



Hi Friend,

Who doesn't love spring?! It's a time of renewal, inspiration, growth, and vitality. In 2022, as we open our hearts to receive more blessings and expand our *circle of love* to include new families, we want to pause—and give thanks for you—our thoughtful, caring friends. RVRN is connecting more fellow Christian Scientists raising loved ones with special needs through expanded programs and services—because of your tremendous love and support!

We are excited to share with you all the good that is happening in our community. You are invited to be one of the first to watch RVRN's new video, meet one of our amazing loved ones, learn about upcoming programs, get updates from the Board of Directors, and more. Let's get started!



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Work Experience Program

This summer RVRN is partnering with the A/U Ranches for the second year of our Work Experience Program (pilot). The program is open to Christian Scientists with developmental special needs—who are 18 years or older and interested in developing job- and life-skills in a CS



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Youth Specialty Program

Camp can be for everyone! RVRN, in collaboration with CedarS Camps, offers a unique experience for school-aged children with special needs. This year we are offering both in-person and online attendance options. Activities are adapted for loved ones. Note: a parent or

workplace environment. Trainees will serve as the Lodge Crew in Valerie Lodge during Family Camp Weeks 1 and 2. **Applications are being accepted through April 15.**

[Learn more and apply](#)

caretaker must attend with their loved one. Program dates: Sunday, June 12 – Saturday, June 18 (CedarS Session 1.1). **Registration and payment are due May 12.**

[Learn more and register](#)

Watch and share RVRN's ****new**** video!



ANNOUNCEMENT

GuideStar/Candid Gold Seal

For the second year in a row, RVRN earned the Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar, the world's largest source of information on nonprofits. In 2019, GuideStar and Foundation Center merged, and the organization is now named Candid. They evaluate the health of nonprofits—including measures of stability, efficiency, and sustainability. Their system also tracks accountability to ensure good governance practices and organization integrity.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors

Julie Finnin Day, Executive Director and Chair of the Board, announced changes to the board. Last month, two board members rotated off—Brady Fyfe after four terms and Phebe Telschow after one. "We are so grateful to these dedicated individuals for helping to advance RVRN's mission and expand our reach," said Day, adding that both will continue to serve RVRN on an advisory committee of former board members. RVRN was delighted to welcome new board member Kathy Linehan in February.

[Meet the Board](#)



BOARD PROFILE

Meet Barbara Horton

Barb brings decades of special-education experience to RVRN, where she serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors. As a semi-retired special education teacher, she keeps busy with a variety of volunteer organizations. Barb shares, "I first got into special education through church. When I graduated from Sunday School, I was asked to work in the nursery. There I met Matthew, a young boy who would dramatically change the course of my life. Matthew had a variety of challenging behaviors..."

[Read more](#)



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PROGRAM UPDATE

Loved One Gatherings (see photo above)

Now in its second year – these monthly online gatherings are hosted in partnership with staff from Christian Science camps and youth organizations. This spring the loving team from DiscoveryBound has joyfully been facilitating new adaptive activities. In February, participants made paper love bouquets for Valentine's Day, with Bible Study and inspiration from the parable of The Good Samaritan. Most recently in March, the group enjoyed making tasty shamrock treats for St. Patrick's Day and learned about the story of Ruth in the Bible. Registration for the spring session includes nearly 30 participants.

[Learn more](#)

"It's so rewarding to see and hear loved ones engaging in the discussions and sharing their individual expressions of how they practice Christian Science."

~ Facilitator, Loved One Gathering



LOVED ONES' CORNER

Frederick Cordray

- **Lives:** At home with his family in Nevada
 - **Favorite food:** Pizza
 - **Favorite pastime:** Reading books
 - **Favorite Netflix show:** "Robocar Poli"
 - **Favorite animal to ride:** Horses
 - **Favorite sports to play:** Special Olympics basketball, golf, baseball, swimming
 - **Favorite RVRN activity:** Family Enrichment Program at the A/U Ranches' 100 Elk Outdoor Center
 - **Super Power:** Loves to be around people and loves jokes!
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Did you know RVRN is referral-based? Please share our organization's information with those who might benefit from the services we offer. **Thank you for partnering with us in this amazing work!**

Lovingly with gratitude,



Julie Finnin Day
Chair & Executive Director
Rainbow Valley Resource Network

PS) Your giving ensures RVRN's services and advocacy continue to bless Christian Science loved ones and their families. Consider becoming a recurring donor. It's easy to set up an automatic monthly gift: [click here](#), or call us for assistance at 314-309-7029.



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