

Peace Haven

INSPIRED TO SERVE

2024 Summer Newsletter



Christian Science Nursing . Love's Pure Standard

*"Love's giving is forever;..."**

VALERIE HICKAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I was recently inspired by a *Christian Science Sentinel* article written by Paul Stark Seeley called "Giving and Getting" (see *Christian Science Sentinel*, September 1, 1923). Mr. Seeley first brings out the material sense of getting, for instance, as someone always trying to get ahead, to get more money, more love, more peace. Mr. Seeley then says he was inspired one day while taking a country drive when he recognized that everything he saw was giving: "...all nature sang a silent symphony of praise to the creator." He saw that the road was giving safe passage, street signs were giving direction, birds were giving birdsong, trees were giving shade, the sun

was giving warmth, and friends were giving kindness. All was a symphony of giving! He writes, "All was giving. False sense was giving way, and Spirit was revealing that all creation by selfless expression was giving praise to the great Giver, the eternal God. All was just to make Love manifest. No sense of self was there. And the giving was so vital, so joyful, so fearless, so free. It was a faint glimpse of the heart-throb of divinity." Mr. Seeley further recognized that if God is the great Giver, all He creates, by reflection, is made to give.

Sometimes, the needs at Peace Haven seem great in fulfilling our mission to provide Christian Science nursing services. Mortal mind presents suggestions for the need for more staff, more funds, and more time. But Mr. Seeley's article inspires us to turn thought around to see all of the good God is giving and all of the individuals God has sent to give of their God-given talents, whether as a Christian Science nurse, a staff member, a volunteer, or a donor. God's universal giving applies to everyone, and every situation, and Peace Haven is a God-provided avenue for us to give in our unique ways.

As I read this article, I couldn't help but think of Peace Haven and all of the Christian Science nurses and workers, volunteers, and donors that bless this holy work. Each one recognizes and feels God's love and man's God-given freedom, health, and completeness. Out of a sense of love and gratitude for His goodness, they want to help others know, feel, and experience it, too. They give of their "heart's rich overflow" (see *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 139). We all receive great blessings from this giving! Even if mortal mind tries to tempt us into thinking that we

don't have enough, or that good is divided and we'll have to give up something, or that our resources will be depleted by giving, we know that gifts of love grow and multiply. Because God is the source, a spiritual idea is permanent and eternal.

"...God and man forever live to give," writes Mr. Seeley. The sincere desire to give is a natural expression in each of us, even if we are working out a challenge. It is heartwarming to see patients each share their Christian Science inspiration addressing world issues during their Community of Healers weekly meetings. Christian Scientists are such lifelong givers!

Throughout this newsletter you will find inspiring accounts written by Christian Science nurses and staff

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putting the Christian Science Nurse By-Law into practice, highlights from a gathering of current and former Board members, a testimony by a former patient, and notes of love and gratitude. It is a joy to share these experiences with you!

In addition, on page 12, you will see snapshots of a happy gathering of a group of Christian Science Sunday School students who came to Peace Haven for a garden party and luncheon in May. The same group had joined patients for a hymn sing earlier in the year, and we were thrilled by the children's idea to visit again to plant some flowers in our Children's Garden. The gathering was a sweet exchange with the children's laughter and playfulness and our patients' encouragement and appreciation.

We are so touched by the many ways you are inspired

to give to Peace Haven—when you support our work metaphysically or financially, volunteer, express interest by reading our mailings or visiting our website, or attend Peace Haven's annual meeting or inspirational programs. Peace Haven's Board, staff, and patients are deeply grateful! It takes all of us together, loving God and one another, to provide a facility so that fellow Christian Scientists have a place to receive Christian Science nursing care.

Going back to Mr. Seeley's experience on that country road—it was a living example of "resolv[ing] things into thoughts, and exchang[ing] the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 269). We too, can contribute to the harmony and order of the world through

our moment-by-moment turning of what seems ordinary and mundane into the inspired and holy. We do this by recognizing the spiritual substance behind each object or activity to see what it is giving as the reflection of God.

Let us celebrate together the overflowing expressions of love that envelope each of us throughout the day, every day! Let us recognize and demonstrate together that "...Love's giving is forever;..." (*Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 174). As our Leader writes, "Wholly apart from this mortal dream, this illusion and delusion of sense, Christian Science comes to reveal man as God's image, His idea, coexistent with Him – God giving all and man having all that God gives" (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 5).

