



Annual Report 2022



All are feeling the love at RVRN's Family Enrichment Program!

MESSAGE FROM JULIE FINNIN DAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There is much to celebrate looking back on 2022. With a return to regular programming, the launch of two new programs, and a growing demand for services, RVRN continues to reach new families and cherish the blessings that flow from the support of caring friends.

All of RVRN's recent growth has given us time to reflect on our expansion in the past five years. In that time, RVRN's programs have quadrupled in number; our network of families has tripled in size; and we've gone from offering programs 3 months out of the year to offering them 11 months out of the year! For a group whose needs have long been overlooked, this marks a tremendous turning point in inclusion and opportunity.

And RVRN is just getting started. Our board and staff are parents, educators, and friends of these cherished individuals with developmental special needs, and we are committed to serving the hunger for community, inclusion—and most of all, healing—long into the future. You are an important part of the blessing!

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 trainees reading the Bible Lesson

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. Enjoy reading about Claudia Lipsey who has benefited so much from participating in our Work Experience Program.



Claudia (3rd from left) with her Work Experience Program coach, Sarah, and fellow trainees Austin (left) and Peter (right)

“RVRN’s Work Experience Program was a great experience for Claudia, because it’s structured and supportive—and most importantly, it shows that people of very different abilities can do good work. It’s one of the best things going in the CS community.”

➡ Rick Lipsey, Claudia’s father and proud dad

Read more of Claudia’s story: rvrnetwork.org/impacting-lives

GRATITUDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH CSPS PERIODICALS

“Little by little, false beliefs are melting away and our son’s perfection is blossoming. We are very excited to see his joyfulness, understanding, intelligence and humor being unveiled. We are very grateful for the financial support for our practitioner. It would not be possible without your generous support.”

—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.
- A gift from you could mean a changed life for one of RVRN’s participants.

NEW PROGRAM | PEER CONNECT



A group of young adults at one of our “hangouts,” learning and practicing social skills while playing the game “What’s your favorite...”

We hear from parents and caregivers that it can be hard for RVRN loved ones to socialize and practice interpersonal skills in large groups. In response, we created our newest program—Peer Connect. Participants get to share their favorite music and activities, while making new CS friends. Each hangout is customized to the interests of the group. They meet once a week in a four-week session.

BOARD MEMBERS

(Listed alphabetically)

- Chris Cheney, CA
- Rich Clarke, MA | Vice Chair and Treasurer
- Shelley Coolidge, CA
- Julie Finnin Day, OR | non-voting
- Barb Horton, FL | Secretary
- Kathy Linehan, CO | Chair

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
- Peer Connect
- Regional Events
- Youth Specialty Program
- Work Experience Program
- Presentation Series
- Christmas Gathering

Financial Assistance

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

Resources

- Online library of inspirational CS articles
- Helpline for information and referrals

"I am so very grateful to Rainbow Valley Resource Network for allowing us the resources to work with a Christian Science practitioner. It's like having a warm blanket wrapped around us! I certainly do feel less alone. In the last few weeks I do feel that there has been a positive shift in thought. I am so glad to know who God is and how much He loves all of us!"

—RVRN Parent

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022, RVRN continued to innovate by expanding services and support for our loved ones and their families.

- Offered eight core programs throughout the year, both in-person and online formats.
- Half of the trainees in the Work Experience Program found jobs after returning home.
- Started Peer Connect Program to nourish social learning and friendships.
- Held first Regional Event in November.
- Grew program participation nearly 180% over the last five years.



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

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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



DONOR RENEWAL RATE **60%** (3% INCREASE FROM 2021), INDUSTRY AVERAGE **40-45%** (2022)



REVENUE FROM RECURRING GIVING ROSE **+15%** (2021-2022)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS GIVING REMAINED STRONG AT **100%** (2022)

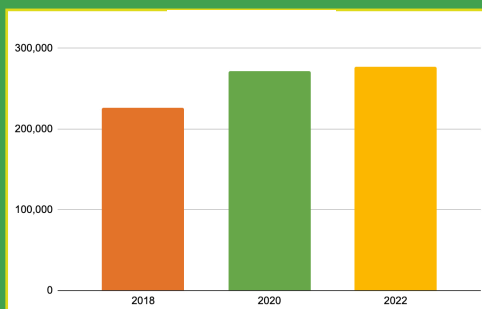


- PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES THAT RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IN-PERSON PROGRAMS **100%** (2021 - 2022)
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR PRACTITIONER CARE, RESPITE, AND CSPS SUBSCRIPTIONS ROSE **+43%** (2021 - 2022)

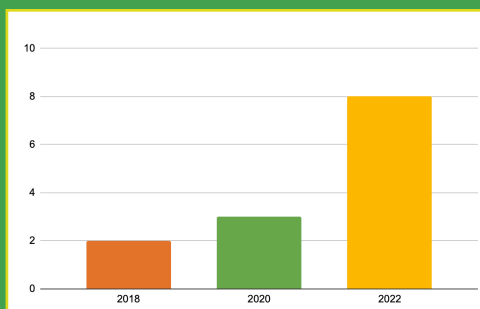
5-YEAR TRENDS

OUR PROGRAMS MORE THAN **QUADRUPLED** IN THE LAST 5 YEARS, YET OUR FUNDS MET THE NEED. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT PARTICIPATION NEARLY **TRIPLED**.

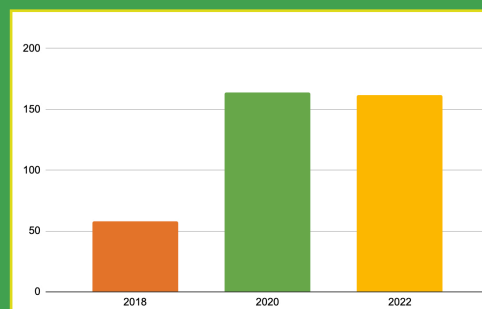
FUNDS RAISED



OF PROGRAMS



PROGRAM PARTICIPATION



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