

Hi Friend,

Since our first eNewsletter this past spring, we are excited to report RVRN successfully launched two new pilot programs for our loved ones with special needs. The blessings have been overflowing! Thank you for your care and support of this exceptional group of fellow Christian Scientists.

Read on to learn about the highlights from our programs to date, and see what we have scheduled through the end of the year!

NEW Video to Share

RVRN is no longer one of the best-kept secrets! As an expanding nationwide network supporting more than 130 loved ones, along with their families and caregivers—we believe there are many more families who don't know about us yet. Since we are referral-based, we hope you can help us spread the word so these families don't have to struggle along this path alone.

We've created a short video presentation introducing who we are, those we serve, and what RVRN offers. It's available to share with your church family and all Christian Scientists. You might consider showing it at a membership meeting. Watch the video.



RVRN Services At-A-Glance

Click on chart to view in an enlarged format

For your awareness, this chart outlines the current services we provide. RVRN continues to listen and respond to the needs of the families we serve. During this past year—thanks to the help of our generous donors—we've developed new ways to connect families and caregivers to further support growth and healing.

The chart can also be accessed and shared when you <u>visit our website</u>.



Upcoming Programs

100 Elk Family Enrichment | Oct. 16 – 21

REMINDER: Registration for our flagship program ends Thurs., September 16.

In partnership with the A/U Ranches, we will be gathering in person Oct. 16-21, at the 100 Elk Outdoor Center in Buena Vista, CO. Come join us for six days of fun in adapted, experiential, and uplifting activities facilitated by caring and skilled 100 Elk staff! *Financial assistance is available*.

To register and learn more...

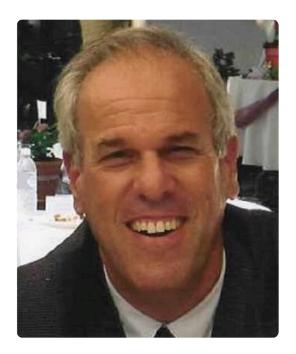


Fall Presentation | Nov. 1 – 10

You are invited to attend a *free*, online video presentation by Michael Mooslin, CS — developed for RVRN. Titled: "Seeing the Fellow Saint of a Holy Household," it will be available for viewing at your convenience on RVRN's YouTube Channel from Nov. 1 – 10.

Prior to the full-time practice, Mike served as President and Chief Operating Officer at several publicly held companies. During that period, he developed a national hiring/training program for individuals with developmental special needs and lobbied in Washington to effectively change the ADA law so they would receive equitable benefits.

To register and learn more...



Christmas Gathering | Dec. 12

Last year we held our first online Christmas gathering, and it was a festive time enjoyed by all! The program, RVRN's gift to families, included: Bible study (plus the Nativity), Christmas bingo, cookie decorating, Christmas carols and hymn sing, and a small Christmas present.

Save the date! This year's gathering is December 12. Stay tuned — registration information will be posted on our website this fall. We ho-ho-hope you will join us from the comfort and warmth of your home for a jolly good time!

Learn more...



Program Highlights

Work Experience (Pilot Program)

This summer, the A/U Ranches contacted RVRN with an opportunity for some of our

loved ones. RVRN was eager to help and developed a work experience program. We identified coaches, produced a staff manual, created detailed visual resources for the trainees, and collaborated with the parents/caregivers.

The program kicked off with three trainees during first session. Our Program Director, Rebecca, attended in person to work alongside the team, mentor the coaches, and oversee the training and performance. The outcome was a success, as our crew was praised for their productivity and professionalism! And as one trainee commented, "I am so happy to be a staff member."



Youth Specialty Program (Pilot Program)

In another first, four of our youth loved ones had a Christian Science summer camp experience with CedarS Camps online. For 10 days, these sweet young ladies participated in Bible study and fun camp activities from the comfort of their homes.

Two CedarS staff members were dedicated to our program. They elevated the activities higher than we could have expected. Their fresh ideas, creativity, and keen awareness of our loved ones was appreciated by everyone. Learn more...



Loved One Gatherings

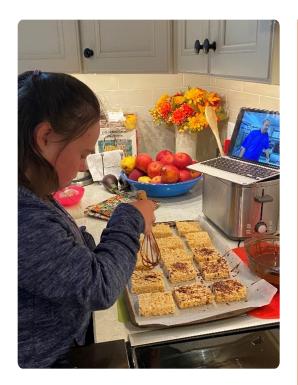
This spring, in response to our loved ones' requests to connect more frequently, RVRN launched a new program just for them!

Greeted with excitement and enthusiasm —

Session 1 was facilitated in partnership with Camp Bow-Isle. Comprised of 4-monthly gatherings, nearly 40 loved ones registered, demonstrating their eagerness to nurture quality connections with fellow Christian Scientists. One mom shared, "After the gatherings, there is a different child that comes out. And he's very at peace."

Assisted by Crystal Lake Camps, Session 2 started in August and the monthly gatherings will run through November.

Learn more...



RVRN has made great strides this year in delivering innovative programs and services to the Christian Scientists we serve. Thank you for helping us spread the word to families that can benefit from what we provide. *You are a vital partner in our mission*.

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