, goodness identifies man with universal good" (Mary Baker Eddy, *First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany* 165:16-18).

While Sunrise Haven's facility has been lovingly maintained over the past 15 years, it is now showing some obvious wear and tear. Vinyl flooring, carpet and interior paint need to be updated and/or replaced.

"It is our goal to match the skilled, loving Christian Science nursing care provided at Sunrise Haven with the highest standard of excellence in the appearance and function of our facility. We are excited about getting our beautiful building all polished up!" said Executive Director Robin Banko.

This fall, Sunrise Haven launched a new campaign to raise \$88,000 for renovations to the building. "We are so grateful to be well on our way to meeting our goal," said Banko, "since we recently received a generous offer to match, dollar for dollar, every contribution made through the end of 2016 up to \$88,000. In order to start the project we need to have all the funds in hand, so we are hoping to achieve our goal by year-end."

If you and/or your church or other group would like to participate in renovating Sunrise Haven, donations are gratefully accepted now. No donation is too small! Donate today to have your contribution matched dollar for dollar! To donate online, visit our new website at [www.sunrise-haven.org/support-us](http://www.sunrise-haven.org/support-us). Or, send a check by mail to Sunrise Haven, 24423 100th Ave SE, Kent, Washington, 98030. Or call us at 1-800-641-1718 ext. 4 to make a donation over the phone. ■

# From the Executive Director

Robin Banko

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**F**or those of us who are privileged to work at Sunrise Haven it's a joy to be in an environment completely focused on spiritual healing and supported by a facility whose design was inspired by the idea it serves. According to our building's architect, William Scott, "the design is a unique contemporary blend...gathering around a central core. Viewed in the context of the human and divine coincidence, the central nurse station reflects God's ever-present care. At the heart of the facility, with patient rooms and activity encircled around it, this hub brings to thought the following words from the Christian Science textbook: 'So Science reveals Soul as God, untouched by sin and death,—as the central Life and intelligence around which circle harmoniously all things in the systems of Mind.'" (*Science and Health*, 310:14)

Here are a few ways our staff recently expressed their appreciation for our building: "I love that the high quality of the building's design and fixtures—from the entrance, to the kitchen, the dayroom, the hallways, and each individual room—reflect the high quality of thought of all who make Sunrise Haven possible, not only the Christian Science nurses and administration and staff, but the

trustees, the donors, the volunteer Readers, and all who contribute their love and support of Christian Science care and healing."

"I love the colors of the building, they are warm, inviting and the building blends into the neighborhood so wonderfully. The park next door is lovely."

"I like how the skylights and lighting enhance a sense of light whatever the weather."

"I like that no two rooms are the same."

"Two ideas come to mind when I think of the building in relation to Christian Science nursing; unobtrusive and perpetual. Just as the Christian Science nurse needs to be unobtrusive when giving care to a patient, the building is unobtrusive in how it blends into the neighborhood. Sunrise's central hub design is a symbol of God's perpetual care for man."

Hardly a day goes by that I don't feel deep gratitude for the wonderful design and function of our building that continues to serve us well 15 years later as we fulfill our mission:

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## New website

### SunriseHaven.org: Same address, new look and information!

**S**unrise Haven launched a new website in November! Check out this fresh and modern site at our established web address: [www.sunrisehaven.org](http://www.sunrisehaven.org).

The site is completely re-done with a new design, large photos and new content.

Refer to this site online 24/7 for information on admissions, Medicare, photo tour, how to volunteer, Christian Science nurses training, how to care for a loved one at home and much more.

You'll also find an inspiring collection of testimonies, an archive of our newsletters and annual reports and an extensive FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section. ■



## Sunrise Haven Outreach Workshops – Billings, Montana

**S**unrise Haven visited Billings early in 2016 and gave a workshop, Discovering the Comforter Within, to an enthusiastic group who were interested in learning more about caring for church members as well as loved ones at home. Two additional presentations were also given, one on Advance Directives and the other on Medicare Choices for Christian Scientists. Attendees learned how Medicare may cover some Christian Science nursing care at facilities like Sunrise Haven.

On August 1, 2016, Sunrise Haven representatives returned to Billings to present a seminar titled, “The Spiritual Dimension of Care.” This seminar focuses on the important role Christian Science nursing plays in our church’s healing mission for humanity. Some attendees traveled long distances to be there. One person drove over 400 miles! Following the seminar, at least two attendees expressed interest in Christian Science nursing training.

One invitee sent this lovely thank-you note: *“Thank you for this most inspiring message describing the work of Christian Science nurses. I’ve needed Christian Science nursing twice*

*and these Christian Science nurses are God’s angels for sure. One extended stay in a care facility saved my life with support of a Christian Science practitioner and the angel nurses... I knew I would make it and I did. Thank you for coming with this wonderful reminder of their selfless devoted work. Pure divine Love expressed. With much gratitude...”*



Sunrise Haven representatives and attendees engaged in a thought-provoking discussion during “The Spiritual Dimension of Care” seminar in Billings, MT.

Workshops are currently being planned in Wyoming and locations in Washington State. If you, your church or group would welcome Sunrise Haven’s support by sharing one of its presentations, please contact Executive Director Robin Banko at [executivedirector@sunrisehaven.org](mailto:executivedirector@sunrisehaven.org) or call her at (253) 813-2096 ext 5. ▀



*Many thanks to Bill, Jennifer and Emma Scott for providing their beautiful home as the setting for our September 10th picnic!*



**Sunrise Haven  
Summer Picnic  
at the Scotts’**



# Dear Sunrise Haven,

Recently I had the need to be cared for at Sunrise Haven for a few weeks.

Never in my life have I felt so loved, cherished, and valued as I did during those three weeks. The Christian Science nurses and other staff were all so loving, spiritually-minded, and supportive. I realized after going home that the love I felt was the ever-present, all-encompassing love of our Father-Mother God, shining through each one of the staff. I am deeply grateful. — K.L. ”

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**Humanity  
loved, blessed, healed**

*Our mission:*  
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