
HIGH RIDGE HOUSE

Summer 2026

An Open Door

High Ridge House is more than a facility; it is a community. While we have fulfilled our mission of “Healing through loving Christian Science nursing care” for more than 50 years, the expression of this mission has naturally expanded in ways that might be viewed as a broadening of the expression of Christian Science nursing.

For example, in addition to those receiving care at our facility, our Home Care program reaches across the tri-state area. People also come here to have their needs met as outpatients. Others are blessed by our “Christian visits,” when a Christian Science nursing assistant travels to their home to read the Bible-Lesson together.

But we stand ready to respond to other needs, too, like during the recent heat wave when we made our air-conditioned living room and study room available to Christian Scientists who might not have access to proper air-conditioning. Or when branch church members called and asked if they might join us to watch the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church on our large-screen television. “Of course!” we replied. We loved that they came early to enjoy our mid-day dinner (at a very reasonable cost). And each month we produce a Healing Thoughts talk that reaches people all around the world.

We think these gestures are important as they meet current practical needs. Why would we limit the expression of loving Christian Science nursing care or the proper use of our wonderful building? As Mrs. Eddy reminds us, “Love is reflected in love.” (S&H 17:7)

But High Ridge House can only be here to meet the needs of our community if the community is there for High Ridge. Some might not realize that, to keep our services as affordable as possible, the fees that we charge do not cover all our expenses. And we never turn anyone away if they are unable to pay.

Your financial contributions are essential to our work, including paying our staff and maintaining our building. We rely upon our community, both individuals and branch churches. We depend upon your monthly contributions, occasional gifts, and bequests. It is the only way that we can be here for you and your loved ones. We are grateful for every gift and pray that our dear community’s giving will grow to keep pace with our growing needs.



Joan Gaylord, Executive Director

An Abundance of Blessings



Some of our community members give to High Ridge House of their treasures, for which we are so very grateful. We are also grateful for those who give of their talents, and Osceola Davis-Smith might top that list.

You might be familiar with Osceola's talents. She is a former soloist for The Mother Church as well as for the Metropolitan Opera Company. Every month, our dear friend shares her talents with us when she visits and conducts a hymn sing for all who wish to participate.

"I love High Ridge so much," she shared. "I wanted to make a contribution."

And we love having her. We gather in the meeting room and take turns choosing which hymns to sing. Some are old favorites, but others might be new discoveries. Each selection brings smiles.

"The Christian Science Hymnal is a spiritual outlet of praise. It helps you express yourself when you don't know what words to use," she shared. "I love doing this. I look forward to it each month. I have been blessed to have this talent for a reason."

And we have been blessed, as well. Afterall, "Whatever blesses one, blesses all." (206:16)

A Testimony

As the former President of the United Nations Association of New York, an organization that has 147 chapters throughout the United States, the issue of nationalities is always of great interest to me. I have been thrilled to come to High Ridge House and find there is an international staff of the most amazing talent.

Along with those from the United States, eight other countries are currently represented, and the dedication of the Christian Science nurses has absolutely blown me away— the accuracy, the care, the gentleness with which each of us is treated is much greater and better than any care or treatment that I give myself.

They have taught me true care through their kindness, their patience, and their quietness. The last thing I hear every night before I go to bed is, "Is there anything else I can do for you?" That is the most comforting thing to hear. It gives me courage to carry on a new day when one of these wonderful people comes to give me breakfast, to bathe me, and to dress me to make sure that I am fit to face the day. They have the kindest intentions in the world to help me know that I will be on my feet again. I cannot begin to express the gratitude I have for High Ridge House.

The thing that ties these nationalities together, that ties these talents together, and ties the care given by the Christian Science nurses together is their love of Christian Science. It has been a beacon of hope for me. I cannot begin to say how grateful I am for the improvement and progress I have made owing to their caring eyes and principled actions. It is wonderful!

— Paula Rice Jackson

From Our Board

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome a new Trustee to the High Ridge House Board -- Christine Hein. Christine retired last year from the Tenacre Foundation where she held various positions including Director of Christian Science Nursing. She says, "I am so grateful to be serving on High Ridge House's Board of Trustees after having served as a Christian Science nurse for many years; It is a perfect opportunity to broaden this calling! There is a great deal of "nursing" involved in the Board's work, especially through the metaphysical support it provides. I love the thought of standing shoulder-to-shoulder with all associated with High Ridge House and its healing mission."

Her fellow Trustees share Christine's enthusiasm for serving on the Board:

"It is a way to serve the cause of Christian Science by supporting others in their spiritual journeys. I firmly believe in the purpose of High Ridge House: "To glorify God through Christian healing." It has blessed people that I know, and I support it so that it can bless others. It reflects and manifests the community that it also serves and supports and for this I am abundantly grateful."

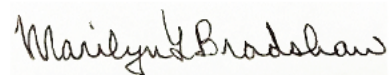
"Years ago I retired and was wondering what to do. Some friends served on the High Ridge Board and encouraged me to serve. I prayed, and felt that was what God wanted me to do, so I joined the Board. I have served for many years and honestly can say I have found it to be a wonderful experience. What a privilege to support High Ridge House in its mission to bring 'Healing through loving Christian Science nursing care.'"

"I am so grateful to serve on the Board, with High Ridge House's mission to witness 'Healing through loving Christian Science nursing care.'"

"High Ridge House is where radical reliance on God for healing is fully supported by prayerful, loving, professional care. Ensuring that this care is available to our dear Christian Science community is so important. Serving on the Board is a calling that is joyous and fulfilling. I cherish a deep desire to see High Ridge House increasingly realize its vision, "To be a beacon of spiritual healing as revealed in Christian Science."

As you can see, we love our work as Trustees! And we are immensely grateful to you, our dear friends and fellow church members, who recognize the importance and value of High Ridge House and support this Christian work financially and with your prayers.

With love and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marilyn Bradshaw".

Board President



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Save the Date

High Ridge House Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 3, 2026

Metaphysical Speaker:
Annette Kreutziger-Herr, C.S.
“What is the Destination of the Second Mile?”

Stay tuned for more details.