*see *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 174

Cherishing the Qualities of a Christian Science Nurse

PEACE HAVEN STAFF

“All God’s servants are minute men and women”

(*Miscellaneous Writings*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 158). That’s definitely true for Christian Science nurses! They commit their lives to caring for others while working from the standpoint of Spirit. Like the original Minute Men, Peace Haven’s Christian Science nurses are trained and prepared to be ready at a minute’s notice. They are at their posts and ready to serve day and night. It is a privilege to work alongside such dedicated and courageous students of Christian Science.

Similar to how Christian Science nurses prepare thought before starting work and entering patient rooms, every employee at Peace Haven comes to work metaphysically prepared, having put on the whole armor of God. One staff member shared that they recognize their preparations as similar to Mrs. Eddy’s list of necessary qualities of a Christian Science nurse—“cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith,—receptive to Truth and Love” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 395).

The Christian Science nurse’s metaphysical preparation in being “full of faith” and “receptive to Truth and Love” beautifully correlates with Paul’s references in Ephesians 6 to key elements of the armor of God, including a “shield of faith” and “helmet of salvation” for both guidance and protection of one’s thoughts. Mrs. Eddy defines salvation as “Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed” (*Science and Health*, p. 593). This describes one of the requirements of becoming a *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse—“one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice” (*Manual of The Mother Church*, p. 49).

The qualities of a Christian Science nurse are

helpful to anyone’s practice of Christian Science in all kinds of situations. A Peace Haven staff member recently shared the significance and spiritual inspiration they have found in how Mrs. Eddy grouped the qualities: “When looking at them as a whole, the first five qualities combine to all be essential elements of preparation for us to be ‘receptive to Truth and Love.’ Being ‘cheerful’ leads me to think uplifted thoughts filled with gratitude and yields un-labored work. Being ‘orderly’ keeps my thought focused and uncluttered. Being ‘punctual’ prepares my thought, honing spiritual readiness and willingness. Being ‘patient’ calms thought as I pause to listen for Love’s leading. And by being ‘full of faith,’ my focus is on trusting God, assured of His care and expectant of Love’s embrace of all.”

The spiritual qualities of a Christian Science nurse naturally strengthen metaphysical readiness for

healing. A Peace Haven team member mentioned that they have applied these qualities to projects when they seemed to feel bogged down or needed clearer direction. By beginning with cheerfulness and gratitude, resistant thoughts turned around, and progress followed. This individual added, “As I’m receptive to Truth and Love, the expression of these qualities also comes through in the work itself.”

As servants of God and students of Christian Science, we learn to daily put on the whole armor of God. When demonstrating the spiritual qualities of a Christian Science nurse, this armor is strengthened with infinite, fresh spiritual ideas. What a blessing to work at a Christian Science nursing organization where inspiration and spiritual growth are nurtured each day!

The Blessings of Serving on the Peace Haven Board

ELEESA PEREZ, TRUSTEE



The opportunity to serve on Peace Haven’s Board of Trustees is one of the best things that has ever happened to me.

As a lifelong student of Christian Science, I knew the Christian Science nurse had an important role because of the Christian Science Nurse By-Law in the *Manual of The Mother Church* (see Article VIII, Sect. 31). Mary Baker Eddy, as a scribe under orders, transcribed there what God indited.

Serving on Peace Haven’s Board offered me a special opportunity to take a course on the history of Christian Science nursing. During this class, my perspectives broadened immensely about the role every church member has in uniquely applying the Christian Science Nurse By-Law to daily life. Before taking this course, I unknowingly thought the significance of this By-Law was intended only for one interested in becoming a Christian Science nurse or one already engaged in this work. The spiritual growth

I have gained while serving on this board has shown me the significance of this By-Law and its inseparability from, and importance to, the Church’s purpose of Christian healing and regeneration. The Christian Science Nurse By-Law is applicable to me as an individual church member—as it is to each one of us, regardless of our vocation.

Throughout my Peace Haven Board experience, I have been awakened to the God-directed, God-impelled, practical Christian Science nursing aid and comfort for myself and our brethren. I now see Christian Science as having the world’s highest standard of human care in the Christian Science nurse. It is totally apart from the dictates of so-called material conditions of disease and injury, and it is far above nursing care without medication. Instead, the efficacy of Christian Science nursing lies in its radical reliance on Truth and the acknowledgement that Mind is the source and condition of all existence and man is the child of His care. What a precious gift!

