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Many of you know about the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i, but some of you may not. As a board member of the Center, I thought I would offer a brief note about the Center and the good work that they do. The professional counselors and therapists understand the close relationship between mind, body, spirit and community. They combine the best practices of today with an understanding of the power of sacred traditions to enhance our lives. People seek counseling for help in facing difficult life situations such as conflicts in marriage and family life, depression, loss and grief, work stress, and anger management. Counseling may benefit persons who lack direction in life or who face spiritual confusion.

The mission of the Center is to provide professional and accessible counseling sensitive to the spiritual traditions of individuals, families and communities in Hawai'i.

The Center celebrates its 25th year of providing services to the community in Hawaii. Check out our website at [www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org](http://www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org). If the Spirit moves you to help with our mission, any donation big or small would be appreciated! And if you or any of your loved ones are in need of counseling that is sensitive to your cultural or spiritual beliefs, please consider contacting the Center. It is the only place in Hawaii that offers this unique kind of service for healing, harmony and hope.

## Clergy & Congregational Care

The Center continues its range of services for Hawaii clergy in many different ways. In addition to vocational assessment and career counseling for United Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and UCC clergy statewide, Dr. Darcy Ing also met regularly with the Windward ministers support group in Kailua.

If you would like to arrange a seminar for faith professionals, past topics have included training in counseling skills for clergy, stages of bereavement, differences between pastoral care and psychological counseling, and spiritual care of the unemployed/financially stressed. Center staff are also available for presentations to congregations interested in learning more about mental health issues, including dealing with stress, grief and bereavement, women's issues, and many more areas.

The Center staff is unique in its multi-cultural approach and can work closely with religious congregations, communities of different traditions to develop these and other educational topics specifically for clergy and members.

Please contact the Center if you are interested in starting a clergy support group in your area, or if you would like to arrange a seminar for faith professionals.

Contact us at 545-2740 or [info@samaritanhawaii.org](mailto:info@samaritanhawaii.org) for more information or to set up an appointment.

## Celebrating 25 Years of Service

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*"From the moment I came to the office, I and my family were treated with respect and consideration. We felt we could trust you and from this trust we gained hope that our conflicts could be resolved."*

*Former Client*

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## **Samaritan Counseling Center Rolls out a New Strategic Plan**

Just prior to the Samaritan Institute accreditation site visit in 2014 the Board Of Directors began work on a Strategic Plan. An ad hoc committee of board members has been meeting every Wednesday afternoon for the past seven months and has presented to the Board of Directors a draft Strategic Plan.

The Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, Strategies, and Metrics (measurements) have been reviewed, revised and refined. Edits, changes, and new ideas have been incorporated along the way and the final product, which includes a one page Executive Summary and a two and half page Strategic Plan are due for "prime time" in April.

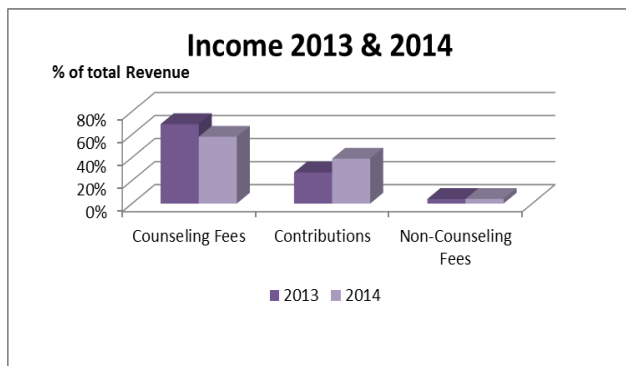
The new Plan has a broader client base and expanded staff to support the increased need for *Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy*, therapy that takes seriously the person's religious and spiritual values and perspectives during treatment. The plan seeks to increase work with groups on issues such as Domestic Violence, Community Policing, and support to military families.

# Annual Report for 2013 and 2014

In early 2013, the Board of Directors began to undertake a discernment process to review the financial viability of the Counseling & Spiritual Care Center of Hawaii. Through this review process several decisions were made that held the Center in a standing-still position. Ultimately, it was determined that the Center could continue to be an asset to the community and that with some refocusing of human and financial resources the Center could continue to provide the much needed Mental Health Services and Congregational Care that are surely lacking in our community.

