

# Samaritan NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Fifth Annual Golf Tournament & Church Challenge**

October 15, 2011  
Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club  
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### **Women Helping Women Luncheon**

April 19, 2012

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## From the Desk of Rev. Rick Howell



*"I used to ask God to help me.  
Then, I asked God if I might be of help.  
I ended up asking God to work through me."*

These challenging and inspiring words were penned by Hudson Taylor the English missionary to China. At the time of his death in 1905 the China Inland Mission consisted of 205 stations with 849 missionaries, and 125,000 Chinese Christians; clearly God had answered Taylor's prayer to work through him. The Samaritan counseling ministry is served by many who have shared Taylor's prayer. Although the task force of Church of the Palms could have chosen to hire a Christian counselor to solely serve the members of their congregation, they had a wider vision from God which included providing Christian counseling for the broader community. Nearly 12 years later, Samaritan will provide over 5100 counseling sessions through six highly trained Christian counselors in six offices provided by partner congregations throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Clearly, God is working through the efforts of many volunteers who serve on the Board of Directors, a committee or task force, or in the business office.

Their efforts make it possible for Samaritan to instill hope and transform lives. One such life is that of Bennie\*. Bennie is a 7 year old boy brought to Samaritan by his mom. Bennie is grieving because his dad had to move to another city to find work. As much as he loves his mom, he misses the interaction with his dad. He feels sad and has withdrawn. Through play therapy, Bennie and his therapist are working through the grieving process while retaining the hope that it won't be too long before the family is back together again...Your support of Samaritan makes this opportunity for Bennie to heal possible.

Rebecca\* was referred to Samaritan by her pastor after she met with him. Rebecca shared how she was afraid for her family because she was not handling the intense stress in her life very well. Always a social drinker, Rebecca realized that since her husband had died suddenly 9 months ago leaving her with a 3 and a 5 year old that she was using alcohol to help her get through the long evenings after work. She was exhausted and sad...and depressed, but didn't want to admit it because she did not believe that she "had time or resources to be depressed." Through her work with her counselor it was determined that she had reached out for help early enough so that she did not need to be hospitalized for detoxification. It was also decided that she needed to give herself permission to work through all of the emotions she was feeling in order for her to be a healthy individual, employee, and mom. Her work was not easy, but through the counseling relationship she was able to deal with her anger at God, her fear of the future, and her lack of self confidence to meet the challenges in front of her without her husband. Your support of Samaritan provides hope, healing and growth in ways that are life-giving and life-saving! ▀



Caption: L to R: Laura Lowe, David Wachtel, Rev. Bill Hild, Rev. Rick Howell, Gary Moore, Cherie Leetzow, Jane Goodwin, Mary Beth Bos

Not pictured: Rev. John Cairns, Donna Dudash, Bob Smith, Brian Hall, Sandra Pepper, Angela Tobaygo

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Beth Bos, President  
 Rev. John Cairns, Vice President  
 Donna Dudash, Secretary  
 Bob Smith, Treasurer

Brian D. Hall  
 Rev. Bill Hild  
 Laura Lowe  
 Gary Moore  
 Sandra Pepper  
 Angela Tobaygo, Esq.  
 David Wachtel

Thank you to the following Board Members for their years of exemplary service for Samaritan Counseling Services:

Jane Goodwin  
 Ken Johns  
 Cherie Leetzow  
 Kim Merritt

### COUNSELING LOCATIONS

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
 4030 Manatee Avenue W.  
 Bradenton, FL 34205

**Church of the Palms**  
 3224 Bee Ridge Road  
 Sarasota, FL 34239

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
 790 Tamiami Trail  
 Venice, FL 34285

**First Baptist Church of Sarasota**  
 1670 Main Street  
 Sarasota, FL 34236

**Harvest United Methodist Church**  
 Lakewood Ranch  
 14305 Covenant Way  
 Bradenton, FL 34202

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**  
 6101 Cortez Road West  
 Bradenton, FL 34210

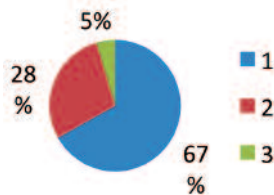
# Samaritan Annual Report for 2010

Mary Beth Bos, Board President

We are so grateful to pause and reflect upon our achievements of the past year. Truly God has blessed the efforts of the many people involved with Samaritan and we are proud to share this report with all of those who have partnered with us to sustain God's work in and through Samaritan.