The Christian Science Nurse By-Law in Action



Watercolor by Carol H. Wolfe

Regardless of our vocation, each of us has the opportunity to express what is brought out in the Christian Science Nurse By-Law in the Manual of The Mother Church. Some of Peace Haven's Christian Science nurses recently offered how they apply cherished aspects of this By-Law in their healing ministries and daily lives. We are delighted to share their inspiring insights and perspectives with our Peace Haven family.

Christian Science Nurse. SECT. 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in *The Christian Science Journal* under rules established by the publishers."

Mary Baker Eddy

Manual of The Mother Church, Article VIII, Sect. 31.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE MARGARET PENFIELD

The Christian Science Nurse By-Law in the *Manual of the Mother Church* by Mrs. Eddy states that someone representing themselves as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who "thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sickroom" (see *Manual*, Article VIII, Sect. 31). This is just one requirement of the By-Law. It is found between the By-Law's reference to the need for a "demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice" and being able to "take proper care of the sick." All three of these requirements are essential for a true representation as a Christian Science nurse.

What is the practical wisdom that Mrs. Eddy speaks of? It is listening to divine Mind to know what to do in every situation where a Christian Science nurse may be called upon to give care. I often think of this statement from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy, where she writes: "No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but

the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows" (see page 275). Therefore, only wisdom gained from our understanding of God is needed, helpful, and appropriate to support us in our Christian Science nursing practices. Practical wisdom stems from a deep study of the Bible and our Leader's writings.

This practical wisdom is helpful to meet any situation. Prayer always leads to the complete care idea, expressing divine wisdom. It is always appropriate for any given moment. Maybe practical wisdom will lead us to try something new, possibly have us walk with a patient a little bit farther, or introduce them to a different type of food to meet a nourishment need. It is a workable sense of judgment that is made manifest in discerning a patient's current needs.

I have repeatedly witnessed that turning to this God-given wisdom has proven most effective. Whether serving as a Christian Science nurse at a summer camp or in a Christian Science nursing facility, when I turned to God for guidance, the right idea provided the proper care in every situation.

God's wisdom heeded is expressed in sound judgment. This thorough wisdom is clear and knowable. It reflects the divine Mind and causes the Christian Science nurse to give the best care possible. This wisdom identifies facts from a spiritual, God-given view, impelling the Christian Science nurse to discern, see, and act upon only what God knows.

A thorough understanding of practical wisdom ties together each element of the Christian Science Nurse By-Law. This supports every member of The Mother Church in their daily demonstration of Christian Science.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE JOAN DRASKOVICH

Two words that we read in the Christian Science Nurse By-Law go hand-in-hand, and I am glad to share a

bit about those words today: demonstrable and knowledge. What good is knowledge if it is not demonstrated? As a Christian Science nurse, I find that it is always important to be still and listen to Mind, get myself out of the way, and let God do the talking and leading. I am glad to share two occasions where I was recently able to express demonstrable knowledge and see God's leading for all involved:

I recently visited the St. Louis Art Museum with my daughters. During the visit, I began feeling ill. I asked God what I needed to know, and was then drawn to have delightful conversations with two museum guards. Instead of focusing on the physical picture that was being presented, thought was turned to an uplifted sense in the form of those conversations. The physical picture shifted from discomfort to normalcy in a short time, and I know that's because I was acknowledging and naturally demonstrating that we all express the Christ and bless each other.

On another occasion, I was spiritually preparing thought before going to work at Peace Haven, knowing that I would be divinely guided to help our dear patients according to God's plan. During my shift that day, a patient expressed fear about what she thought was a serious physical issue. Immediately, divine Mind guided us toward a solution to meet the practical need and, of course, the fear lifted.

I am immensely grateful for the spiritual, demonstrable knowledge that I witness and express daily in my Christian Science nursing ministry.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE BILL CONANT

There's a phrase in the *Manual of The Mother Church* within the Christian Science Nurse By-Law that describes the Christian Science nurse as one "who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick

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room,..." When I think about that element of our By-Law, my thought starts with the dictionary definition of "practical": actively engaged in some course of action or occupation, capable of being put to use, disposed to action as opposed to speculation or abstraction, concerned with voluntary action and ethical decisions. For me, active and action seem to be the operative words.

