



# Annual Report 2021



Shannon and her son, Hayden, attending RVRN's Family Enrichment Program

## MESSAGE FROM JULIE FINNIN DAY, CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking back at the past year, there is so much to celebrate—and it begins with the tremendous support received from donors like you. We spread our wings in 2021, raising more funding than ever, and experiencing a jump in recurring donations. This tells me you believe it's important to support our fellow Christian Scientists who have developmental special needs—and you trust RVRN to put your gifts to work effectively.

With your support, we reached new milestones in serving our families: We nearly doubled our program offerings from pre-pandemic levels, piloted three innovative programs, and for the first time—offered *year-round* enrichment programs to loved ones and their families. Additionally, we collaborated with five Christian Science (CS) camps and youth organizations, expanding the participation of our cherished loved ones in the wider CS community.

You are directly blessing these families and loved ones with your support. *Thank you!*

## MISSION

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.



RVRN's Work Experience Program in partnership with the A/U Ranches.

## SERVICES

RVRN is the only nationwide organization dedicated to serving and advocating for Christian Scientists caring for loved ones with developmental special needs, and everything we offer supports the practice of Christian Science in their families.

### Networks

- Family Support Network
- Loved One Network

### Programs and Events

- Loved One Gatherings
- Parent Gatherings
- Family Enrichment Program
- Youth Specialty Program
- Work Experience Program
- Fall Presentation Series
- Christmas Gathering

### Financial Assistance

- Subscriptions to CS periodicals
- CS practitioner and nursing bills
- Enrichment activities and respite care

### Resources

- Referrals to professional services
- Growing library of inspirational CS articles

*At RVRN's recent Family Enrichment Program, "My perception of [our son] changed. I began to see him more as an entirely separate, independent person, not as someone who needed me to be there for him all the time. It was a subtle shift. You tend to focus on what's going on right here, right now, and the future seems uncertain and sometimes worrisome. This was a sense that he is actually a complete individual, capable and whole. And that whatever needs to happen for him to move forward in his life will occur. It's completely out of my hands—and we know Whose Hands govern us all!"*

—RVRN Parent

## HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, RVRN nurtured a blossoming of services and support for our loved ones and their families. Several were *groundbreaking opportunities* for inclusion in the CS community.

- Earned the Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar/Candid, the world's largest source of information on nonprofits.
- Offered seven core programs throughout the year, both in-person and online formats.
- Grew program participation to include 100 individuals.
- Launched three new programs including: Work Experience Program, Youth Specialty Program and Loved One Gatherings.
- Broadened awareness with a personalized video sent to 450 churches and societies introducing them to RVRN and how we can serve their congregations.
- Increased number of registrations for our Fall Presentation, an inspirational talk open to the public, by +18%.



RVRN Programs—  
unconditional love, joy,  
hope, and healing...

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Demonstrations of progress and growth, thanks to all our cherished supporters!



**RECORD-SETTING FUNDRAISING  
IN 2021**



**GROWTH IN NEW DONORS +46%  
(2020-2021)**



**DONOR RENEWAL RATE 57%  
INDUSTRY AVERAGE 40-45%  
(2020-2021)**



**REVENUE FROM RECURRING  
GIVING ROSE +52%  
(2020-2021)**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS GIVING  
STAYED STRONG AT 100%  
(2021)**



**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR  
PRACTITIONER CARE, RESPITE, AND  
CSPS SUBSCRIPTIONS GREW +30%  
(2020-2021)**

Additional financial information is available upon request. Rainbow Valley Resource Network, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## IMPACTING LIVES

RVRN is delighted to share with you stories of healing and progress, as well as expressions of gratitude. Told in the words of our constituents, they convey the impact and benefits of our mission better than we could ourselves.



Dee and her daughter, Becca, attending the Family Enrichment Program

“All three children were diagnosed with autism, and two of them have developmental delays. . . . Having one special needs child is doable, but three is more difficult.”

—Dee, RVRN parent

➔ Read more of Dee’s story: [rvrnetwork.org/impacting-lives](http://rvrnetwork.org/impacting-lives)

## GRATITUDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH CSPS PERIODICALS

*“Spiritual healing is ongoing and progressive with my son. His communication and comprehension is improving. He is becoming more aware of his spiritual self, and this is allowing improvement in all areas. Each time I work with [the practitioner] I get a clearer picture of who [he] is—and all of God’s children. I feel blessed to have this opportunity to demonstrate that Christian Science heals. Much love to you!”*

—RVRN Parent

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## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- RVRN is referral-based. Share information with CS families who can benefit from our services.
- Let us know if your church is interested in an RVRN presentation.
- Follow RVRN on Facebook and YouTube.
- Contact us and learn about volunteering opportunities.
- Give a gift and become a member of our *circle of support*.

Watch and share RVRN’s **\*\*new\*\*** video!



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