



## Remarks from the Executive Director

### Clearview Home Grand Opening and Annual Gathering

June 29, 2019

Good afternoon,

Thank you, Lynn, and a warm welcome, to everyone here. To follow on the remarks of Dave, Brian and Lynn, Clearview Home is the result of our collective prayerful support of Christian Science nursing. Clearview Home provides a safe place for God's children to be healed. The Christian Science nursing staff, through their own individual prayers and study, provide a level of thought and skilled care that provides a healing atmosphere for our patients. This sense of sanctuary and healing is the foundation of our Purpose, Mission, and Vision statements.

What a wonderful and exciting time to be here at Clearview Home! We have witnessed so much progress during this past year. Just think about it — last year we showed you a few concept designs and a video of what we hoped to achieve. This year you have had the chance to walk through an actual building. This would not have been possible without your support.

Another milestone of progress this year is the increased activity of our Christian Science nursing department. This would not have been possible without the addition of several Christian Science nurses. The new additions would not have been possible without our new Staff Housing program designed to assist Christian Science nursing staff to live close to Clearview Home. We have had new staff join us from Ohio, Arkansas, and Illinois. We also welcome temporary staff from the Carolinas, Florida, Washington State, and New Jersey. Each one is embracing our purpose, mission, and sharing in our vision.

In 2013, Cedar Ridge and Clearview Home discussed combining forces and merged into one organization. After much prayer and discussion, it was decided to sell the Cedar Ridge property. \$4.9 million was received from the sale and was added to the \$599,000 at Clearview Home, making a total valuation 5.49 million dollars. Fund balances at the end of May 2019 were 4.13 million dollars. Expenses since 2013 include patient benevolence, operations, and excessive maintenance expenses on the current building. Excessive maintenance and renovation needs helped to move us forward with the building project. This proved to be the right decision and over the last year Clearview Home has shared our story with many people. As a result of sharing our vision, our hopes, and our progress we received additional funding from many sources. We are happy to share with you that the current phase one project is fully paid for by donors.

Where do we go from here?

I just mentioned our Phase 1 project. What does this mean? As Clearview worked with the city Planning Commission, they asked us to develop a plan for our whole campus. We knew we wanted to continue the mission of Clearview through Christian Science nursing, we wanted to honor the Cedar Ridge mission, and we are cherishing the ability to meet mental impositions for our community. We wanted the campus to be a center for Christly healing. We developed a plan that would address each area, as well as independent living or future staff housing. What you see today is Phase 1. Phase 2 is a larger assisted living building or Sheltered Care area to include Rest and Study, administrative offices, and perhaps Christian Science nursing training area. Phase 3 is our independent living or staff housing duplexes/cottages, and Phase 4 is Memory Care (where Christian Science nurses can care for those who are challenged with mental impositions).

We feel as if we are on the right track. With increased utilization and staffing we are close to outgrowing our new building. We have been receiving several admission inquiries a month about assisted living. Meeting the growing needs of our region has impelled us to start the design process toward this second phase.

Here is our timeline for the next year. In October, the current brick building will be demolished and the grounds graded to city specifications. This fall, Clearview will begin design meetings for the second building. It is our hope that this time next year we will break ground on the new building. This time line is heavily dependent upon additional funding for Phase 2 and we are so grateful for pledges already earmarked toward this second building.

Very exciting stuff!

Thank you to Lynn. Remember that we will have additional tours afterward the meeting.

In closing:

As Lynn said, this is *our* demonstration. By supporting the *Manual* By-law for Christian Science nurse, Clearview is giving a home to the by-law, is providing a safe place for patients to heal, and Christian Science nursing to be practiced, and it will support and sustain Christian Science nursing for another 70 years. Christian Science nursing expressed at Clearview Home is evidence of our love for one another. The word nurse means to cherish, to hold dear, to nurture, to nourish. Your support of Clearview Home allows us to cherish, nurture, nourish, and hold dear everyone who comes here for healing. Thank you for your continuing and on-going support of Clearview Home and Christian Science nursing.