To begin, I think of prayer as active. Sometimes, a Christian Science nurse is called to a room where mortal mind is doing its best to try to present an impressive picture. The job of the Christian Science nurse is to remain steadfast in the Truth, unmoved, calm, and bearing witness to God's spiritual, perfect man. The Christian Science nurse is unimpressed by material suppositions and puts fear out of thought. Mary Baker Eddy writes in our textbook, "Fear never stopped being and its action" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 151).

When I go into a patient's room, I enter with the knowledge and comfort that I am up to the task at hand to practically meet every need with inspired thought. God is inspiring me to His action. I have no fear of what may be presented, and I understand that the patient and I are God's loved, precious ideas animated by Him. So, I am going about the business of the Father, tending to whatever is being called for in that room at that moment. I know that the actions I take are impelled by God. Sometimes, it's necessary to make an immediate call to a patient's Christian Science practitioner. Again, in these moments, I take action. I trust God to put the words in my mouth that need to be communicated.

I feel that my Christian Science nursing healing ministry is the result of being called to this holy work. God supplies the proper training, experience, and guidance to meet every need of this healing activity. My job is to be His capable, alert expression.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE TIM THORNDIKE

The third aspect of the Christian Science Nurse By-Law in the *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy (Article VIII, Sect. 31) includes taking "proper care of the sick." As a Christian Science nurse, I love being a witness to Truth and recognizing that Christian Science heals in every circumstance. Each day, Christian Science nurses rely on spiritual sense and Love's leading as well as consecrated prayer and their Christian Science nurses' training to demonstrate the practical care necessary in the sick room. In the Bible, we read: "...shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18). This is a beautiful reminder of the importance of performing each practical task of giving care with inspired wisdom.

Today, I'll share two examples of Love's leading in action—one that resulted in me experiencing physical freedom while working with a patient and one that revealed fresh insights that seamlessly supported a patient's care needs. The first example occurred while I was storing extra bedding on the upper shelf of a patient's bedroom closet, and I inadvertently injured my back. After storing the linens, my next task was to give personal care to the patient. I was straining to breathe and seemed to experience limited movement and extreme discomfort. "Stop and pray" was an angel message that came to me. I prayed while preparing all the items needed to give the patient appropriate care, but I struggled to lift even the basin of water. Again, the angel message came, "Stop... and pray." I obeyed. I stood still at the patient's bedside for what seemed an inordinate amount of time. The thought came, "His ways are not as our ways" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 361). I did not want my thoughts and ways. I only wanted God's thoughts and ways. I cast out each of my thoughts until I found the still-

ness that was needed. Then, the idea came to adjust the patient's bed position so I could stand comfortably while giving the needed care. I kept listening my way through that activity, and when I finished, I could breathe easily. Throughout the rest of my work shift, I held to "His ways." There was some vestige of discomfort after work, so I called a Christian Science practitioner for Christian Science treatment. They reminded me that I was never, for an instant, touched by any phase of the seeming injury any more than I could be if I watched others get hurt in a movie. Thinking about this broke the mesmerism, and I was free of the complaint by the end of the day.

Another example of inspired proper care came when I was on a private duty case caring for a patient who seemed sensitive to movement or any touch to the skin. It seemed impossible to move this individual without causing pain. I turned to God for guidance, and the third verse of Hymn No. 190 came to me: "Things deemed impossible I dare, Thine is the call and Thine the care, Thy wisdom shall the way prepare; Thy will be done." Nothing is impossible to divine Mind. As the complete and infinite reflection of the one divine Mind, nothing could be impossible to me either. After a few moments of consecrated prayer, the idea came to me: "enwrapped in God's love." I was led to untuck the flat bottom bed sheet and wrap the patient in it as if they were in a cocoon. Then, after giving instructions to a family member, together we were able to lift the patient, snuggled in this cocoon, so they could be in a good position to receive proper care. This experience highlights how inspired practical care helps take the patient's thought off the body, focusing instead on God's tender care for His children.

Proper care is the natural outgrowth of utilizing an understanding of Christian Science and Love's practical wisdom that meets every human need. Each day, I'm so thankful to witness the healing efficacy of Christian Science in this healing ministry.

HOW CAN WE HELP?



Peace Haven is grateful to fulfill our mission and serve students of Christian Science who are wholly relying on Christian Science for healing by providing skilled Christian Science nursing care as well as Light Assistance, Sheltered Care, and Outpatient Care. Our Director of Christian Science Nursing is always happy to answer your questions and to speak with you about our services.

