

Message from the Board

Grateful greetings!

Christ Jesus in speaking with his disciples said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

At Wide Horizon, we are prayerfully working to see that patients are finding their needs met in each unique mansion that the Christ has prepared for them. Though we usually think of a mansion in rather grand terms, it is basically a home in which one loves to dwell. We have been giving thought over the last year as to how we could best make Wide Horizon meet that sheltering need that a home provides while our

port is essential to the growth and progress of Christian Science Nursing in the Rocky Mountain region.

At the start of her *Message for 1901*, Mrs. Eddy states, "Beloved brethren, to-day I extend my heart-and-hand-fellowship to the faithful, to those whose hearts have been beating through the mental avenues of mankind for God and humanity; and rest assured you can never lack God's outstretched arm so long as you are in His service."

You who love and support Wide Horizon can also feel God's outstretched arm as this idea of Christian Science nursing continues to bless our community, recognizing that the Christ, Truth is ever at work!

demonstrating healing. One of the questions we have been asking is "What would be the most loving thing to do?"



At all levels of nursing care, the goal is demonstration and healing, which of course includes progress. Your metaphysical, financial, and volunteer support are deeply appreciated by all of us at Wide Horizon. This ongoing sup-

pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

This newly designed issue of the Wide Horizon Herald marks another small step of progress for Wide Horizon in the 21st century. We are very grateful for the fine layout work by Annie Thayer of Boulder's branch church. It has been my pleasure to work with her in bringing this newsletter to fruition. Please note the helpful information herein, especially the **Healed and Home** and **Testimonies of Healing** sections. For it is such demonstration in Love, seen as healing in Christian Science, which is "the vital part, the heart and soul" of Wide Horizon—your Christian Science nursing facility!

Perhaps it is this excerpt from Luke that stands as the hallmark for last year as we review the highlights of our financial performance. It has been a good year, a tribute to the unselfish service and dedication of the staff and management of Wide Horizon—and to all of our prayers.

Keep in perspective that our occupancy rate is virtually unchanged from last year. There are some expenses over which we

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have limited control such as utilities and insurance. These expenses increased at a rate of close to 15% and yet our total operating expense stayed virtually the same. This is explained by the fact that our overall salary and related expenses went down by a modest amount. Let us be clear, our most precious asset at Wide Horizon is our staff, and we budgeted up to a 5% salary and wage increase, and even with the granting of that increase we managed our expenses to remain the same—to be precise, they increased by 1%! We focus on this element of our financial review simply to communicate to you, the very good work accomplished by management and staff, also noting that your contributions are utilized wisely.

The revenue from guest services increased by 17% over last year and the need for financial assistance reduced by almost 26%. Although these trends are very gratifying it is important to realize that Wide Horizon continues to operate because of your generous contributions—symbols of your sincere appreciation for this institution and its mission.

Our staff, from top to bottom, gives of their love, dedication and service to the cause. Any of you who have had friends or family assisted by Wide Horizon can attest to its inestimable value, and you, in turn, respond with "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." For that, we are infinitely grateful! Thank you!

Gift Instruments

A WILL allows you to distribute your assets to whom and when you desire, and assists in reducing or avoiding various taxes as well as probate and legal fees.

A BEQUEST is a gift of cash, securities, or property through a will.

A LIVING WILL can assist in further reducing or eliminating probate fees and delays. It can be revocable or irrevocable. A revocable living trust is recommended for individuals with assets in excess of \$60,000; an irrevocable trust is usually reserved for larger estates.

A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST offers life income to the donor and then transfers the balance of the fund to the charity of your choice at a future date.

A CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST can benefit both the named charity and designated beneficiaries while reducing federal gift or estate taxes.

LIFE INSURANCE ANNUITIES can benefit both the donor and the designated charity through careful selection of terms. They can provide income to the donor during his lifetime.

These are examples of a variety of legal and financial instruments that can assist you in good stewardship with the resources you have accumulated. They can benefit you as a donor during your lifetime as well as providing for a careful distribution of your assets when you no longer need them.

