



Sunrise
Haven

Annual Report

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OUR MISSION:

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

Board of Trustees, David Lowe, President

Sow thy seed, be never weary,
Let not fear thy thoughts employ;
Though the prospect seem most dreary,
Thou shalt reap the fruits of joy:
Lo, the scene of verdure brightening,
See the rising grain appear;
Look again, the fields are whitening,
Harvest time is surely here.

(Hymn 97, Christian Science Hymnal)

These words of Frank Illesley's depict a day-in-the-life of a Christian Science nurse. This past year has brought plenty of opportunity to see these words play out many times. The Christian Science nurses at Sunrise Haven have witnessed the "rising grain appear" in the form of increased numbers of patients healed, quickly. Our facility has experienced increasing utilization, continuing a trend of the last few years.

Our board of trustees sees its primary job as supporting Sunrise Haven metaphysically. During each meeting, we select a prayer topic focusing on a current opportunity or challenge and we pray with that topic until our next meeting. We invite everyone to join us in this work, and your support on the "prayer team" is deeply appreciated.

One of the prayer projects over the past year addressed the need for renovation at Sunrise Haven. The funds to pay for this work were raised from our Field in a few short months. No debt was incurred and no savings were used. New flooring was installed throughout the building and the interior was repainted. The work was performed during a time of nearly 100% occupancy. The contractor worked in concert with the staff so well that there was no disruption of the high-quality Christian Science nursing care.

Our desire to fulfill our mission, "*Christian Science nursing inspiring, loving and healing humanity*" yielded unexpected fruitage:

- increased numbers of people taking Christian Science nurses training, some of which became Christian Science nurses, while others are exploring ways to bring the qualities of Christian Science nursing to their communities where no Christian Science nursing facility or visiting Christian Science nursing service exists.
- a high school junior participating in the National Leadership Council (NLC) completed an internship this past summer. As a result, Sunrise Haven has been invited to present a Christian Science nursing workshop to the NLC at the A/U Camps and during Family Camp this summer.

Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. ■

Executive Director, Robin Banko

There has never been a more exciting time to be involved in Sunrise Haven than today!

It is a joy to report that the past year has been one of solid growth and unfoldment. It's also been a tremendous year for outreach, the goal of which is to inform, inspire, bless, support, correct misconceptions, develop a love and understanding of Christian Science nursing and to nurture practical skills.

We visited 24 churches in our six-state region. Highlights included invitations from the Christian Science Society in Jackson Hole, WY, and First Church, Anchorage, AK. A group of 19 individuals, from churches all over Alaska, attended our three-day workshop in Anchorage!

Another 22 workshops given in our region included topics on practical care and spiritual growth in the metaphysics of Christian Science nursing. If we haven't (yet) been to your branch, we would love to come!

Through an expanded sense of its mission, Sunrise Haven's occupancy increased over the previous year, from 80% to 85%. In addition, we've witnessed a deep commitment to and demonstration of quick and whole healing.

In March, we had our triennial accreditation review from The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc. The reviewers had this to say:

- "Sunrise Haven reflects the 'sweet amenities of Love'* in all of its organization and work. We felt the sincere, deep reliance on metaphysics in every aspect of the planning, preparation and delivery of Christian Science nursing.
- Its board and staff work well and closely together, supporting each other and the mission. Challenges have been addressed forthrightly and vigorously. The building is attractive, fresh, efficiently designed and well maintained.
- The emergency preparedness plan is the best seen to date. This is well thought out and produced. Well done.
- The support staff and functions are well integrated into the daily provision of Christian Science Nursing services and education."

*(*Church Manual*, Article VIII, Sect. 1)

Our gratitude abounds for the daily ministrations of love by our Christian Science nurses. Buoyed by a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice and faithfully ready to bear witness to reality — perfect God and perfect man — they lovingly, skillfully, and professionally give proper care, in accord with the *Church Manual* By-Law for the Christian Science nurse (p. 49:7).

We are indeed grateful to all who prayerfully support Sunrise Haven and generously volunteer their time and donate funds. It takes not only a dedicated board of trustees and outstanding Christian Science nurses and staff to protect and maintain this ministry, it requires the support of a bigger community. Your support is vital to the ongoing healing activity of Christian Science nursing and Sunrise Haven. ■

Christian Science Nursing, Patty Nuernberg, *Interim Director*

This year we welcomed guests from all over our greater Northwest region. Some guest stays have been quite short and some have been a little longer. Regardless, we are so grateful to have witnessed transformation of thought and character, regeneration, inspiration and physical healing.

There have been some “mighty wrestlings” with mortal beliefs. As our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, says: “Divine Science demands mighty wrestlings with mortal beliefs, as we sail into the eternal haven over the unfathomable sea of possibilities.” (*Ret. 56:24*). It makes us so happy when our guests comment on the true haven that is Sunrise Haven.