In addition to the services offered at our facility, the embrace of this healing ministry includes loaning equipment, sharing care ideas to help meet a need, or helping you find a private duty Christian Science nurse to come to you or a loved one.

Please call 314.965.3833, ext. 214, if you'd like to be in touch.

Holding the High Ideal

PERSPECTIVES ON THE ROLE OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT PEACE HAVEN

KAREN GRIMMER, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

All human organizations are founded for a purpose—they have a vision of what they want to achieve and how they will accomplish their goals. Most have a variety of departments with functions designed to work together to realize the organization's purpose.

Peace Haven's mission is to be "...an active expression of divine Love meeting the human need by providing Christian Science nursing care for those wholly relying on Christian Science for healing." It is so important that our various departments—Christian Science nursing, training, hospitality, facilities, development, and administration—collaborate harmoniously to achieve our purpose.

At Peace Haven, as with any organization or company, there is an opportunity for the Human Resources (HR) department to model and exemplify the spiritual sense of "oil." In the Glossary of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy includes this definition: "OIL. Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration" (page 592). I love thinking of the work of Peace Haven's HR department as demonstrating the inspired sense of oil! Just as oil in an engine allows all of its parts to work smoothly and without resistance, in its highest sense, HR can help the various departments at Peace Haven to work smoothly together. We do this by consistently joining with each staff member in prayerfully working to lift thought to the divinely authorized mission we are, individually and collectively, working to fulfill.

As a Christian Scientist working in HR, I have found that applying the principles and teachings of Christian Science to my work provides daily opportunities to demonstrate an understanding of infinite God, good, and man as the reflection of that goodness. As God's reflec-

tion, man is imbued with wisdom, purity, and perfection. This view recognizes the inherent worth of every employee, which inspires and uplifts Peace Haven's policies and practices. Furthermore, it fosters an environment of mutual respect, integrity, and fairness. Approaching HR work from this viewpoint has allowed me to witness moral integrity, divinely inspired perception and intuition, love, compassion, and healing expressed in the workplace. As Mrs. Eddy asserts in our textbook, "...the right understanding of Him restores harmony" (*Science and Health*, p. 390).

In viewing employees as complete ideas expressing their God-given talents, the HR department supports our Board of Trustees and administration in creating offerings and programs that embrace Peace Haven employees, enhancing job satisfaction, retention, and productivity—blessing all.

Love and compassion are also important elements of our work in HR. The Biblical injunction, "...all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them..." (Matthew 7:12), invites us to treat every individual we meet with respect and lovingkindness. In HR, we honor this by ensuring that everyone has access to the same opportunities and is treated with dignity and care. This approach aligns with the moral and ethical standards of Christian Science, Christian Science nursing, and legal frameworks that protect against workplace discrimination. At Peace Haven, implementing policies that reflect the values of Christian Science helps ensure all employees are treated equitably and nurtures an environment conducive to spiritual healing for our employees and those we serve.

The reality of Spirit is our framework for developing ethical, supportive, and effective workplace practices. By

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aligning Peace Haven's HR strategies and activities with the teachings of the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy, we actively support an environment where honesty, respect, fairness, and compassion are not just ideals but practiced realities. This approach resolves workplace issues—transforming them and creating a harmonious, productive environment that serves and nurtures Peace Haven's mission.



A Place for Consecrated Prayer

A PATIENT'S GRATITUDE AND HEALING

This fall, I called a Christian Science practitioner to pray with me when I began experiencing a physical challenge. Although I was doing my best to prepare meals and care for myself, I knew that I needed some practical assistance. I am grateful for the inspired thought that encouraged me to reach out to Peace Haven and for the arrangements that were made for me to come to this facility for Christian Science nursing care and healing.

When I arrived, I was lovingly ushered to a bright, cheery room. A Christian Science nurse and a friend assisted me in getting settled. What a relief it was for me to be in a healing environment where I could focus on God and the truth of my being while not having to think about meal preparations and other tasks. It was reassuring just knowing that someone who was trained and well-prepared to meet any need was close by if I needed help with anything.

