



# Daycroft

The Daycroft School Foundation, Inc.

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## Look At All the Good Going On!

### What is Daycroft?

The Daycroft School Foundation stands for education based on moral and spiritual principles. In addition to making grants to organizations serving Christian Science youth, Daycroft offers a homeschooling program for Christian Science families and spearheads initiatives that support and advance spiritually-based education.

### The Gathering Project

The Gathering Project provides Christian Science youth and their families with ongoing information about the activities offered by the many organizations serving Christian Science children and young adults. It aims to connect individuals and families with programs and funding sources that provide educational, recreational, and fellowship opportunities in an environment that promotes spiritual growth. It's easy to learn more and it's easy to get connected! Go to [gatheringproject.org](http://gatheringproject.org) and help spread the word.

### Homeschooling for Christian Science Families

The Daycroft Online Learning Community (DOLC) provides a positive and supportive approach to homeschool education. The program offers a full curriculum for students in any grade - from kindergarten all the way through high school. Students may also choose to enroll in select courses for credit recovery or to supplement traditional education. Character education is an integral part of the program, and parents can get to know each other through online parent meetings. An education specialist who is also a class-taught Christian Scientist offers support and guidance to both students and parents. Over 100 families have found that DOLC has met their need for an individualized educational program that supports their values and standards.



*Paul is rapidly moving ahead in the DOLC program.*

### DiscoveryBound's National Leadership Council



*An NLC teen volunteering in Costa Rica.*

The National Leadership Council (NLC), one of DiscoveryBound's most sought-after programs, plays a significant role in the lives of many high school students. Now in its eighth year, the NLC is a multi-year servant leadership program, dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, leadership qualities, and a service approach to life. Students enter the program in mid-eighth grade and graduate in the middle of their senior year. In between, they are mentored by an adult Christian Scientist, develop close relationships with their NLC peers, work on community service projects, stretch themselves on an adventure trip, develop leadership skills, and consciously focus on growing spiritually. Due to interest and demand, the program has expanded, and over 200 teens have benefited from the program!

### Summer Camp Fun

It's that time of year again! Campers and counselors from all over the country are anticipating being part of a summer camp family. For some, it will be the first experience with a large group of young Christian Scientists. For others, it's a return "home" - home to a place where they feel loved, nurtured, and encouraged to grow spiritually. And most of all, it's FUN! The six summer camps for Christian Scientists in the United States and Canada are precious resources, and Daycroft is pleased to support them all. Over the past 20 years, Daycroft has provided over two million dollars in campership funds!

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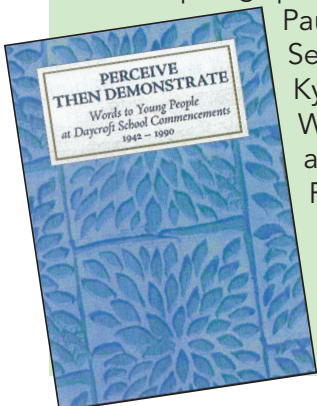
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## Available from the Daycroft Office

- Bible Talks by B. Cobbey Crisler
- Four Talks by Lona Ingwerson, CS
- Talks to educators by Don Ingwerson, Marilyn Wallace and Paul White
- **Perceive Then Demonstrate**, a compilation of talks given at Daycroft School graduations. Among the 50 inspiring speakers are Paul Stark Seeley, James Kyser, Ralph Wagers, and Geith Plimmer.



## Daycroft Board Welcomes Erik Olsen '74

The Daycroft Trustees are delighted to welcome Erik Olsen to the Foundation Board. After graduating from Daycroft, Erik went on to receive a BA from Principia College and an MBA from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA.

Erik is the Chief Investment Officer and Economic Analyst for Arque Advisors, a registered investment advisory firm. He joined Arque in 2010 in the merger of Arque Advisors and LHO Group, an investment advisory firm he founded in 1991. He performed economic consulting and investment management services for LHO and was a principal of LHO Global Investments, an emerging markets investments fund from 1994-2003.

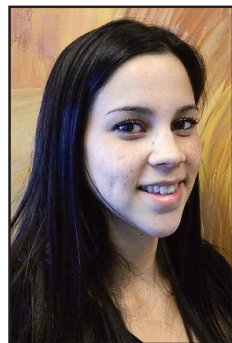
Erik lives in Wilton, Connecticut, with his wife Meridee Kelbey Olsen. They have two children: Karsten, a recent graduate of Principia College, and Karina, a junior. He is a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Wilton and serves as First Reader. Erik is a founding member of the Common Ground Committee, an organization devoted to helping groups find points of agreement on topics of national interest.



Erik Olsen

### Paul White's Stronghold School System

To be inspired, visit stronghold schools.com and find out what a school based on rock-solid moral and spiritual values can do! Paul White's new program in Ventura, California, is up and running and doing what it does best – changing lives. Read the testimonials and endorsements and



A student recently helped by Stronghold

find out what the program is doing. As one student says, "I learned how to work hard, be unselfish, be honest, and most of all be grateful."

### E3: Elevating Education Everywhere

E3 is a global initiative to support schools based on the universal truths of Christian Science. Spearheaded by The Daycroft School Foundation, E3 is a joint effort of committed individuals who recognize the importance of supporting education flowing from the understanding of each child's unlimited capacities for good. Currently in the initial stages of development, this fledgling organization aims to support and encourage schools in the developing world and foster collaboration among individuals and groups who support these schools.

Stay tuned in the coming months for more information!



### Charitable Giving

The extended IRA charitable rollover legislation for 2013 allows individuals over age 70½ to directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year to one or more charities. Transferring an IRA distribution to a charity allows retirees to avoid paying income tax on the amount withdrawn, and these qualified charitable distributions can be used to satisfy IRA required minimum distributions.

If you would like to make an investment in Christian Science youth through a donation to Daycroft, we would be happy to talk with you. Please contact the Daycroft office for more information.