We would be glad to provide you with additional information; however, we encourage you to work with your own lawyer, accountant, or financial advisor.

In addition, you can set up a periodic automatic donation or gift to Wide Horizon using your credit card. Please contact our business office at 303-424-4445, ext. 3156 or ext. 3154.

Thank you for considering any of these means to make a gift to Wide Horizon.

Rest & Study

"It's such a warm and loving atmosphere and I feel so safe and free..."

"It has been a peaceful respite..."

"I noticed immediately as I began to study after a wonderful nap [having not slept for two nights], that I understood so much more of the Science I was studying... even as a lifelong student."

Wide Horizon

"...is beautiful, well-managed and well-maintained."

"...is lovely, clean, orderly, fresh, friendly, open, cheerful, with beautiful grounds and views."

"I appreciate and love you all for what you are doing and giving every day."

"[I wish] more people would realize the wonderful facility available at our finger tips for a healing atmosphere, not only for physical healing, but for the rest & rejuvenation in such a pure atmosphere where Christian Science is lived by all."

May these words of Mary Baker Eddy, written on January 1, 1910, ring true for you throughout 2006 and every year following.

I

*O blessings infinite!
O glad New Year!
Sweet sign and substance
Of God's presence here.*

II

*Give us not only angels' songs,
But Science vast, to which belongs
The tongue of angels
And the song of songs.*

(Miscellany 324)

Long Term Care Insurance

Robiny L. Rhea, LTCP, is a Principia College graduate and has spoken to groups of Christian Scientists regarding LTC insurance, having been in this business since 1991. She is willing to answer questions and provide information if desired.

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Of Interest

Among Wide Horizon's staff of individuals originally from places such as Germany, Laos, Hungary, Mexico, Guatemala, California, Pennsylvania, and of course Colorado, Zina Matveyuk originates from the Ukraine. Zina has served on Wide's kitchen staff for nearly 14 years! During this time Zina became a United States citizen, for she loves the USA very much. Her husband most recently became a citizen! They have 8 adult children, all of whom are also US citizens, as well as many grandchildren. The entire Matveyuk family of over 30 individuals is also devoutly Christian, and several serve mankind through ministry work. Zina, who loves God and her family very much, also loves Wide Horizon, and we are grateful to have her here as part of Wide's family!

Volunteer Hotline

We extend our warmest appreciation to all of you who are giving your loving support of Wide Horizon in so many ways. We're frequently asked, "What can I do for Wide Horizon?" Please look at the following ideas (we're not restricted to just these ideas) and see if you might be able to volunteer in some of these or other ways. Huge amounts of time are not required for most of these:

Have you taken a trip where you took slides? How about coming out and sharing your enthusiasm and your slides with our guests? It would require only 30 minutes to an hour to do that, depending on how many slides you have. Do you play an instrument (concert quality is not required) that you'd be able

to come and play for us? Again, no more than an hour! Or, do you have a fun, but simple, craft project you'd like to share? Do you have a child, grandchild or young friend who has a talent they'd like to share with us? In July we were thrilled to have the Cherry Creek Rope Skippers perform for us. We try to have a "special" program each month, and we'd just love for you and/or your group to be a part of that.

We always need to add names to our list of readers for our Thursday evening testimony meetings as well as recorders for the Christian Science periodicals. If you are interested in doing this, please call Jan Dillingham at the number or email below.

Would you be willing to be placed on a list to occasionally substitute for Jan Dillingham, who sometimes goes on vacation or just needs a day off? This could be either on a volunteer or paid basis, depending on your preference. This would involve some individual and group reading, wheelchair rides when the weather permits, and just kind of coordinating the day's activities as would already be planned. We have two people who do this now, but they both lead busy lives and may not always be available. If you would be interested, you would be encouraged to come out and spend some time with Jan to see what happens during a "usual" day. Call (303) 424-4445, x3028 or email jand@widehorizon.org. Again, **THANK YOU** for all you do!

Employee Recognition

for 5, 10, 15 & 25 years of commitment and service!



Joanne Richter, nurse supervisor,
25 years!!!!



Carol Hanauer,
assistant superintendent,
15 years!!!