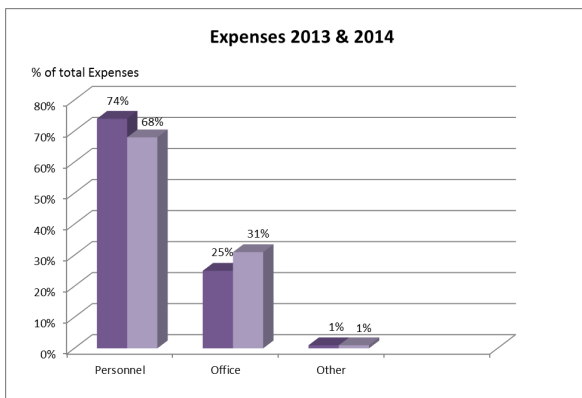
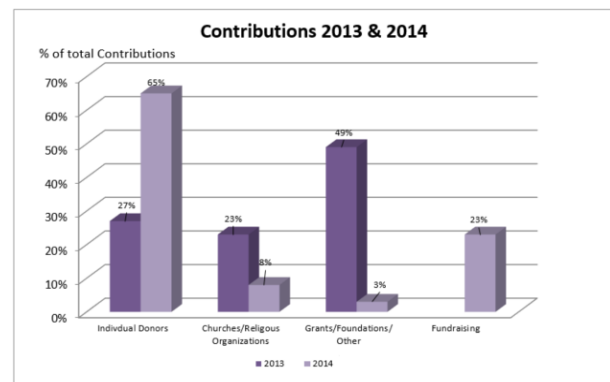
Key decisions that make up a part of the 2014 revenue picture were:

- ◆ Reconstitute the Board of Directors; 10 new board members were recruited and put into action before the end of 2013
- ◆ The new board voted to change the name of the Center back to the original name: The Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii
- ◆ The Interim Executive Director, Gary Augustin, PhD, LMFT was engaged as the Executive Director to put an end to the inconsistent leadership of prior years and re-building continuity and stability for the Center
- ◆ The new board agreed to undertake a major fundraising effort—the 25th Anniversary dinner in conjunction with the 2nd Ho’omeneme Awards Banquet in May 2014.
- ◆ Additionally, the Client Assistance Fund (CAF) continues to experience a generous balance while the need for services to low or no-resource populations does not desist and fundraising for this effort remains a part of our focus.



Overall there was an increase in revenue from 2013 to 2014. The Bi-annual Ho’omenemene Awards Banquet accounts for this increase under contributions. The reduction in counseling fees year-over-year reflects the shift in provider availability of several dedicated providers during 2013.

An increase in contributions in 2014 reflects the success of the 25th Anniversary and Ho’omenemene Awards Banquet. Part of the vision of maintaining this event is to broaden the corporate involvement through sponsorship. The Silent Auction proceeds are a big part of the fundraising for this wonderful Bi-Annual event.



Personnel costs continue to be the Center’s foremost expense. In 2014 the staff grew from 8 to 12 clinicians. Providing more reach into the marketplace through accessibility, diversity and availability. Fund-raising costs and office supplies increased due to the costs to hold the Ho’omenemene Awards Banquet in 2014. Other one-time costs reflected here include tools to take the name change back to the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii, such as new signage and a revamp of the Website among other items.

## Sign Up for Electronic Email

Please visit our new website at [SamaritanCounselingCenterHawaii.org](http://SamaritanCounselingCenterHawaii.org).

This change will enable us to manage our website more easily and we will be posting our news directly on the website. To be sure that you don’t miss our latest news, please sign up for email updates and thenewsletter will come to you in your inbox — a paperless approach to save us money, time and

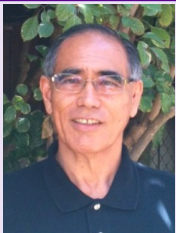


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### **E KOMO MAI to our newly *LICENSED* Therapist:**

#### ***Tom Miyashiro, LMFT***

Tom has been with SCCH for the past two years working on earning his license in Marriage & Family Therapy. We are delighted for Tom that he achieved his license in December 2014. He chose to specialize as a LMFT after 17 years as a high school teacher, 20 years as a middle school counselor and the last year and a half as a high school counselor all at Saint Louis School. Also, Tom is an ordained Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu working part-time all of my 30 years at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Pearl City.

Tom's passion for counseling is to reach out to couples and families to prevent problems. As a school counselor, he worked with students and parents with academic problems and referred them for miscellaneous severe problems for professional counseling. I became a presenter for Parent Project classes in 2003 to help parents with their "strong-willed" children. As a Permanent Deacon, I have prepared couples for Matrimony and offered a conflict management class (Christian Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) for engaged and married couples.

Now accepting most forms of insurance. For appointments call 545-2740.

### **Samaritan Counseling Center Locations:**

#### **Main Office:**

First United Methodist Church  
1020 S. Beretania St. Honolulu

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
1403 California Ave. , Wahiawa

Waikeola Congregational Church  
4705 Kilauea Ave. Honolulu

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1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu

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38 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kailua