

TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL SPIRITUALLY INTEGRATED COUNSELING SERVICES

Upcoming Events

The Giving Partner Giving Challenge

September 20, 2016

If you would like further information, contact Margaret at 941-320-2552, margaret@samaritangulfcoast.com.

10th Annual Golf Tournament and Church Challenge

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Laurel Oak Country Club
2700 Gary Player Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34240

If you would like further information on Sponsorship or Registration, contact Garrett Moore at 941-544-2269, ggarrettmoore@gmail.com.

National Depression Screening Day

Thursday, October 6, 2016

See page 4 for more information.

3rd Annual Church of the Palms Advent Dinner

Monday, December 5, 2016

If you would like further information, contact Bonney Miller, 941-966-8102.

3rd Annual Woodland Community Church Advent Dinner

Thursday, December 8, 2016

If you would like further information, contact Dana Lederer at 240-216-7783 or Margaret at 941-320-2552, margaret@samaritangulfcoast.com.

14th Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Michael's On East

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From the Desk of Rev. Rick Howell

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. — Philipians 1:6 NIV



What a fabulous surprise! Last month I had the opportunity to share the story of Samaritan to a wonderful local service group. At the end of my remarks one of the gentlemen in attendance said, "In 1996, I was a member of the Church of the Palms Foundation. We were asked to consider providing matching start-up funds to help begin a Christian Counseling service for our community. We chose to approve this request for Samaritan. Hearing your comments today about the good work being achieved through Samaritan and how it has grown and progressed, confirms to me that our decision to invest now 20 years ago was a wise one. I am pleased to hear this update." Wow! What a blessing!

Samaritan is not only growing, but also maturing. We are getting into place the infrastructure that will enable us to better serve an expanding number of clients. Here are a few of the highlights.

- We added new offices in Lakewood Ranch and Bradenton, taking our total number of counseling locations to nine throughout Sarasota and Manatee counties!
- We implemented a new EHR (Electronic Healthcare Record) system that is streamlining our client documentation process.
- We instituted an Outcome Measurement System that will allow us to track our work with our clients to ensure that we are monitoring their process closely.
- Our board of directors continues to embrace our mission of "providing excellent professional spiritually integrated counseling services." We added some very strong, talented, and passionate board members: Bonney Miller and Leah Cotter. Each of these ladies, though already involved with Samaritan, have actively contributed to Samaritan's mission.
- We have a fresh, updated brand you'll see reflected on this newsletter! We are excited about our new look and feel it beautifully reflects our professionalism along with the HOPE we aim to offer to every client we serve.

Staff

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Melinda Cerny, MA
Administrative Assistant

Bill Clough - D-MIN
SIT Coordinator

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Marketing and Communications
Coordinator

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Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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Licensed Mental Health Counselor

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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Registered Mental Health Counselor
Intern

Ross Thompson, MS, LMHC
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- As an organization, we continue to grow in numbers with new counselors and staff members that help to fill in some of our areas of need.
- Our two SIT (Spiritually Integrated Treatment) interns are continuing their work with Samaritan and we hired Rev. Dr. Bill Clough as the SIT Coordinator. In September, we will begin our two year curriculum program in SIT.

These are exciting times to be a part of what God is doing in and through Samaritan. I hope that you can feel the excitement and catch the enthusiasm. Let's discover together the Good Work that God wants to accomplish through Samaritan as WE INSTILL HOPE AND TRANSFORM LIVES! ■

Welcome New Staff



Linda Martin, LMHC

Linda earned a Masters in Counseling Psychology and a Masters in School Guidance from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelors in Psychology and a Bachelors in Sociology from UCLA. She has over forty years of clinical experience in various environments including five years as a school guidance counselor, adult dual diagnosis (inpatient), adult & geriatric general psychopathology (inpatient and partial hospitalization), adolescent psychiatric and drug & alcohol treatment programs (inpatient and residential), and independent private practice. She has specialized training to address domestic violence, addictions, and to support couples seeking a healthy marriage. She also has specialized training in hypnotherapy to reduce stress and anxiety, and to provide pain management.