Calaine Ohmert,
business manager,
15 years!!!



Nancy Stafford,
nurse,
15 years!!!



Jeanne Naylor,
receptionist,
10 years!!



Michael Torres,
housekeeping manager,
5 years!



Chouane Vang,
kitchen,
5 years!

We are grateful for each of these fine employees, particularly noting Joanne's dedication to Christian Science nursing for most of her adult life, and for all the excellent staff members who serve Wide Horizon's guests so well!

Healed and Home

from Susan Wood, Superintendent of Nursing

A Christian Scientist who lives alone on the Western Slope (far from churches and other church members), collapsed in her home earlier this year, unable to move the left side of her body and barely able to speak. She managed to call a practitioner and with much difficulty express her need. Soon a long chain of events began that resulted in a Christian Scientist, whom she had never met and who was visiting church members in a town an hour away, coming to pick her up and drive her 4 hours to Wide Horizon. The nursing started a long time before she reached Wide Horizon with friends, neighbors and even complete strangers helping her. She continued making rapid progress after she arrived at Wide Horizon, one false belief after another being shed, and in three weeks returned to her home, fully able to care for herself. Her testimony here at Wide Horizon just before she left was truly inspirational!



A lifelong student of Christian Science was being taken care of in her home by family members, but the claim of severe congestion and continual coughing was not yielding, and there was difficulty breathing and increasing weak-

ness. Family members were becoming pretty concerned. Reluctantly, at first, they brought her to Wide Horizon. Fear was instantly dismissed. The family continued to nurse her through frequent visits and phone calls—reading to her and praying with her. Pain and discouragement dissolved in the light of Truth. The nursing staff tended to her practical needs and helped

reassure her that she would indeed feel her healing. It took continued dedication to the Truth on everyone's part, and in a couple of weeks her "cheering squad" was able to rejoice with her as she claimed her complete victory and returned to her home and business.

Another fellow Christian Scientist who lived alone was having difficulty getting around in her home. She became more and more fearful. Eventually she came to

Wide Horizon. She needed a fair amount of help getting around, getting dressed and bathed. Soon she learned that she must not try to work equally, or even partially, with matter and Mind, and decided to rely completely on Mind. There was gradual progress as the fear lessened, and lo and behold, after more than a year of care at Wide Horizon, she decided to return to her home where she now does everything herself—including driving her car.

About a year ago another guest, who seemingly was unable to sit comfortably, appearing stooped and feeling pain, came to Wide Horizon, giving up her home and car. She too made enough spiritual progress that she freely moved from our North Building to Horizon House as a transitional step, before recently feeling ready to move to her new home and enjoy more of the activities she loves.

Although the challenges associated with aging seem so insidious and unavoidable, we know, as *Science and Health* conveys to us, "The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death" (*S&H* 412:13).

You can never be separated from nursing, because you can never be separated from God as Love—which, as we know, meets every human need.

Comments from Guests

Quality of the Staff

"Each staff member from the nurses to the front desk, maintenance, directors, everyone without exception has provided loving, immediate, supportive care."

Gratitude for Selfless Service

We are very grateful to Linda Leitz of Colorado Springs for her nine years of selfless volunteer service on Wide Horizon's Board of Directors, and on the board of the WH Foundation. As a long-time Financial Planner, Linda's acumen in financial matters benefited Wide throughout her tenure, serving as both Treasurer and Chairman. We have appreciated her dedication, generosity, humor, and intelligence.

We also genuinely appreciate having had the privilege of working with Win Ivey of Denver. Win, who recently passed on, loved Wide Horizon without measure. She once wrote before becoming a board member, "I'd be willing to move mountains to help Wide Horizon in any way I possibly can." In addition to her work on the Board, she volunteered here in different ways, including reading to patients, and was regularly onsite. Win's loving presence and shining smile are still felt. We know she still lives, loves, and labors for God and man. We will be forever grateful!

"Excellent, loving, patient...the friendliness and joy of the staff was always evident."

"Exceptionally loving and kind."

"Everyone is committed to service in the Truth."

