
2023 Fall eNewsletter

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Hi Jennifer,

We welcome the cool air of fall and the beautiful colors that emerge as the season takes hold. As the landscape changes, so does Rainbow Valley Resource Network. Stay tuned for upcoming changes that will allow us to better serve Christian Scientists with developmental special needs! In the meantime, we continue to provide inspiring programs, inclusive events, and more. Read all about it in this issue ... from our hearts to yours!

UPCOMING EVENTS



You won't want to miss this!

Fall Presentation with Bobby Lewis, CS
Topic: "God Able Is"

Bobby's talk will explore the *inherent* perfection and ability of each of God's children—*without exceptions*.

With a lifelong desire to help others see their God-given ability and wholeness, Bobby Lewis, CS began his career as an Outward Bound instructor guiding adventurers outside their comfort zones in the canyons and mountains of the American west. Following religious studies during college and a masters degree in Biblical studies, he served as a chaplain with the Marines for several years. After returning home to Colorado with Natalie and his two girls, he and his wife founded The Link School, an experiential education-based high school for Christian Science teens. Later, he went on to earn a masters in addiction counseling, and volunteered in the criminal justice and community health systems. When the inspiration came to serve full-time in the healing practice of Christian Science, Bobby says it truly felt like he was coming home.

The video of his presentation will be **available to view November 1 – 12**. Registration is free. Sign up below and you'll receive a link on Nov. 1 to watch.

Register for the presentation



Family Enrichment Program

This is our 8th season partnering with the A/U Ranches' 100 Elk Outdoor Center to provide an adapted family camp experience in Buena Vista, Colorado. In the atmosphere of love that permeates each and every activity, everyone experiences spiritual growth—whether it's the daily Bible Lesson study, therapeutic horseback riding, arts and crafts, parent fellowship, s'mores, or more.



Christmas Gathering

We're already feeling jolly preparing for RVRN's 4rd annual Family Christmas Gathering. Participants can look forward to an interactive discussion of the Nativity, Christmas-themed games and singing—and a Christmas gift. All activities are completely adapted and flexible to meet the needs of your loved one. A Christmas care package will be mailed to your home – including a small gift for your loved

Registration open through September 16.

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GOOD NEWS REPORTS

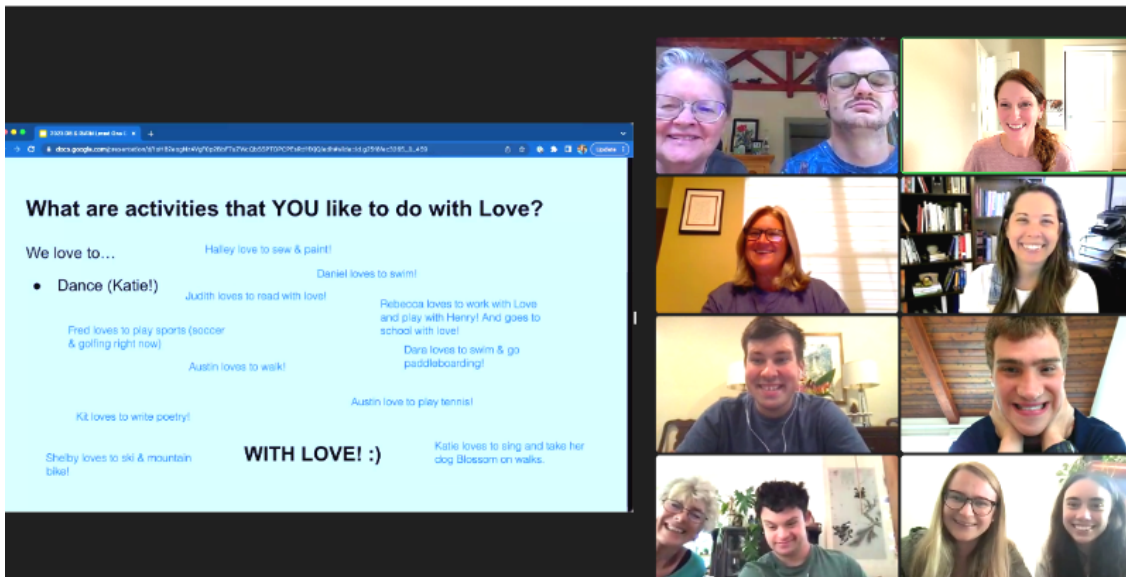


Trainees take a well-deserved break during the Work Experience Program in July.

