



Christian Science nursing
inspiring, loving and healing
humanity

Sunrise Haven



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Embracing the future of Christian Science nursing

Over the past three years, Sunrise Haven’s Board of Trustees, staff and Christian Science nurses have prayerfully worked together to develop new vision, mission and values statements as well as a strategic plan. As of this summer, these elements are now complete. We’re humbled and blessed by the spiritual growth we’ve experienced through this process and are embracing the future of Christian Science nursing!

Sunrise Haven’s Strategic Plan includes six major goals, supported by coordinating metaphysical foundations:

- **Daily support quick and whole healing.**
“I recommend that each member of this Church shall strive to demonstrate by his or her practice, that Christian Science heals the sick quickly and wholly, thus

proving this Science to be all that we claim for it.”
(Man. 92:7-11)

- **Consistently improve Christian Science nursing services.** *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”* (II Tim 4:2)
- **Recruit, retain, and value staff.** *“...the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest...the labourer is worthy of his hire.”* (Luke 10:2,7)
- **Improve internal communication through teamwork, unity and harmony.** *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”* (Ps. 133:1)

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A warm welcome to our new Christian Science nurses



Charity

Noni

Vivian

Christian Science Nurses Charity, Noni and Vivian recently joined the staff at Sunrise Haven after successfully completing courses and being mentored in Christian Science nurses training.

Charity said, “I’m very glad I took Christian Science nurses training at Sunrise. There’s something special here that Sunrise is doing. I feel that sense of family here...We all need to love our neighbor, to share and grow in Christian Science. How does that happen? I think Christian Science nursing has a big part in that.”

Charity, Vivian and Noni, welcome to Sunrise Haven— we are so grateful for you! ■

From the Executive Director

Patrice D. Edwards



About 12 years ago, I decided to leave a comfortable career situation to seek something more metaphysically satisfying. During my job hunt, a friend suggested that I consider taking a position as a cook at Sunrise Haven, thinking that it would be meaningful activity for me as I searched for my next right place. One afternoon, while doing the breakfast dishes here, I found myself weeping because I realized that Christian Science nursing was what I had been looking for all along!

I received Christian Science nurses' training at Sunrise Haven and served as a *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse on staff, supported Canterbury Crest in Oregon, and provided home care in Oregon, Idaho and California.

After five years as a Christian Science nurse, God led me to new career paths in leadership positions with other organizations. My practice of Christian Science was foundational to successes in organizational development and fundraising. Then, the pull for something more deeply metaphysical again emerged. The privilege of serving as executive director at Sunrise Haven is the result.

During my first few weeks here, a staff member lovingly commented, "We don't know who you are yet!" My response is this: I expect

quick and whole healing through Christian Science. We, as Christian Scientists, should expect and demand to see radical proof of God's kingdom right at hand. As our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, explains it, "The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see,..." (SH 573:3) so are we able, here and now, to see the truth of being and heal and be healed. Mrs. Eddy further explains, "God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man." (SH 393:13)

At Sunrise Haven, we are committed to letting "this mind be in (us), which was also in Christ Jesus,..." (Phil. 2:5) as we all support our healing ministry. I see our amazing staff of Christian Science nurses as "minute men and women," as referred to by Mrs. Eddy (Misc. 158:19), faithfully holding thoughts of Truth and knowing God will provide. The Christian Science nurse helps to provide a sanctuary where an individual's desire to rely solely on God for healing is upheld by spiritual reassurance and physical, practical care. We are witnessing progress and healing every day, and so deeply appreciate the prayers of all those in the region that support the activity of Christian Science nursing.

I am dedicated to Sunrise Haven's vision, "Humanity loved, blessed, healed." My tenure so far has been full of happy surprises at visits with branch church members in Tacoma, Bellingham and Seattle, and workshops in Billings, Bellevue and Burien.

I look forward to working with you in fulfilling Sunrise Haven's healing mission! ■

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- **Improve external communication through increased awareness and utility of Sunrise Haven.** "The intercommunication is always from God to His idea, man." (SH, 284:31-32)
- **Maintain orderly, Principle-based operations.** "Genuine Christian Scientists are, or should be, the most systematic and law-abiding people on earth, because their religion demands implicit adherence to fixed rules,

in the orderly demonstration thereof." (Ret. 87:10)

As with any good strategic plan, we look forward to Sunrise Haven's copy becoming "dog-eared with use" as action points under each goal are completed and circumstances change.

We're happy to share the entire plan with you! To receive your copy, contact Executive Director Patrice D. Edwards at executivedirector@sunrisehaven.org. ■

Community service at Sunrise Haven

After returning from the A/U Ranches this summer, local teens Emma and Jade started working toward their community service hours for the Congressional Award by volunteering at Sunrise Haven. The Award is part of Discovery Bound's four-year National Leadership Council (NLC) program. Emma and Jade are in their first year of NLC. At Sunrise Haven, they did yard work, served and picked up trays, set up rooms, did artwork, visited patients and made new admission folders. We loved having them and were thankful for their help. Do you know a teen working on community service hours for NLC or school requirements? We'd love to talk to them! ■



Jade (left) and Emma (right)



Far left: The Spiritual Dimension of Care Workshop, Burien, WA

Left: Patty, our Christian Science Nursing Trainer (first row, far right) and Bethany, one of our Christian Science nurses (top row, 2nd from right) gave a special version of our Good Samaritan workshop to the new "lively and thoughtful" National Leadership Council (NLC) class of 14 9th graders at A/U Ranches this summer.

Our Christian Science nursing education team is on the road!

Nine branch churches throughout our six-state region and a Christian Science camp learned about Christian Science nursing through a variety of Sunrise Haven workshops this year and you can, too! Contact us at executivedirector@sunrisehaven.org to find out how you can schedule and support this training.

Recent workshop attendees answered the question, "What was most helpful to you in the Christian Science nursing workshop?"

“Everything!!! However, to be more specific, all that was shared regarding Christian Science nursing; the how of taking a closer look at the parable of the Good Samaritan; a new view of the book, Christ and Christmas; AND the atmosphere of sharing with each other in a genuine caring way. It met my expectations and then some!”

“I enjoyed the conversational method. It was great to hear from others. It also explained my view of what Christian Science Nursing is, as well as where I can focus prayer to support this important provision in the Church Manual.” ■

Matching gift opportunity!



A Montana branch church has gratefully offered to match up to \$15,000 in contributions made to Sunrise Haven by December 31.

Do you know?

The National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN) is a benevolence fund that can assist Christian Science nursing patients in the United States and its territories. The fund can help when Christian Science nursing care is needed, whether at home or in a facility like Sunrise Haven. For more information, visit nfcsn.org or call 800-873-2843.



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Our vision:

**Humanity
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Our mission:

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