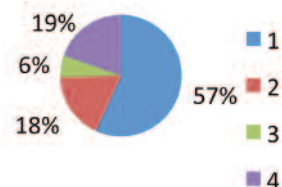
### SAMARITAN COUNSELING SERVICES INCOME 2010

\$496,000	Fees & Services
\$211,000	Fund Raising
\$34,000	In Kind Services
<b>\$741,000</b>	<b>Total</b>



### SAMARITAN COUNSELING SERVICES EXPENSES 2010

\$414,000	Payroll
\$129,000	CAF Support
\$42,000	Insurance
\$143,000	General Overhead
<b>\$728,000</b>	<b>Total</b>



### BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Completed annual strategic planning session setting goals for the agency
- Developed core values for the organization
- Recruited new board members (Gary Moore, Laura Lowe, Brian Hall)
- Recognized outgoing board (Kim Merritt and Ken Johns)
- Executive Director and Cherie Leetzow attended Fundraising course with the Community Foundation of Sarasota County
- Wrote and received a \$25,000 BOOST Grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to hire a part time Development Director
- Margaret Boyd was hired on Feb. 7th to be our first Development Director
- Our Executive Director is participating in Samaritan's Corporate Institute Leadership & Management Training Program

### PROGRAMS

- Provided 4,904 counseling sessions
- Gave client assistance scholarships for 2002 of the 4,904 sessions
- Continued discussion initiated by the University of South Florida School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry on placing a Psychiatry Fellowship with faith integration specialty
- Provided two monthly clergy support groups

### MARKETING

- Held our first Community symposium
- Updated Samaritan's Website and added the ability to do a personal mental health assessment for potential clients. Produced newsletters & Annual Report, utilized our new logo, stationary, business cards, posters and all collateral materials.
- Met Fundraising Goal of \$185,000 & Surpassed goal to net over \$197,000 through Local Churches, Women Helping Women Annual Luncheon, Samaritan Golf & Church Challenge Event, Corporate Sponsors, Foundation Grants and Individual Donors

### FACTS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO WERE COUNSELED — INSTILLING HOPE; TRANSFORMING LIVES

- 2010 Professional Counseling hours: 4,904
- 2010 Subsidized Professional Counseling hours: 2,002

# 2010 Donors

Thank You for helping us Instill Hope as we Transform Lives

Aaron, Fred & Myrna  
Abel, Madeline  
Adkins, Beverly & Steve Hart  
Agnacian, Joan  
Alexander, James & Jane  
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Anderson, Mary Lou  
Angle, Ray & Sue  
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Arning, Marie  
Audet, Julie  
Auringer, Dr. Sam & Lyn  
Ayvazian, Geraldine  
Baarson, Robert & Marcia  
Babcock, Cheryl Anne  
Bagley, Sara  
Bahlman, Sally  
Bailey, Dan & Nancy  
Baker, Jim & Mary  
Baten, Karen  
Belill, Leo & Elizabeth  
Bell, Charlee  
Bell, Sue & Jerry  
Benninghoff, Carl & Roberta  
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Bergeon, Brenda  
Bibler, Rick  
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Carlson, Grace  
Carlson, Sandra  
Carmean, Lin  
Cassell, Steve & Family  
Cavanaugh, John & Ellen  
Chadburn, Jo Ann  
Chasolen, Dr. Howard  
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Clark, Ginna  
Clawson, Darlene  
Coletta, Kay  
Coley, Joe & Kay  
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DiVirgilio, Douglas & Lynn  
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Dorrill, Saralyn  
Drackett, Gerry  
Dudash, Fred & Donna  
Dunlap, Kathryn  
Dunn, Ruth  
Ehrgott, Barb  
Elliott, Carol  
Engels, Fred  
Esser, Edie  
Ewalt, Peg  
Favat, Rina  
Featherman, Susan  
Ferrandino, Rita  
Ferretti, Joe  
Fisher, Elizabeth  
Fitzpatrick, Carolyn  
Fowler, Kurt & Elizabeth  
Frank, John & Kathleen  
Freeman, Chuck & Diane Huntley  
Fulton, Chuck & Judy  
Gallo, Paul & Maria  
Galmin, Marie  
Georgiades, Jean  
Gerzeny, Ruben & Beverly  
Getzen, Bill & Ruth  
Getzen, Linda  
Gilman, Michael  
Gilmore, Susan  
Glasser, Dr. Ryan & Wendy  
Goetz, Paul & Eva  
Gonzalez, Jessica & Dr. Javier  
Goodwin, Jane  
Goodwin, Kathryn  
Gowan, Betty  
Gowan, Michael & Tonya  
Griffith, Doug & Karen  
Haas, Laurie  
Haber, Jeanette  
Hall, Brian & Betsy  
Hamill, Dolores  
Hamilton, Diane  
Hammond, Sherron  
Harlow, Brian & Leah  
Harrell, Matthew & Cheryl