While at Peace Haven, I was so grateful to be given a quiet space where my focus was uninterrupted, consecrated prayer. At times, I would listen to the Christian Science

Bible Lesson, Christian Science lectures, and articles published in the Christian Science periodicals. I was also so grateful when a Christian Science nurse read to me. Those were holy moments, listening to the Truth and allowing it to wash over me and fill my thought. Throughout my visit, the Christian Science nurses were tender, loving, and eager to help with any needs that arose. I appreciated their unobtrusive assistance and their firm recognition of the nothingness of the picture of illness that was presented. Within ten days, I returned to my home with great harmony. A few days later, complete healing was evident.

I am so grateful for the *Manual*-based activity of Christian Science nursing, which proves God's love and care for His creation. My heart is also filled with thanks for the Christian Science practitioner who stood with me, reassuring me of God's tender care and the utter nothingness of the material presentation of illness. I am profoundly grateful for Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, and our forever Wayshower Christ Jesus.

Treasuring the Children's Garden

PEACE HAVEN STAFF



Some local Christian Science Sunday School students recently volunteered for a morning of joyous and selfless activity in the Children's Garden at Peace Haven. They playfully worked together to plant colorful flowers in our courtyard. In early spring, some patients had hand-painted stones and written treasured qualities on them. The children delighted in placing these rocks in mulched areas of the courtyard to inspire patients, visitors, and staff who enjoy this outdoor space. The happy band of volunteers also found a new courtyard home for a decorative mama duck and three ducklings, placing them in view of the North Wing Dining Room for patients in our skilled Christian Science nursing wing to observe. After the children completed their outdoor activities, they dined on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, vegetables and dips, fruit, graham crackers, and ice cream in our main Dining Room. The children concluded their visit by singing hymns from the *Christian Science Hymnal*, including Hymn No. 3 with its fitting first verse: "A grateful heart a garden is, / Where there is always room / For every lovely, Godlike grace / To come to perfect bloom."

Shortly after the visit, a staff member wrote to a parent from this volunteer group: "We thought we were inviting you to our garden when, in fact, you all are the garden, just like Hymn No. 3 describes a grateful heart! Not only did the children and adults express gratitude, but also joy, lovingkindness, gentleness, purity, intelligence, dominion, serenity, wisdom, grace, vibrancy, light, harmony; just an abundance of God's goodness, a living, beautiful, mobile garden!" What a dear celebration of camaraderie, giving, fun, and beautiful expressions of Christian Science nursing qualities!

Embracing the Continuity of Good

PEACE HAVEN STAFF

Current and past Peace Haven Board members came together this spring at our St. Louis facility for a joyous reunion. This unique gathering offered an opportunity to share metaphysical inspiration, presentations about organizational news and opportunities, and information about the Christian Science nursing field today. It was also a privilege to express heartfelt gratitude for the strong foundation laid by past trustees and the continuity of good unfolding today with current trustees. As part of our time together, we offered tours for those who had not yet seen our new building. It was humbling to walk through Peace Haven's halls alongside individuals whose prayerful work was instrumental in helping us demonstrate the fullness of good that this building represents. The Peace Haven team continues to appreciate the consistent dedication and love we receive from current and past trustees in support of this healing ministry, including their recent funding of

the Spring Matching Gift opportunity.

The following are a few comments from past Board members shared at-and after-the reunion:

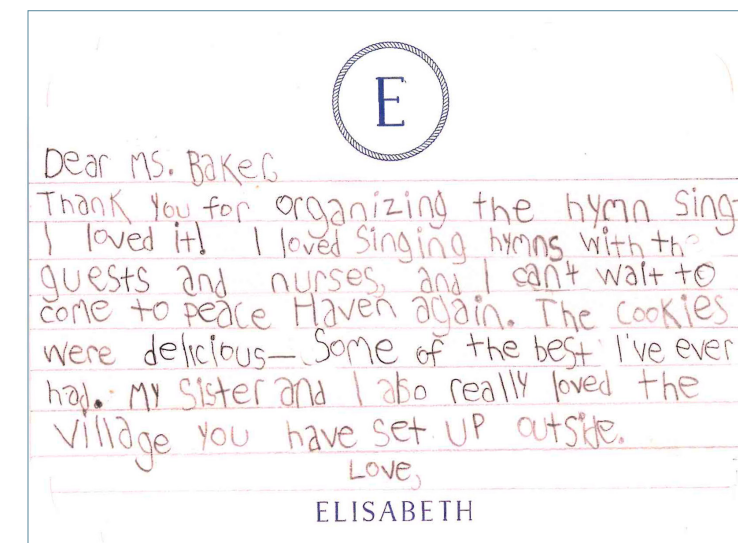
"...I feel such a sense of vibrancy from the current Board. Rather than standing on each other's shoulders, we're linking arms through the decades...I value being reminded again of what Peace Haven is and does."