Bill Clough, D-MIN

Bill's degrees include a Bachelor of Science from Florida Presbyterian (Eckerd) College, St. Petersburg, FL; Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary; and Master of Arts from Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. He served as a church pastor; Chaplain, US Navy; and Program Chair of the Pastoral Community Counseling Program at Argosy University. He was a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and Educator member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. ■



Thank You

A very special "thank you" to Sonja Veal-Volino as she retires from her position on our Board of Directors! We are deeply grateful for her support, service and dedication to Samaritan and look forward to continuing our work with her on other committees and events. Congratulations, Sonja, on a job very well done! ■

Pictured (L to R): Marlene Petro, Board President; Sonja Veal-Volino; Rick Howell, Executive Director

Welcome New Board Members



Bonney Miller

Bonney has served on the Annual Luncheon Committee for several years, chaired two years for the Advent Dinner at Church of the Palms, served on the Marketing and Fundraising Committee, and is currently active on the committee for the Golf Tournament. "I believe in the mission and the services provided by Samaritan for our community," stated Miller. "I enjoy serving as an ambassador in any way I can for this important and imperative organization. When you can see the direct impact of the work done by the staff and the counselors to serve the region with exceptional, quality care, it makes you want to be involved."



Leah Turner Cotter

Leah, who is currently serving as Chair for the Annual Luncheon Committee, is in her third year of helping with the fundraising event. Along with serving on the committee, Leah is an active community advocate for Samaritan. "I am thrilled to be joining the Board of Samaritan Counseling," stated Cotter. "I believe so strongly in the work we do to bring the light of hope into the darkest moments in the lives of members of our own community. I am proud to be part of an organization that is working to erase the stigmas associated with mental health conditions and working to heal the whole person, mentally and spiritually." ■

#Stop the Stigma

In May, we launched a campaign for Mental Health Awareness month called "Stop the Stigma." The campaign purpose was to inform and educate the community about the continued stigma surrounding mental health conditions and how this stigma impacts the community.

The success of the campaign was encouraging, with substantial new traffic to our website and our Facebook page along with excellent community participation and feedback. **According to the Surgeon General, stigma is the #2 reason people do not seek the treatment they need for mental health conditions.** In light of this, we plan to continue this effort annually with the hope that it will grow awareness of both the issue of stigma along with our services and locations throughout the community. Thank you to everyone who participated! ■



Counseling Locations

Christ Episcopal Church

4030 Manatee Avenue W.
Bradenton, FL

Church of the Palms

3224 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

790 Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL

First Baptist Church of Sarasota

1670 Main Street
Sarasota, FL

Harvest United Methodist Church

14305 Covenant Way
Lakewood Ranch, FL

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

6101 Cortez Road West
Bradenton, FL



Lakewood Ranch Office

7341 Professional Parkway
Lakewood Ranch, FL



Palma Sola Presbyterian Church

6510 3rd Avenue West
Bradenton, FL

Sarasota Christian Church

2923 Ashton Road
Sarasota, FL

National Depression Screening Day is October 6, read more about it on page 4.

National Depression Screening Day

October 6, 2016 is the day set aside annually to recognize the reality that many people suffer with depression and related mood and anxiety disorders...without realizing it. If you or someone you know wonder about depression or other mental health issues, you can visit our website at www.samaritangulfcoast.com for a free and confidential screening. ■

New Position

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Melissa Carlson, a senior clinician who has worked with Samaritan for eleven years, has been named our Clinical Coordinator. In this newly created position, Melissa will assist the Executive Director in leading and managing Samaritan's clinical service delivery. As a member of the management team, her responsibilities will include clinical supervision, oversight of clinical practices and procedures, electronic healthcare record implementation, quality assurance and utilization review. Welcome Melissa to this new role. We are grateful for you sharing your gifts with us. ■

Consider a Tax Deductible Donation to Samaritan Counseling Services

Your generous donation helps to ensure that high quality mental health services are never far out of reach for those in need. When you "invest" in Samaritan, you are investing in the health of our community. ■

Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast Annual Report for 2015

Samaritan Counseling Income

\$ 462,030	Fees & Services
\$ 289,656	Grants and Donations
<u>\$ 33,756</u>	In Kind Services
\$ 785,442	Total

Samaritan Counseling Services Expenses

\$ 418,566	Payroll
\$ 177,974	CAF, SS Support and Insurance Adjustment
\$ 33,601	Insurance Expense
\$ 33,756	In Kind Services
<u>\$ 123,037</u>	General Overhead
\$ 786,934	Total

Board Development

Created new mission and vision statements as part of 2016 Strategic Plan

Elected new officers for 2016:

President	Marlene Petro
Vice President	Dana Lederer
Secretary	Gale Whitson-Schmidt
Treasurer	Reva Mitchell

Programs

Spiritually Integrated Treatment Program

- Developed curriculum for two-year training program
- Developed curriculum for 30-hour continuing education course
- Provided supervision of one MSW student from University of South Florida
- Provided supervision of one post-graduate MSW working toward state Licensure

Seminars and Support groups:

- Marriage Strengthening seminar
- Women in Recovery support group
- Grief Sharing Support Group

Staffing

Three full time licensed clinicians
 Five part time licensed clinicians
 Three part time administrative staff

Clinical Statistics

399	New Clients
4,600	Clinical Sessions
2,229	Client Assistance Sessions
1/month	Monthly Clergy Support Groups
2	Congregational Consultations
2	Company Consultations

10th Annual Golf Tournament & Church Challenge

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

Registration at 7:30 am • Tee Off at 8:30 am

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INDIVIDUAL FEE\$ 110
FOURSOME\$ 400

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

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

- PRESENTING SPONSOR** \$8,000
Speaking Opportunity at Lunch, Your Own Banner, Company Logo Presented In Lunch Slideshow, Listing in Program, Two Foursomes and Table for eight at the Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction
- PLATINUM SPONSOR** \$5,000
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- GOLD SPONSOR** \$2,500
Banner Recognition and two foursomes
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 - Beverage Cart
 - Hole-In-One
- HOLE SPONSOR** \$ 100
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Company _____

Name _____

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Phone _____

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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.

Registration Form

For one golfer or a donation only. Please visit our website for foursome registration.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- I would like to golf (\$110, includes cart & lunch).
- Sorry, I cannot attend but please accept my donation of \$_____.
- Check Enclosed (Please make payable to Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast).

Charge My Donation To:

- Visa
- Mastercard
- American Express

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

V-Code: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return To:

Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast
 3224 Bee Ridge Road
 Sarasota, FL 34239
 Attention: Garrett Moore

Please consider adding a Hole Sponsorship to your foursome for an additional \$100.



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Reflections from Our 2016 Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction

Additional Photos on Pages 7 & 8.

Photos Courtesy of Carolyn Mac Millan



Thank You All for Supporting This Fun Event!

Additional Photos on Pages 6 & 8.



Special Thanks to Our 2016 Luncheon Committee

Leah Turner Cotter, Chair
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Debbie Howell
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Dana Lederer
Cathy Leetzow
Sherry Moore
Charlie Weitekamp
Emily Weitekamp

Reverend Rick Howell,
Executive Director
Margaret Boyd, Director of Philanthropy

30-Day Match Challenge

Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast received gifts totaling \$30,000 after a 30-day matching challenge by Board Member and longtime supporter of the organization, Bonney Miller.

Miller, along with her nephew, Philip Bylund, challenged the current Board to raise \$15,000 in 30 days. If this task was accomplished, Miller and Bylund agreed to match the funds, resulting in a total donation of \$30,000.

"I really wanted to make my donation work in a larger way," Miller explained. "When my nephew heard of this, he immediately added his donation due to the loving care Samaritan showed his mother during her battle with cancer. The Board stepped right up to the plate and made the match happen!" ■

Save The Date

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Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction

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