



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

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Rainbow Valley Resource Network (RVRN) is building a compassionate sense of community and support for Christian Scientists with developmental/ special needs and their families through financial assistance, informational and inspirational resources, and experiential enrichment activities.

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

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"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 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

RVRN is the only nationwide support network dedicated to Christian Scientists caring for loved ones with developmental/special needs. These families rely on RVRN for irreplaceable services.

NETWORKS

- **Family Support Network (FSN)** – The first such community connecting CS families and caregivers through tailored programs and conversations so they feel supported in their unique journey.
- **Loved One Network (LON)** – Fostering community for our loved ones and nurturing meaningful connections with one another through regularly hosted activities, thus enriching the lives of this under-served group of Christian Scientists.

PROGRAMS

- Coordinating and hosting experiential and enrichment activities for Christian Scientists with developmental/special needs and their families.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Providing subscriptions to Christian Science Publishing Society publications.
- Assisting with bills to cover Christian Science practitioner and nursing care.
- Making aid available for enrichment activities and respite care.

RESOURCES

- Offering useful information about other organizations and professionals that serve this special community.

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.*