## SAMARITAN COUNSELING SERVICES OF THE GULF COAST WELCOMES

### **SANDRA L. PEPPER**

*New Board Member*

Sandra joined Northern Trust in August, 1999, as Vice President and Relationship Manager in the Trust Division. Prior to joining Northern Trust, Sandra was a Vice President with Bank of America for 16 years. A native of Dayton, Ohio, Sandra and her husband, Mark, reside in Lakewood Ranch and have adult twin sons and a new puppy Noche. Sandra is very focused on family issues and served on the Board and was the former Chairperson for the Florida Center for Child and Family Development. She has also been involved with the Boy Scouts of America as well as the Braden River Soccer Club.

### **DAVID WACHTEL**

*New Board Member*

David is a semi-retired civil engineer who received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky and a Master in Business Administration from University of South Florida. He lives with his wife Lynne and son Grant, and enjoys traveling with his family. He is a current Elder at Church of the Palms. He moderates the Mission Committee and has been a Deacon. David has made numerous Mission trips to Honduras as well as several construction trips to improve the building that houses an Eye/Dental Clinic. He is also a board member of the Honduran Eye Clinic.

### **MARGARET BOYD**

*Development Director*

Margaret joins Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast as their first ever Development Director. She has more than 15 years of experience working with not-for-profits. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Margaret and her husband, Jim, reside in Osprey. ▀

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Thank You to the Community Foundation of Sarasota County's BOOST Initiative to Build Organizations' Operational Strength Today for funding our Development Director position.



Gail Sullivan and Melissa Miller

*"Samaritan" has become my extended family. The people I volunteer with are so caring, warm and friendly. Working with Rick Howell is a special blessing. It is an honor to serve in an organization that brings hope and promise to those who need it. Serving on the WHW luncheon committee brings it all home. We raise funds for those who need help regardless of their ability to pay. I'm proud to be a part of this wonderful ministry."*

– Bonney Miller

Harshman, Jim & Judy  
 Hartwell, Charlotte  
 Haun, David & Twylah  
 Haun, Nicki  
 Hayes, Stephanie  
 Hebda, Rene  
 Herb, Jean  
 Herring, Mary Sue  
 Hess, Donna  
 Heymann, Marian  
 Hickman, Kreg & Susan  
 Hietbrink, Nola  
 Higley, Carol  
 Hild, Rev. Bill & Beverly  
 Hines, Susan  
 Hoover, Lou Ann  
 Howell, Breanna  
 Howell, Jimmy & Julie  
 Howell, Rev. Rick & Debbie  
 Hubbard, Jack & Karen  
 Hull, Rev. William & Sibyl  
 Humphries, Ann  
 Jensen, Tia  
 Johns, Ken & JoAnn  
 Johnson, Martin & Kathryn  
 Johnson, Vonda  
 Jones, Herb & Ruth  
 Jordan, Andrew  
 Judd, Richard & Geri  
 Keeton, Susan  
 Kelleher, Barbara  
 Kelly, John & Paula  
 Kidd, John  
 Kinne, Walker  
 Kinnett, Natalie  
 Knoblock, Marge  
 Kocourek, Linda & Tom  
 Kopp, Elizabeth  
 Kosko, Maurice & Susan  
 Kriegner, Kay  
 Kruger, Audrey  
 Kuh, Art & Helen  
 LaMaina, Barbara  
 Lambert, Paula  
 Langlet, Thetis  
 LaPorta, Alison  
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 Lawrence, Carole  
 Lawry, Kevin & Dennis  
 Lederer, Don & Dana  
 Leetzow, Cherie

