



November 2020

Dear Friends,

With heartfelt gratitude we write to thank you again for your love and support of Sunrise Haven. Whether it's with your prayers, with sending financial support, with volunteering, or simply with your interest in keeping abreast of our progress, we encourage you to continue to hold Sunrise Haven in your thought.

We hope you were able to hear Chaplain (Colonel) Janet Horton, U.S. Army (Ret.) speak via Zoom at our September 26th Annual Meeting. Janet spoke on one of her favorite subjects —“Embracing Humanity.” She shared wide-ranging examples of what it means to have Christly compassion toward individuals we meet in our daily lives, including in difficult encounters. Video of Janet’s remarks will be viewable on our website for a few more weeks, and we are enclosing a print version of her talk with this letter.

The spiritual insights of Christian Science help us all to understand the healing power of Christly compassion. Among the citations Janet shared was this from Mary Baker Eddy in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*:

“John saw the human and divine coincidence, shown in the man Jesus,
as divinity embracing humanity in Life and its demonstration, —
reducing to human perception and understanding the Life which is God” (561:16).

Following our Wayshower, Christian Scientists respond to humanity’s needs by striving to understand and communicate man’s true spiritual identity as the image and likeness of God. This striving also is the essence of the tender healing ministry of Christian Science nursing. **Founded by individuals like you**, Sunrise Haven is a sanctuary where Christian Science nurses may practice their compassionate care.

We know you will rejoice with us that, in spite of new requirements during the current public health concerns, Sunrise continues in its Christly mission: *Christian Science nursing – inspiring, loving and healing humanity*. While staff members have lovingly adapted to the temporary rules, they steadfastly maintain that we live without fear in “the land of Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of man are fully known and acknowledged” (SH 226:32).

The activities of our healing ministry proceed uninterrupted:

- Accepting individuals who need Christian Science nursing care while they work with a Christian Science practitioner for complete and whole healing. In 2020, our facility has been occupied more fully than in 2019.
- Caring for patients with the Christly compassion that meets our Leader’s requirements: “demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, ... practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and proper care of the sick” (*Church Manual*, 49:10).

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- Giving the same considerate care for individuals who call or come to us for assistance, but do not need to stay at the facility.
- Training Christian Scientists in the Northwest who wish to serve as Christian Science nurses.
- Gathering patients and staff for Sunday morning services and Wednesday testimony meetings each week. (During this time when volunteers may not come, staff members are providing the services.)
- Reading to patients. (Retired Christian Science nurses come for a few hours each day to assist at mealtimes and read to patients.)
- Providing a Benevolence Fund for patients who need financial help to receive Christian Science nursing care.
- Demonstrating to our field and our community that loving, effective, appropriate care is available to students of Christian Science.
- Cherishing generous regular contributions from individuals and branches in our community. Your financial support plays a significant role in keeping our not-for-profit facility viable.
- Valuing strong spiritual support from many loving volunteers:
 - ~ Our “Prayer Support Team,” which takes up a new topic each month in support of the healing activity of the Christ at Sunrise Haven. (The topic for November is “Gratitude.”)
 - ~ Sunrise Haven Representatives at churches in our region, who keep church members informed of our activities.
 - ~ Individuals who read to patients and provide weekly church services. We look forward to continuing your involvement soon!

We are always deeply and humbly grateful for the generous goodwill of our community. This is the time of year we ask you to include Sunrise Haven in your end-of-year giving. **The generous members of a branch church in Montana will match dollar-for-dollar (up to the first \$15,000) your contribution received by December 31, 2020.**

With love and gratitude,

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