



2018

ANNUAL REPORT



Circle of love. Circle of support.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JEFF ROBERTSON

This report offers encouraging highlights of the 2018 accomplishments of Rainbow Valley Resource Network (RVRN). It continues to be our privilege to serve as the go-to organization in the Christian Science community for broadly supporting families that care for loved ones with exceptional abilities and special needs. Our donors make possible the practical services we provide as well as healing programs that bring together families navigating similar paths to experience fellowship in both private and integrated settings. RVRN's work creates opportunities for branch church families to embrace different and uncommon needs in a new and healing way.

BACKGROUND

For almost 35 years, RVRN has been serving Christian Scientists with special needs. Founded as a residential ranch in New York, the property was sold in 2004. Today, the organization has evolved into a nationwide support community of volunteers, caregivers and ambassadors dedicated to delivering support to these dear families and their loved ones.

MISSION

RVRN provides financial assistance, information resources, and experiential enrichment activities that foster spiritual growth for families and individuals with developmental/ special needs, who have chosen Christian Science as their way of life.



PROVIDING

- ★ **Family Support Network (FSN)**
 - Creating a supportive community that connects families and caretakers through programs and conversations so they feel supported in their journey
- ★ **Financial Assistance**
 - Supplying annual subscriptions to CSPS publications
 - Helping cover CS practitioner and CS nursing fees
 - Supporting respite care and attendance at enrichment activities
- ★ **Enrichment Activities**
 - Arranging contact visits with volunteers to drive constituents to church services and lectures
 - Coordinating and hosting experiential programs and events for Christian Scientists
- ★ **Resources**
 - Making available useful information about organizations and professionals that serve this community, including residential housing, legal services, etc.

HIGHLIGHTING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

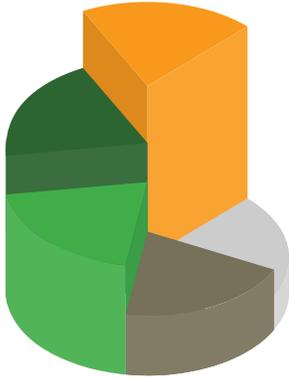
- ★ Sponsored our fourth national enrichment event at the A/U Ranches' 100 Elk Outdoor Center in Buena Vista, CO. A group of 45 participants engaged in indoor and outdoor activities that broke limitations and taught practical skills. New this year were two impactful parent/caregiving meetings facilitated by board members and a local CS practitioner.
- ★ Created our first area ambassador team consisting of parent caregivers, a special education professional with over 30 years of experience, and an international emergency relief organization director. This will serve as a model for building a nationwide network of RVRN ambassadors.
- ★ Expanded the scope of our Family Support Network, the first of its kind in the CS community, with an interactive presentation educating Christian Scientists about effective ways to embrace families with special needs and successfully look beyond labels in all our experiences.



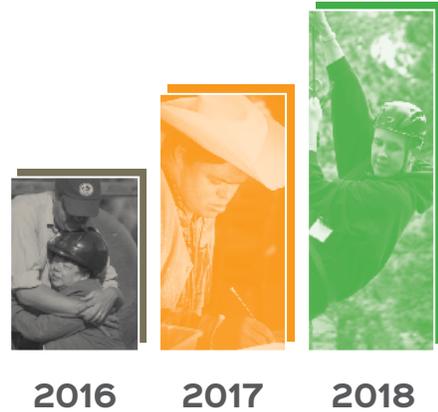
Visiting goat farm at national RVRN family enrichment event

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

TOTAL INCOME INCREASED FOR EACH OF THE LAST 5 YEARS 2014-2018



NUMBER OF ESTABLISHED DONORS GREW 2016-2018



GRANTS/DONATIONS SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING NATIONAL FAMILY ENRICHMENT EVENT MORE THAN TRIPLED FROM 2017 TO 2018



23% OF YEAR-END DONATIONS WERE FROM NEW DONORS



520% BOOST IN MONTHLY RECURRING DONATIONS RESULTING FROM YEAR-END CAMPAIGN



IMPACTING LIVES

Our greatest joy is sharing stories of progress and healing! Following are a few of the many blessings that have been shared with us this past year.



Everlasting arms of Love

"Standing back watching, my husband and I encouraged and cheered for our daughter. We were so grateful to see her change in attitude and her competency and joy in conquering the high elements. When she came down, she told me she heard God talk to her. She said God told her..."

Read more: <https://rvrnetwork.org/impacting-lives/>



Why RVRN is important

"When I reflect back on our experience as Melanie joined our family, there was not much understanding at that time in the CS community of how to deal with her special needs. We felt kind of on the periphery. That is why RVRN is so important. Where else can CS families find a resource..."

Read more: <https://rvrnetwork.org/impacting-lives/page/2/>

Enjoy reading more RVRN stories at: <https://rvrnetwork.org/impacting-lives/>

BOARD MEMBERS *(Listed alphabetically)*

- Chris Cheney, CA | Member 2018 & 19
- Rich Clarke, MA | Vice Chair and Treasurer 2018 & 19
- Julie Finnin Day, IL | Chair 2019
- Brady Fyfe, MO | Returning Member 2019
- Todd Herzer, CA | Chair 2018
- Barb Horton, MO | New Member, Secretary 2019
- Jeff Robertson, CO | Secretary through June 2018, currently Executive Director
- Catherine Trevor-Roberts, MO | New Member 2019

Learn more about these volunteers and why they are inspired to serve our organization at: rvrnetwork.org/about/#boardandstaff.

Thank you for helping RVRN become the go-to organization for Christian Science families to better navigate their experiences with loved ones with special needs!

Enjoy watching a highlight video from our recent family enrichment event at 100 Elk on the home page at: rvrnetwork.org.

CONTACT US TO DISCUSS HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

- Chaperone participants as they travel and attend events
- Serve as an RVRN Ambassador in your area
- Refer families who can benefit from RVRN services
- Host regional gathering to help broaden awareness for RVRN
- Give a gift and become a member of our Circle of Support