Lehnen, Nancy  
 Lewis, Carol  
 Lewis, Dave & Deborah  
 Lowe, Charles & Laura  
 MacLeod, Callie  
 MacLeod, Peg  
 Mansperger, Rev. Michael & Linda  
 Martin, Patricia  
 Maxey, Tonya  
 Mays, Susan  
 McConnell, Rev. Steve & Amanda  
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 Menke, Kellie  
 Mercer, Paul & Fee  
 Mercer, Brenda  
 Merritt, Frances  
 Merritt, L. Scott & Kim  
 Meyer, Connie  
 Middleton, Jacqueline  
 Middleton, Jill  
 Miller, Bonney  
 Miller, Brian & Judy  
 Miller, Sam & Melissa  
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 Moberg, Donald & Pat  
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 Moore, Gary & Sherry  
 Moore, Noel & Betty  
 Myers, Walden  
 Neff, Ray & Ann  
 Nelson, Dave & Barbara  
 Nelson, Geri  
 Nicholson, Karen  
 Nickens, Tracey  
 Noah, Carol  
 Ogle, Jerry & Lisle  
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 Ozley, Linda  
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 Pederson, Janet  
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 Petrucci, Richard & Sandra  
 Picuri, Don  
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 Rau, Alice  
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 Riley, Nancy  
 Ringquist, Burt  
 Ritchey, Shirley  
 Robbins, Sandy  
 Roberts, Ranel  
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 Tobaygo, Angela  
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 Foundation

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### SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Bayshore Mennonite Church  
 Church of the Palms, Presbyterian  
 Covenant Life Presbyterian Church  
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Venice  
 First Baptist Church of Sarasota  
 First Baptist Church Women on Mission  
 First Congregational UCC Church  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Grace United Methodist Ch. Venice  
 Harvest United Methodist Church  
 Kirkwood Presbyterian Church  
 Palma Sola Presbyterian Church  
 Parrish United Methodist Church  
 Pine Shores Presbyterian Church  
 Presbyterian Church of the Covenant  
 Sarasota Baptist Church  
 Siesta Key Chapel  
 South Shore Community Church  
 St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church

*Volunteering in the office once a week at Samaritan, knowing that I can help out in a small way for a ministry that helps heal the hurting in our community, is a blessing to me. One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 11:25b "Those who refresh others, will themselves be refreshed."*

– Lynn Divirgilio



### PILGRIMAGE

Melissa Miller, LCSW

I see people every day who are on one of three kinds of pilgrimages: of their own choosing; of their own making; or which seem to have come over them like a dark cloud out of the blue.

**Let's look at an example of each.** First, "of their own choosing": let's grant that whatever we may each believe about the complexities of free will, in our conscious daily lives we exercise choice.

Years ago I knew I *could* choose to be a pastoral counselor, and in fact I did make that choice. It's been a pilgrimage of learning, spiritual development, excitement, disappointment, challenge. What makes a pilgrimage out of my career choice is a theme that was always there, no matter how imperfectly I showed it: Love. First of God; then of my many colleagues and clients over the years. But it wasn't there all at once – no, in fact I didn't even see that I was on a pilgrimage of *learning* how to Love (God's way) until a few years ago.

**Next:** of their own making:" I know someone who is on a financial pilgrimage he never dreamed he'd be on. It's not the one he chose, but he's on it by his own doing. He's going down fast, because he over-rode his own instincts and made some investments he knew were beyond his risk tolerance and resources – and they failed.

What makes this a pilgrimage? His response to it. It didn't stop him in the depths of his being. He chose to learn from his mistakes and go on. He chose to see this experience, which will take months or years to get through, as a gift from God. Yes, he's suffering, his family is suffering, and he's lost some 'friends'. Yet he knows he's drawn closer to God throughout, as has his family.

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**Finally:** the "dark cloud" pilgrimage. A person has done everything they can think of, and done it well and in a Godly fashion. Life looks pretty good in that person's eyes. Then something happens, unexpectedly: a category 5 hurricane drops in for a visit, and leaves behind... nothing. A young woman loses everything except her young children. She didn't ask for this, didn't cause it, but her pilgrimage begins when she *chooses* to endure all it means in terms of loss and crisis and opportunity, and go on with the same type of Godly life she had been building before the hurricane.