"The Peace Haven building truly exemplifies the spiritual thought that built it. I was overwhelmed with love and gratitude at seeing the beautiful outcome of so much prayer and consecration."

"Reconnecting with past Board members and hearing their wonderful ideas and questions was as inspiring and uplifting as my time on the Board."

"Our [Board] terms may have expired, but our love for Peace Haven never will."

Love Notes



"It gives me peace to know my family member is at Peace Haven. It is so calming for all of us to know they are in that beautiful atmosphere of Love that is allowing them to quietly communicate with God and feel His healing presence." -A Grateful Family Member

"With a humble heart, I give great gratitude for the loving care provided to our family member and for the healing atmosphere that is bringing such peace. From my visits and communication with the Christian Science nurses and staff, I definitely see those wonderful qualities of patience, cheerfulness, orderliness, punctuality, and faith!" -A Grateful Family Member

"I can't express enough how helpful and loving the entire Peace Haven staff was to us. We loved everyone we met. Peace Haven lived up to its holy name. Thank you for the gracious, kind, loving care offered. Please thank everyone for us." -A Grateful Family Member

Celebrating the Spiritual Essence of Motherhood

PEACE HAVEN STAFF



Last month, patients at Peace Haven enjoyed a special Mother's Day tea—complete with scones, clotted cream, and gracious table settings—while celebrating the spiritual qualities of motherhood. This festive gathering was inspired by the definition of "Mother" in the Glossary of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*: "MOTHER. God; divine and eternal Principle; Life, Truth, and Love" (see page 592). It began with readings from the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's writings focused on the spiritual essence of "mother" and "day." Then, attendees sang hymns from the *Christian Science Hymnal*, including Hymn No. 207, "Mother's Evening Prayer," followed by sharing inspiration and cherished Mother's Day memories. While the party was a lovely and joyous occasion, it was significant to celebrate the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God that we each express and experience daily. Afterward, a patient shared gratitude for feeling so cared for and loved, noting that this was even exemplified by Peace Haven's staff using the "good china" at the tea party. We are grateful to consistently translate every facet of experience from sense to Soul.

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SAVE THE DATE!

PEACE HAVEN 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, November 9, 2024
Penny Swank, C.S., will be our speaker.

MORE DETAILS TO COME

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TRAINING

Peace Haven offers Christian Science Nursing Arts Training! This spring, three students completed Christian Science Nursing Arts I in the classroom. We've since been delighted to support the mentoring portion of the program.



To learn more about Christian Science Nursing Arts Training at Peace Haven, please email CSNA@PeaceHavenAssociation.org or call 314.965.3833.

www.phcsn.org/csna-overview

CARING for CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS



Caring for Christian Scientists is a new service from The Principle Foundation that provides ideas and information to help meet the practical needs of Christian Scientists. This service is available in two formats: online and over the phone.

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Inspiration from a Hymn

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Oh, the joy of being about our Father's business!

At Peace Haven, we wake each day to the expectancy of good and rejoice in the healings we are privileged to witness. As we ponder the many blessings of Christian Science nursing, the second verse of a hymn from the *Christian Science Hymnal* (No. 72) comes to mind that captures the essence of this feeling. The words of this hymn verse are in green below, interspersed with the blue text which reflects the fresh views that came to light.

Mark the wonders of His hand:

Witness the wonders of the healing Christ.

Power no empire can withstand;

Omnipotence that destroys every ill.

Wisdom, angels' glorious theme;

"Practical wisdom" that guides and meets our needs.

Goodness one eternal stream.

Unlimited good that inspires and supports us.

All ye people, raise the song,

Rejoice for this gift of Love. Talk about it! Share it!

Endless thanks to God belong;

Bow in gratitude for God's infinite grace.

Hearts o'erflowing with His praise

"... shew forth thy praise to all generations" (Ps. 79:13)

Join the hymns your voices raise.

Together "... we sing and praise thy power" (Ps. 21:13)

Peace Haven is a collective demonstration of people just like you and me who love Christian Science nursing and understand its importance to our movement. Together, we are privileged to continue to support this holy work—an active expression of love and a critical part of Mary Baker Eddy's church. Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support of Peace Haven.