The following are just some of the healings witnessed at Sunrise Haven this past year:

- Medical prognosis reversed
- Injured arm healed
- Loss of mobility in one side healed
- Mental attitudes uplifted
- Injury incurred while chopping wood healed
- Effects from injuries of a fall at home healed
- Depression healed
- Fear of degeneration and death healed
- Home care needs met
- Family caregivers trained
- Telephone consultations given

We are grateful for a wonderful Christian Science nursing and support staff. Each one is “full of faith” (*S&H 395:19*) and dedicated to providing a haven for healing. We also want to give special recognition and gratitude to Woody Minsk who stepped down after serving so faithfully and willingly as the Director of Christian Science Nursing for the past eight years. Woody is excited to be back on Sunrise Haven’s nursing floor, devoting himself fulltime to the Christian Science nursing ministry he loves so much. ■

Financial Summary, Nanette Leatherwood, *Treasurer*

We are joyously reveling in God’s ever presence, embracing all—patients, staff, Sunrise Haven, humanity—and meeting needs with abundant good. Called together by Love, to witness effective healing through our understanding of Christian Science, we daily demonstrate the value of Christian Science nursing care.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017:

- 1) Unrestricted funds on hand at the end of the year were \$1,460,000,
- 2) there was no indebtedness, and
- 3) total expenses were \$1,120,000.

We have continued to see an increase in occupancy, and as a result, experienced an increase of about \$300,000 in Christian Science nursing service revenue. This enabled Sunrise Haven to cover expenses and show a positive result even though unrestricted contribution revenue was down.

Since our facility in Kent, Washington is more than 15 years old and was in need of a little sprucing up, we undertook a capital project to replace the carpeting and other floor coverings, paint and artwork. Thank you for your generous contributions of \$102,000 to fund this lovely renewal. It looks great—we’d love to have you stop in to see it.

We’re so grateful to see more folks coming to take advantage of the wonderful help and support Sunrise Haven offers; we’re witnessing more and more healing. We have continued to embrace our vision and to actively work with our mission statement so that we’re seeing “Christian Science nursing inspiring, loving, and healing humanity”.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your support. “Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;” (*II Thess. 1:2,3*). ■

Christian Science Nurses Training, Patty Nuernberg, *Manager*

In June of 1991, the Office of the Clerk of The Mother Church sent a letter to the Field announcing that a redirection was “emerging which fully embraces Mrs. Eddy’s inspired vision of each member’s responsibility for self-government and adherence to the Manual By-Laws”. That letter described several “promising possibilities” which would come from enabling members (including independently-owned and operated Christian Science nursing facilities such as Sunrise Haven) to choose appropriate, individual ways to meet the By-Law standard for the Christian Science nurse.

Since 1991, Sunrise Haven has and continues to offer individual (one-to-one) training for members desiring Christian Science nurses’ training in the Pacific Northwest. This past year has been a wonderful time, full of promise.

For church members desiring to fully represent themselves as Christian Science nurses, we offer Le Verger’s Christian Science Nursing Courses. Sunrise Haven’s training program is accredited by The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc. This year we taught:

- the Basic Course to four church members and mentored them at Sunrise Haven,
- the Intermediate Course to two church members and mentored them at Sunrise Haven,
- the Managing Your Christian Science Nursing Practice course, with its emphasis on Christian Science nursing in the home, to a small group in the Portland area in February.

For church members desiring to learn more about Christian Science nursing in relation to branch church work, we offer several options. And if your branch church has a specific need, we will design a workshop just for your church. This year:

- We presented a one-day seminar, called The Spiritual Dimension of Care, six times over the year. Our Christian Science Nursing

Trainer (CSNT) Patty Nuernberg and Executive Director (ED) Robin Banko traveled to areas of Washington, Oregon, and Anchorage, Alaska. Over 75 church members participated.

- A three-day course, designed for church members from the state of Alaska, was given in Anchorage in September.
- A one-day course for the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Redmond’s Care Committee (and interested members from other branches) was given in February.

We also had the opportunity to teach local Christian Science Sunday School students about Christian Science nursing:

- We hosted an intern (a high school student from Discovery Bound’s National Leadership Council (NLC) Program) for three weeks,
- A Christian Science Sunday School class came to Sunrise Haven to learn about Christian Science nursing,
- We are looking forward to giving a one-day workshop to NLC Sunday School students at the A/U ranches in Colorado this summer!

CSNT Patty Nuernberg also pursued further inspiration and training by taking a summer refresher course in Mother and Infant Care. She participated in the first offering of that class outside of Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association (Christian Science Nursing Arts Level 5) at Peace Haven in July.

She attended the International Christian Science Nursing Network Conference at Cedars Camps in September.

In November, Patty was honored to be one of 18 Christian Science nurses who attended the 2nd International Christian Science Nursing Workshop held in Boston with the Christian Science Board of Directors of The Mother Church. ■



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