



Clearview Home Annual Gathering Reports 2022

President's Report

Good afternoon! On behalf of the Clearview Home Board of Directors, I welcome you. Thank you so very much for being here today. It is indeed wonderful to be able to gather together again, united in Love!

My name is Marian Sorensen and I am currently serving as President of the Board of Directors. Our other Board members are Penny Roehrer, Mary Townsager, Marilyn Armbruster, Karen Meyer Hermann and Patty Ray. We are grateful for the contributions that each one has made to carrying out our mission of "Shining the light of Love and healing through Christian Science nursing." Would the board members please stand so that our guests will recognize you if they have questions following the meeting?

Serving on the Board provides many opportunities to grow spiritually while supporting the Manual provision for Christian Science Nurse. In fact, the most important role of a board member is to prayerfully support Clearview Home as it provides care for those relying on Christian Science for healing. We begin each meeting with readings and sharing ideas on a topic that we have been prayerfully considering for the last month.

Since 2019 when we had a two-day meeting to consider planning for the future of Christian Science nursing at Clearview Home, we have explored the best way to move forward. One idea that unfolded was that we need to "enlarge the borders of our tent." The resulting fruitage was that we now have three board members from outside of Wisconsin and have served patients from as far away as New Hampshire and Arizona.

In order to be able to accept more patients, we continue to prayerfully support the need for more Journal-listed Christian Science nurses. This month we worked with Paul Stark Seeley's 1944 editorial, "Pray Ye ... The Lord of the Harvest," in which he points out that it is "His" (God's) harvest, and "There is no dearth of those to represent Him and do His work. All that is needed is for us, through prayer, to unsee the lying argument of mortal mind that it was here first; that it has taken possession of most of humanity; that only a comparatively few are awake to the call to His service; that apathy, indifference, self-love, or personal contention can prevent some of his children from responding to His call for laborers in His harvest" (*Christian Science Journal*, October 1944).

We have also revisited our master plan as we have envisioned the best ways to meet the needs of our Christian Science community while also considering our Delafield community. A lot of prayer and listening has gone into thinking about having a building that is separate from the Christian Science nursing building for meetings, the



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annual gathering, lectures, films, retreats, offices, and a gathering space for future independent living residents. This separate building will continue to allow Clearview to have activities without jeopardizing the privacy of our guests, while meeting public health requirements meant to protect them.

As you can see, there are many exciting things going on at Clearview Home. We are grateful for your generosity and continued metaphysical support for all the good happening.

In Mrs. Eddy's familiar words, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good." (SH 494:10)

Now Patty Ray, our Assistant Treasurer, will give the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Good afternoon, thank you so very much for being here today! I just want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of our Christian Science community! Thank you!

I'd like to begin the treasurer's report with a brief story. Many of you may be familiar with Giving Tuesday. It is a global generosity movement, begun in 2012, that encourages everyone to give of their time and treasure in support of the communities and organizations that are important to them. In the United States, Giving Tuesday is held on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Last year, the Clearview Board of Directors decided to celebrate Giving Tuesday by picking up the phone and personally thanking our donors (as opposed to seeking donations). As a newly minted Board member, this was a bit scary for me, but I also thought it was a brilliant idea and I was looking forward to talking directly with my list of donors so that I could tell them how very much I appreciated their support of Clearview Home. Well, as you might imagine, in today's world of caller ID, there were a number of people who did not answer my call initially. In those cases where my call wasn't answered, I would still leave a message, expressing my gratitude on behalf of the Board of Directors for their contribution. But, shortly after completing one session of calls that had ended mostly in recorded messages, I received a wonderful return call from a donor with whom I had previously left a message. We chatted at length about their gratitude for Clearview, and for the wonderful work that is being done here. I was so thrilled to be able to share



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in such a sweet conversation of mutual appreciation and, by inference, an affirmation of the importance of Clearview as it fulfills the Manual-based imperative for Christian Science nursing. And I should not have been surprised to hear at our next Board meeting, how many Board members expressed joy at this opportunity for sharing gratitude with our donors.

During Giving Tuesday and the days following, Board members talked with donors from 22 states, conveying their gratitude for a diversity of gifts. These gifts were distinguished by a diversity of giving forms, including individual monthly recurring gifts, donations of realized assets and donor participation in matching fund campaigns. We are so grateful for each of your donations, each selfless gift. They all represent the *present* demonstration of Jesus' *timeless* demonstration of supply, feeding the multitude with a seemingly insignificant supply of both **loaves** and **fishes**. These gifts have enabled us to continue to fulfill our mission of "*Shining the light of Love and healing through Christian Science nursing*". SO thank you one and all!

And now to the data--our Funds on hand--both investments and cash-- totaled \$4,129,985 as of 12-31-2021. During 2021 our income was \$1,443,835 and our expenses were \$1,378,942. We have no indebtedness.

