



# BRINGING ASSURANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND HEALING to CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FAMILIES SUPPORTING LOVED ONES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

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Rainbow Valley Resource Network (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.

*Rainbow Valley Resource Network, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.*



## GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENRICHMENT, AND CONNECTIONS

We are creating a circle of love and support by connecting volunteers, caregivers and donors with the wonderful families we serve.

Programs, events, and social networks are being developed that focus on connecting families so they can help support one another.

### A NETWORK THAT BLESSES ...

"I had no idea there were so many Christian Science families who shared the same challenges as us. Our children are such a blessing, but my husband and I have felt so alone in this journey. We are thrilled to hear of the opportunity to network with other parents..."

- New RVRN Family

"We had a wonderful experience at 100 Elk [RVRN sponsored camp event]! It was so nice to connect with everyone on a level of love and comfort. We felt warmly welcomed into a wonderful family where we shared time together playing games, singing and sharing stories. It was a great place to connect with other parents who face challenges along with their loved ones to celebrate the unique qualities that we all share. The atmosphere was filled with loving kindness and compassion that has remained with us since camp" :)

- Jessika



## SERVING CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FOR OVER 30 YEARS

Rainbow Valley Resource Network (RVRN) grew out of a concept for a creative learning center to benefit a unique segment of the Christian Science (CS) community. It originated in 1984, as a residential facility called Rainbow Valley Ranch, in Hadley, NY.

Operating as a working farm, the three founders, Doug and June Dickinson and their close friend and colleague, Joy Parker, dedicated their lives to providing a healing atmosphere for Christian Scientists labeled in society as “developmentally disabled.”

The ranch sold in 2004, and the organization has evolved into a nationwide support community of volunteers, caregivers and ambassadors dedicated to delivering spiritually enriching activities and financial support to Christian Science families.

## SUPPORTING SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND PROGRESS

Thanks to our supporters, we provide a variety of services that benefit individuals and their families across the United States.

### FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

We are building a community network for Christian Scientists addressing needs that are not presently being met.

The recently launched Family Support Network (FSN) is a healing ministry dedicated to families caring for loved ones with special needs. FSN is a community network that provides:

- Opportunities to connect with other families to share inspiration, encouragement and emotional support
- Online discussion forums
- Network of RVRN ambassadors and volunteers
- Hosted regional gatherings
- Referrals to practical resources (legal, financial, developmental)

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Supplying subscriptions to CS periodicals, including the Bible Lesson
- Assisting with CS practitioner and CS nursing bills
- Supporting respite and enrichment activities

### ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Arranging contact visits with volunteers to drive constituents to church services and lectures
- Coordinating and hosting outdoor experiential programs and events for Christian Scientists and their families

## LISTENING AND LEARNING

We have visited with families across the country. Many have shared the joys and challenges of raising their beautiful loved ones.

Several spoke candidly about the challenges they face as Christian Scientists.

- As a Christian Scientist, I sometimes feel I have to go it alone figuring out how to face the day-to-day challenges of raising a child with special needs.
- I often feel overwhelmed and emotionally drained.
- It's frustrating not knowing what resources are available and how to access them.
- We feel like we are facing a future of uncertainty and financial challenges.
- I yearn to learn from other Christian Scientists who face similar challenges.