Notice the italicized words, above: learning, love, response, drawn closer to God, chooses. That's what can make a life circumstance a pilgrimage. When we notice what God places before us by *choosing to respond, love, learn, and draw closer to Him*, a pilgrimage has begun. By nature it's a journey into the unknown, so we may be anxious and unsure – but firmly set on drawing closer to God, we will be rewarded in His way and in His time. ▶

**PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING ASSESSMENTS OFFERED FOR CHILDREN**

*"Paving the way for learning and success in school"*

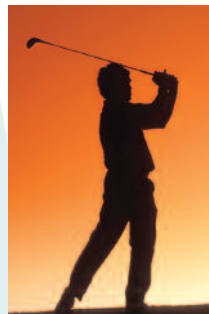


Samaritan offers a variety of tests that can answer questions about a child's academic performance. For example: "Does my child qualify for a gifted program?" "Does my child have a learning disability?" "Does my child have ADHD?" "Is my child's academic performance the result of emotional issues?"

Every child has unique strengths and weaknesses. Psychoeducational testing can assess how your child learns best and identify new ways to help them succeed. At Samaritan, Psychologist Dr. Dennise Lawry can test for the following:

- Gifted and Talented
- Learning Disabilities
- ADD/ADHD
- Depression
- IQ (intelligence)
- Personality Traits
- Emotional/Behavioral Problems ▶

# Fifth Annual Golf Tournament & Church Challenge



**OCTOBER 15, 2011**

**REGISTRATION AT 7:00 AM • TEE OFF AT 8:00 AM**

Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club  
4800 Chase Oaks Drive • Sarasota, FL 34241

**ENTRY FEE ..... \$ 100**

**SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**

The event will cap at a maximum of 144 golfers representing philanthropic-minded members of the greater Sarasota and Manatee communities.

- **EVENT UNDERWRITER..... \$8,000**
- **PLATINUM SPONSOR..... \$5,000**  
Title Sponsor  
Sign recognition and two four-somes  
Table for eight at Women Helping Women Luncheon
- **GOLD SPONSOR ..... \$2,500**  
Sign recognition and two four-somes
- **SILVER SPONSOR ..... \$1,500**  
Sign recognition and one four-some
- **SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSOR ..... EACH \$ 300**
  - Closest to the Pin
  - Crooked Line Drive
  - Long Drive – Men
  - Putting Contest
  - Long Drive – Women
  - Beverage Cart
  - Marshmallow Drive
  - Hole-In-One
- **HOLE SPONSOR..... \$ 100**

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**NO RAIN DATE – IF CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, YOUR ENTRY FEE AND SPONSORSHIP WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION. NO REFUNDS.**

# Women Helping Women Luncheon Michaels on East

Photos Courtesy of Carolyn Mac Millan



Co-chairs Cherie Leetzow and Debbie Howell



Sandra Pepper, Donna Dudash and Laura Lowe



Pastor Bill Hild and First Baptist Church Table



Mary Beth Bos, Laura Lowe and Wendy Hopkins



Melissa Miller and Dana Judge

## Legacy Society

Our Samaritan Legacy Society recognizes visionary donors who have informed us of plans to leave a charitable legacy through their will or other planned gift. If you would like more information about our Samaritan Legacy Society, or if you have already included us in your estate plans, please contact Rick Howell at 941-926-2959.

*"The demands and expectations on Pastors are at the highest level they have ever been. Part of their important role is to offer wise counsel to those who ask or require it. In most cases one or two sessions with a parishioner will suffice, but there are always those individuals or couples that require longer and more intense pastoral counseling. In times like this the able counselors of Samaritan Counseling of the Gulfcoast can be an incredible asset to the caring Pastor who desires his parishioners to receive only the highest quality Christian counseling. Their solid Christian worldview, capable training, strong experience level, and inclusion of Christ-centered values combine to make Samaritan my first choice in pastoral counseling referrals. I would personally encourage every pastor in the southwest Florida region to consider Samaritan as the center of their referral network."*

– Pastor William Hild, Lead Pastor, First Baptist Church of Sarasota, Florida

## SPECIAL THANKS

**Thank You to our extraordinary  
2011 Women Helping Women  
Luncheon Committee!**

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