I'd like to conclude with the following excerpts. First, from an article by Ivimy Gwalter entitled "Supply as Spiritual Reflection":

"...supply has never been too generously shared, nor has it ever been squandered or unwisely invested. Being spiritual it is indivisible, and it coexists in its completeness with God and man. ... Supply is man's today by reason of his relationship to God. He has eternal supply because he reflects God."

From Science and Health by Mary Baker Eddy:

"In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, - Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply."

And finally, from Paul:

II Cor 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work":

Thank you and now Jeffrey Deemer-White our DCSN will give his report.



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Director of Christian Science Nursing Report

Good afternoon, it's a pleasure to see you all this year. I'm here to share healings at the facility, and explain how we've continued our healing ministry during the last 2 years. We've taken calls locally in our region as well as from coast to coast. Like many other Christian Science facilities in recent years sometimes we can take a new admission and sometimes we can't. When we are unable to take a new admission, we work with the family to help find alternatives that are appropriate and acceptable. That may be admission at another Christian Science Nursing Organization, or the use of a private duty Christian Science nurse, or a local non-Christian Science facility.

For example, this year we received a call from someone on the west coast who became familiar with Clearview Home and Christian Science nursing through our chair-side chats. The individual needed assistance so they called us, we were full and unable to admit them to Clearview Home, so I helped them work out what the next step might be. We talked through the process and the desire to be admitted to a Christian Science nursing facility was uppermost in thought. I helped them with making admission calls and guided them through the application process at a few different Christian Science Nursing Organizations. This process took over a month, and during this time I was able to help them over the phone on how they could care for themselves. We weren't able to get a private duty Christian Science nurse or a Visiting Christian Science nurse to assist them, so I continued to support them over the phone until there was space at another Christian Science nursing facility. They were admitted to the facility and have since made great progress and are preparing to return home.

Another opportunity I would like to share was with the Visiting Christian Science nursing service. I had a case where I have been visiting for a few years. The situation required some light assistance with physical needs until there was a drastic change. The individual was suddenly no longer able to get up or off of the sofa. After a 12 hour shift at the facility I would go visit the individual and care for them on the sofa. This allowed me to give the spouse a break and continue to encourage the individual to come to Clearview - overcoming what Mrs. Eddy says is the "unnatural reluctance" to accept help (SH 420:7). After a few weeks of receiving the loving care of the Visiting Christian Science nurse, on the sofa, they decided to come to Clearview home. In the time they spent at Clearview they were able to regain the ability to walk and began eating again. Soon they were able to communicate freely with family while mending relationships and the family experienced healing things amongst themselves.



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The spouse and children expressed gratitude to Clearview Home for the loving care their family member received. As the son said, "With loving hands and grace."

During the last few years, we took a closer look at our Visiting Christian Science Nursing service. We asked ourselves: How could we support a service? What would we need to meet calls for assistance? This led us to purchase new equipment and care-aids. These purchases will allow us to provide care in a wider variety of situations. We have a lift system what will allow us to lift someone off the floor into a sitting position. We continue to cherish the service, to cherish the availability of a Christian Science nurse to answer calls, and we cherish this practical expression of our love for our church community.

I have been working a lot with Hymn 182, from the Christian Science Hymnal these last few months:

Make channels for the streams of Love,
Where they may broadly run;
And Love has overflowing streams,
To fill them every one.

But if at any time we cease
Such channels to provide,
The very founts of love for us
Will then seem parched and dried.

For we must share, if we would keep
That blessing from above;
They cease to have who cease to give:
Such is the law of Love.

The Clearview Home Christian Science nursing team looks forward to continuing and supporting our goal of quick and whole healing. Thank you again...

And now Liz Harned, the Executive Director

Executive Director's Report

Good afternoon, everyone – again it is so wonderful to have you here today and in person.



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As you've heard this morning, we have a Board that is very engaged in the metaphysical support of Clearview Home's Christian Science nursing activities, shepherding the financial aspects of the organization toward sustainability, and actively looking to the future through strategic planning.

We've heard from Jeffrey, our DCSN about the healing effect of the CSN ministry at Clearview. What wonderful healings Jeffrey shared, the patients, guests, and residents have all expressed gratitude for the healing atmosphere, the loving nurturing from all the staff, and the strong metaphysical support from the CSN's. Jeffrey shared a good example of our response to admission inquiries and helping each call to find solutions.

This past year one of our goals was to be prepared to increase the visiting service. We purchased a small SUV, which was paid off this year with a donation. We have supplies and equipment necessary to meet almost any need. Jeff has been the CSN to take most of the visiting calls this past year in between his other duties. Here is an expression of gratitude for Jeffrey's work from one of our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service families:

"I want to add my gratitude for Jeffrey's assistance. His loving generosity is tangible, and he's untiring in seeking creative solutions to needs. His help is a gift to us, as are his warmth and kindness. I know he has many demands on his time, but he never responds to a call with anything but patience and a readiness to help, and this is a remarkable standpoint to maintain! We're very grateful for all of this -- and for the fact that Clearview is an active presence in this area."