Nurses

"I am so impressed with the patience, gentleness and thoughtfulness of the nurses. The demands are great but they are always met with unfailing patience and kindness."

"Spiritually ready to offer metaphysical support at any time. Patient, very well trained, selfless, always putting patients' needs first. Very competent!"

"Excellent!"

"Very loving and supportive."

"Outstanding was the readiness to help in any way expressed by the director of nursing who received the call in the wee hours of morning. As soon as her willingness to help was communicated to me, the physical symptoms stopped."

Kitchen Staff

"Your kitchen staff is superb. The meals were always delicious!"

"The food is excellent!"

Housekeeping Staff

"[They] are just great...always smiling & cheerful and very thorough!"

"The rooms and common areas are attractive and well cared for."

"[They] are careful and thorough."



Testimonies of Healing

Before I arrived at Wide Horizon, I had been continually coughing, having difficulty breathing and feeling very weak. Fear instantly dissolved as the immediacy of Truth dawned on my consciousness. During this time of almost three weeks of study, prayer and inspiration, I accepted God's thoughts of my being the ever-perfect manifestation of Mind as God's perfect, beloved child. The falsity of matter and its unreality as a mortal dream became clearer.

Knowing that God maintains His perfect creation became evident, as the Truth was known. The coughing dissolved; strength gradually was restored.

Christian Science heals! Matter and mortal mind's claims were shown to be nothing! I'm so filled with gratitude and humility in the presence of God's healing power. I'll be 'shouting from the mountaintop' of the joy and healing care found at Wide Horizon, for the most inspiring time of my experience!

I was healed of a high fever and the inability to sleep flat in bed the very first night.

While at a Colorado ski resort, I had worked two nights with hymn 218, though I had never heard of Wide Horizon. I arrived having had no sleep for two nights and days. It seemed to be altitude sickness with complications. I noticed immediately as I began to

study after a wonderful nap, that I understood so much more of the Science I was studying. I have been a lifelong student. Since my arrival I slept well at night and was able to take part in everything. I had no sense of missing the ski conference I had been attending; just joy at having this special spiritual retreat. I feel this is a very important step of spiritual progress and renewal in my life. I am going home to order my daily affairs, putting God first!

Upon arrival I was encouraged to be ready for progress and immediately felt spiritually supported by everyone. Gradually I regained use of my hand and arm. I was able to eat foods before rejected. Joy in studying was renewed. I recalled metaphysical truths as before to get my spiritual basis. The ability to use my legs and become more flexible increased, until I was able to be with family, feeling joy as never before."

When I arrived at Wide Horizon in a wheelchair I had no use of my left arm and little use of my left leg, and obvious distortion in my speech. The use of my arm was healed the 3rd day and normal use of my leg by the 5th day and speech gradually improved by the 3rd week when I again could speak normally and give testimonies at the evening testimony meeting. I give deep grate-

The readings given at
Annual Meeting 2005
by Win Ivey

Holy Bible

Revelation 1:1-3

Job 32:8 there

I John 1:5

Deuteronomy 4:1,2,5-9

II Peter 1:19-21

Ephesians 1:15-18 I also (to :)

II Timothy 3:14-17 continue

I Corinthians 1:4,5

Science and Health

127:26

323:30-32

308:14

98:15

No and Yes

11:23

Miscellaneous Writings

92:25-26

Retrospection and Introspection

28:25

ful praise to God for this healing and to the wonderful, spiritual dedication of the practitioner and nurses. My non-Science friends who came to visit me were greatly impressed with Wide, the cleanliness, the love they felt here, and my healing. There has indeed been a ripple affect in what my friends have seen and they now have copies of *Science and Health* and of Julia Johnson's book, *Mary Baker Eddy: Her Mission and Triumph*.



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Garage Sale

This successful event in July blessed all involved and brought in proceeds of over \$8,500, from which we purchased a new HDTV and DVD player for our guests, replaced old carpet in the dining room with beautiful new flooring, tinted some west-facing windows, painted the building's exterior trim, and replaced damaged flooring in the kitchen. Thanks to everybody who donated items and their time, especially Margee Howard and Penny Warner!