
HIGH RIDGE HOUSE

Spring 2024

Rising Higher and Higher From a Boundless Basis

We have been giving a lot of thought lately to the mission of High Ridge House. Our formal statement—“Healing through loving Christian Science nursing care”—describes a pursuit that is both simple and profound. But how is this best expressed?

We can discuss the pertinent skills involved with providing proper care, but experienced Christian Science nurses know that, at the heart of their work lies their practice of Christian Science. It is this spiritual understanding that can raise a simple task to a healing experience.

You will notice, too, that there is something that our Mission Statement does not include—any requirement that this care be provided within the four walls of our facility in Riverdale. Yes, our organization is centered in New York and our beloved building provides an important base for all that we do. But we do not want it to limit our healing ministry.

We have been reaching, instead, to a more inspired perspective found in our textbook.

On page 258, Mary Baker Eddy writes, “God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.”

Following this higher calling, we have been offering our community expanded opportunities for “loving Christian Science nursing care.” We have reached outwards—making home visits to attend to a bandage or assist with a shower. We have welcomed people to our doors in ways that some might not have thought of, such as for brief, planned stays to relieve families caring for loved ones. Of course, we continue to welcome “honest seekers,” to quote Mrs. Eddy, to come as Rest and Study guests and immerse themselves in the healing atmosphere

of High Ridge House.

We believe this expanded expression of Christian Science nursing reflects a freshness of thought that meets the present need, and we are grateful to receive the support of the Christian Science community.

High Ridge House

We are here should you need us:

- 24-hour on-site care provided by our skilled Christian Science nurses
- Out-patient care for an immediate need that does not require admission
- Brief, planned admission to provide Christian Science nursing care to relieve a family caring for a loved one
- Home Care visit to tend to a bandage or provide other practical assistance
- Rest & Study for times to step back and pray

 Conveniently located in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.
For more information, go to www.highridgehouse.org

Call us at 718-796-4200
or Email at info@highridgehouse.org





“Let the Need be Known!”

A Testimony of Gratitude

A local church member came by for lunch recently and remarked on the wonderful progress she could see with the care of our building. When we shared plans for future projects, she enthusiastically encouraged us to tell the field and allow others to share in the progress by contributing as each feels inspired. We loved her suggestion!

Our Wish List:

- New ceiling tiles for the hallways \$7,000.
- LED lights to replace the old fluorescent tubes in public areas \$9,800.
- Shrubs to enhance privacy around outdoor dining area \$1,500.
- Remove tree that is leaning too far \$4,000.
- Repair cracks in brickwork near entrance that allow leaks during heavy rains \$9,500.

If you wish to contribute or would like more information about any of these initiatives, please call our administrator, Joan Gaylord, at 718-796-4200.

An email sent recently to Francie Berland, our Manager of Christian Science Nursing Services:

Dear Francie,

Thank you for all the wonderful help you and the HRH staff gave me during my recent short stay. My daughter and son-in-law with whom I live were going away on a vacation, and I couldn't stay at home alone, so I appreciated the availability of HRH for a temporary stay of a few days' duration until some other family members could come to take me home.

I especially appreciated the attentiveness of the staff and the excellent meals, and the timely delivery of all the food. I certainly enjoyed the company of both the staff and the guests at meal times. I know from previous visits that the grounds are lovely, and there is a beautiful outdoor patio for sitting and enjoying the scenery in the spring and summer months. It is wonderful to have this resource available to me, and I would recommend HRH to anyone who has a need for a temporary stay.

Gratefully,
Joann Smedley



An image captured recently of a staff member and one of our patients enjoying a conversation on the back patio. The two were delighting in one of those beautiful spring days when it can be hard to believe we are located in the midst of New York City.

News From the Board

Dear Friends,

There is a quiet joy in being part of something larger than ourselves, a purpose that divine Love has established, an important mission that continues to unfold and develop. We are all blessed to be partners in a High Ridge House community that is united in a commitment to our Mission: "Healing through loving Christian Science nursing care."

Your prayers, financial contributions, volunteer activities, and messages of appreciation weave a strong fabric of support for the vital work that High Ridge House is doing. It has enabled us to make progress, step by step, to strengthen our staff, to expand our service to Christian Scientists in the Greater New York area, and to continue to embrace those further afield. Our motive is Love and our watchword is Excellence.

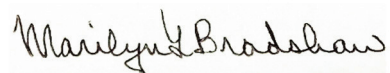
In addition to upcoming events this summer and our Annual Meeting on September 21st, we are planning new outreach activities to share helpful information with the Field about how Christian Science nursing care is paid for. When the plans are finalized, we will let you know the details and timing. With the recent reduction in funding from the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing, the need for increased financial support from donors continues.

Mary Baker Eddy writes. "What has not unselfed love achieved for the race? All that ever was accomplished, and more than history has yet recorded. ... the good done, and the love that foresees more to do, stimulate philanthropy and are an ever-present reward."

("Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896," p. 238:9-11, 17-19)

We are so grateful for your unselfed love, unwavering support and generous giving.

With love,



Marilyn L. Bradshaw
President

New Treasurer

The High Ridge House Board of Trustees elected Charles Youngblood to be the new Treasurer. Charlie brings more than 30 years of professional experience in the field of institutional investment. An active local branch church member, he and his wife, Susan, have been long-time supporters of High Ridge House.

Charlie assumed office following the resignation of Candace Cuniberti who stepped down from the High Ridge House Board in March after many years of service. We are grateful for her many contributions to High Ridge House and wish her all the best in her new activities.



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We look forward to welcoming our High Ridge House community to these events. Please consult our website for details and to RSVP. We'll see you there!



- Saturday, June 29, 1-4 p.m.
Independence Day Picnic
- Sunday, July 28, 3-6 p.m.
Andrew Brewis in Concert
- Saturday, September 21, 2-5 p.m.
High Ridge House Annual Meeting
Blythe Evans, CS, speaker