I have heard many similar expressions of gratitude from patients and families for the work that all of our Christian Science nurses are doing. I sit down and talk with patients regularly and I get to hear their overflowing gratitude for our Christian Science nursing staff and the healing work going on at Clearview. Many are encouraged after being filled with despair, strengthened by a loving comment when they don't think they can take another step, and laugh at the antics of mortal mind when they really want to cry – this is healing. Healing that is happening every day. This babe of Christian healing is being nurtured and nourished everyday by our Christian Science nurses here at Clearview Home.

This January, we found ourselves at 100% occupancy with four Christian Science nursing rooms full and 2 residential rooms also full. Our Christian Science nursing rooms have been full since the pandemic started over two years ago and rather than leave 2 rooms vacant, we said yes to two residential needs.



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How are we doing with staffing our Christian Science Nursing department?

Our Christian Science nurses are dedicated to healing and have been working continuously for the last 2.5 years. In order to continue to meet the Christian Science nursing needs of our patients, they switched to 12 hour shifts over a year ago. Unlike many, during the lockdown they continued to come to work each and every day and followed very strict Covid guidelines from local and national governmental agencies. They went without vacations and last year only had their association day off, without the extra days they usually get. Prior to the pandemic Clearview relied heavily on temporary Christian Science nursing staff. Over the last year the availability of temporary Christian Science nursing staff to travel to Clearview has dwindled. As we enter the summer season of vacations and fall Associations, Clearview has many opportunities for temporary staff to help. Given the large number of admission inquiries in the past two months, it is clear that the demand for Christian Science nursing services exceeds our current ability to meet this demand.

Thinking ahead Clearview developed a Recruitment and Retention Program to address several needs for Christian Science nurses as a result of our research project in 2020. We increased wages for JL-CSNs, instituted a housing program, made the commitment to assist with moving expenses, and expanded /improved our benefits package.

How are we doing with Accreditation?

Getting to a three-year accreditation has been a process. In 2017 Clearview Home went right to work to restore our accreditation and by 2018 received a one-year accreditation. The following year we received a two-year accreditation and as of fall 2021, Clearview is back on track with our first three-year accreditation in a long while. In 2019, Clearview Home joined the local Chamber of Commerce and participated in several community events as a result of our meeting with neighbors when we built the new building. Clearview has been part of the Delafield community for over 70 years, as one alderman put it "Clearview was here before the city was." The Board and staff are proud of our contributions and the support of our neighbors and the Delafield community.

So, what's next for Clearview Home? Here is a sample of some of our strategic goals:

1. Valuing Christian Science nursing:
 - a. We continue to consider all avenues for recruitment and retention of Christian Science nurses
 - b. We would like to have 2 Christian Science nurses on each shift



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- c. We would like to return to 8 hour shifts
2. Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service
 - a. We would like to have one or two JL-CSNs dedicated to bringing Christian Science nursing care to the home
3. Christian Science Nursing Education
 - a. It has long been a desire to have some form of Christian Science nurse training here in Wisconsin
 - b. There is plenty of opportunity for supportive prayer.
4. Phase 2 & 3 of building – as a follow up to our research project several years ago we cherish the following goals for the campus:
 - a. An addition to the main building – if staffing levels can increase then we can better meet the Christian Science nursing care inquiries
 - b. A separate building for Christian Science events locally and for national groups – Marian mentioned this in her report
 - c. Staff housing – as part of our recruitment and retention program. Other facilities have had success with recruitment and retention of Christian Science nurses because they could offer onsite housing.
 - d. We would like to have some form of Residential Living – for those who need supportive services but not Christian Science nursing care
 - e. We are in discussions with the city but there is nothing definitive yet. We plan on sharing more information as it becomes available.

All of our goals support the Manual Bylaw for the Christian Science nurse. They support the healing activity of the Christ, as long as we are striving for healing, supporting healing, and continue to be dedicated to healing—then Clearview will continue to provide proof of its utility. As we think more deeply about the mission of Clearview – shining the light and Love of healing through Christian Science nursing – and our motives continue to be healing—then the next step of progress with unfold clearly and without obstacle.

My study of Ivimy Gwalter work led me to one of her articles titled **Love: “What a Word!”** in the April 1956 Christian Science Journal. Of course, the article is based on Mary Baker Eddy’s words in Misc. Writings pg. 249-250.

“What a word! I am in awe before it. Over what worlds on worlds it hath range and is sovereign! The underived, the incomparable, the infinite All of good, the alone God, is Love.”



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Ms. Gwalter goes on to share that “In that same article, defining the love that reflects the divine, Mrs. Eddy tells of the demands she makes on love, of the sacrifices and grand achievements that must result from love; for love is no abstraction, but goodness with activity and power. There is no passive good, no stagnant love. Love is Life; it is action, vitality, power, something to be felt and lived, not merely talked.”

For me, this best describes the activity going on at Clearview – Love in action with vitality, power—felt by everyone who comes through the front doors. We invite you to share in this vitality and power of Christian Science nursing.