

## 2017 PEACE HAVEN ANNUAL MEETING - TREASURER'S REPORT

By Bruce Butterfield, November 11, 2017



*"Never did gratitude and love unite more honestly in uttering the word thanks, than ours at this season."  
(Mis 160: 2-4)*

Peace Haven is so very grateful, with our hearts full of thanks, for a tremendous year of joy, progress, healing, and love demonstrated in the practice of Christian Science nursing. Such natural demonstration of God's good and loving care continues to remind us to...

*"Stand in His presence, unafraid, in praise lift up your voice." (Christian Science Hymnal 342)*

...for it truly has been a year for which gratitude must be expressed.

The milestones that have been achieved include several noteworthy areas:

FIRST, some quick *financials*:

- We finished the year in the black with all expenses covered by service-generated income and donations.
- Donations came in from 36 states with a growth in individual personal contributions up 41% over prior year.
- We are so grateful for the support of numerous Christian Science foundations.
- Total benevolence of \$162,000 was given (\$68,000 directly from Peace Haven and \$94,000 from the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing, for which we are most grateful).

SECOND, a few facts on *patient care*:

- The average number of patients served per day (through skilled nursing, light assistance, and sheltered care) totaled 27—bringing the occupancy rate to 90%.
- Those cared for at Peace Haven came from fourteen states
- Peace Haven was open 24/7 all 365 days of the year: which means 1,095 shifts of staff, 32,760 meals, and 10,095 loads of laundry – washed, dried and folded!
- Our Visiting Christian Science Nurse service, outside the walls of Peace Haven itself -
  - Served 35 *new* patients and averaged 7-15 overall patients per month—totaling 60-90 home visits each month
  - Expanded its reach to help other surrounding areas by:
    - Visiting each of the 16 Missouri Christian Science churches every few months
    - Hosting conference calls with Christian Science nurses in our nine-state region
    - Coordinating with Chicago and Indiana Visiting Christian Science nurse services and working with Kansas City to discuss service in that area.

- Peace Haven's Mother & Infant Care program supported four families with baby deliveries.

THIRD, some updates on *building and maintenance*: Peace Haven...

- Completed much needed tile roof repairs
- Replaced a major heating and cooling unit, repaired several refrigerators and a gas supply pipe
- Completed painting of the dining room, staff lounge, Christian Science Nursing Arts training classroom, reception and entry areas

FOURTH, *community outreach* was expanded to include:

- 24 church presentations
- Several community leaders meetings
- Panel discussions at the Philanthropy Forum and Principia Summer Session
- Weekly Bible study discussions for staff as well as the public, reaching on average 150+ folks per week
- Numerous talks and seminars
- Several one-day "Comfort's Art" workshops

FIFTH, *support of our Christian Science nursing staff...*

Noting Mrs. Eddy's statement – "*Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.*" (S&H 3:25-26)

Peace Haven has made concrete efforts to more fully support the dear Christian Science nurses who selflessly and with untiring care and love so graciously uphold our mission of being an active expression of divine Love meeting the human need.

Progress here falls into three main areas:

- *Metaphysical:*
  - A weekly Bible study program and group sharing was started in August 2017.
  - Area practitioners agreed to take a specific month to prayerfully support Peace Haven, as well as give a short talk to the Christian Science staff.
- *Training:*
  - Peace Haven teams with the Benevolent Association on the East Coast and Arden Wood on the West Coast to provide training through the Christian Science Nursing Arts program. During the year, Peace Haven held two CSNA Level I classes and one Level II class – and there are currently 10 nursing students in the CSNA program from levels 1-4.

- A follow-up “mentoring” plan as a crucial part of the CSNA training program has been put lovingly in place.
- In addition, 18 people attended two “Comforts Art” one-day workshops
- Six Christian Science Nurses went through the week-long “Mother & Infant” course
- *Benefits - Healthcare and Retirement Plans:*
  - Peace Haven now offers and helps fund Affordable Care Act-compliant options, including the ability for employees to contribute to Health Savings and Flexible Savings Accounts.
  - An improved 403B retirement plan that has better fund options and includes a partial employer-match is now also in place.

Certainly, for this past year’s wonderful progress, *“We lift our hearts in praise and gratitude.”*  
(Hymn 226)

And we clearly know that this growing unfoldment of good will continue to bless the healing work of Christian Science nursing moving forward. The steps taken this past year will expand Peace Haven’s ability to serve the community and bless all.

Your support of this work is cherished—from financial contributions to volunteer work. *It is with much gratitude that we recognize the incredible 740-plus hours of volunteer work you, as community members, provided this past year to Peace Haven....Christian Science service readers, musicians, ushers, bookmarkers, craft night helpers, book club participants, Bible activities helpmates, administrative assistants, event helpers, and Patient readers, to name just a few areas of help.* PLEASE CONTINUE THIS FANTASTIC PARTICIPATION!

Your most valuable support is metaphysical and we are asking for your prayerful attention to handle two aggressive beliefs:

- The shortage of Christian Science nurses to meet the need
- and
- Out-of-date and deteriorating facilities

The gratitude we feel for the Love manifest in the events of this past year prompts us to remind you again that next year we will need to raise the usual \$1,000,000 to cover regular daily maintenance; AND the condition of our facility requires that we also notify the field of the need for an additional – NOT usual - \$1,000,000 to cover much-needed capital building renovation.

We thank you all for your love, support, dedication, and care. The healing mission of Christian Science nursing belongs to all of us.

Please let’s join together in affirming the following words from Hymn 146:

*“In seamless gratitude I weave a silent healing prayer, with shining threads of ceaseless joy; for man is God’s great heir.”*

With deep gratitude and much love,

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