Work Experience Program

RVRN's Work Experience Program completed its third session in July, and expanded its training this summer! A new Ranch Hand Crew glorified God and expanded their spiritual understanding with every weed they pulled, garden they watered, and creek they cleared. Meanwhile, the Lodge Crew demonstrated discipline, grace, and joy with every dish they washed, table they set, and floor they swept. Thanks to the A/U Ranches for partnering with us. Confidence, leadership, and new friendships went home with all of the trainees!

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Participants loved sharing their favorite activities during a recent Loved One Gathering.

Loved One Gatherings

RVRN's monthly social gatherings online offer inspiration, fun activities, and enrichment with fellow Christian Scientists. Coming off of our summer programs we have been cherishing community and connection, feeling grateful for the ongoing opportunities to connect with fellow Christian Scientists from across the country. Our friends from DiscoveryBound are facilitating Session 2.

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"Everyone has been witnessing progress in our son: ourselves, him, his teachers, our neighbors. They are yielding to the Truth about him. The Truth about him can only be revealed! We are noticing more of his spiritual qualities. We are very grateful for the progress and support. Many thanks to RVRN's support for practitioner assistance!"

~RVRN parent



Board Spotlight

Meet Rich Clarke

As RVRN's longest-serving board member, Rich Clarke has seen this organization expand into a nationwide network serving an ever-growing number of families and individuals. He recently talked with us about his love of RVRN and what he's up to now.

"I joined the board in March 2015, having just retired, when a dear friend whom I respected a great deal and was then Executive Director asked me to join. I knew a few Christian Science families and saw their challenges in addressing the needs of family members with developmental special needs," he shares...

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Gary learning how to operate a commercial washing machine.



Gary and Sara, his RVRN job coach, pause for a quick photo while working in the kitchen at the A/U Ranches.

LOVED ONE'S CORNER

Gary Lupher

"Every day is an awesome day and a happy day for everyone—yes! That's right!" Gary happily exclaimed when asked what his "super power" is. Gary shares his enthusiasm and kindness with others during RVRN's family camp program, monthly online gatherings, and most recently as a seasonal employee with our job training program—always expressing his love for God, his friends, family and coworkers, and mankind.

Gary, spiritually mature and industrious, has had different jobs over the years—even working for Disney at one point—and says his favorite job is, "Working for Rainbow Valley at camp." This summer his humble leadership in RVRN's Work Experience Program blessed many. Leading by example, Gary came to work every day ready to glorify God. When asked what qualities he expresses as a leader, Gary recited the seven synonyms for God and then said, "Loving, thoroughness, kindness, patience, and I look around and see if anything needs cleaning. I take charge and just do it!"

Since leaving RVRN's job training program, Gary has "graduated" from Wellspring Gardens—a family care environment for Christian Scientists—where Gary's parents say they are very grateful for the progress he made.

Gary currently lives in Austin, Texas with his parents, where he works part-time at Pasha's Mediterranean Grill. He also helps his brother, John, with his new startup—Mrs. Merrywinkle's Friendship Network, a cutting-edge senior social audio network designed to combat social isolation among older adults.

A little more about Gary:

Favorite Christian Science Hymn: Hymn 500, "Tender Mercies"

Favorite activities: taking pictures, helping others, and attending home and garden shows where his mom, Kathy, shared, "He likes the people. The more people, the better."


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,



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