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Join Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i for the Only Walk in Hawai'i Where You Gain Weight

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, walk with us at the **Visitor Industry Charity Walk** at Ala Moana Beach Park. It's a morning of fresh air, fun entertainment, a little exercise, and ono food from some of the island's best hotels and restaurants.

Registration is \$40 (18+) and \$25 (under 18), and you can add a donation of any amount. All donations will benefit our Client Assistance Fund (CAF), that subsidizes counseling for uninsured, elderly, and low-income clients.

- Sign up at tinyurl.com/scchwalk17 and click **"Register or Donate."**
- Text **OahuCW90** to **71777** to support our campaign.

We look forward to seeing you at the finish line!

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i Locations:

Main Office:

First United Methodist Church
1020 S. Beretania St., Honolulu

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

Waiiokeola Congregational Church
4705 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu

Windward United Church of Christ
38 Kaneohe Bay Dr., Kailua



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President's Message Andrew Bates, President

Mahalo for all the support you have provided during the years following the Great Recession (2008). Like many not-for-profit organizations that depended upon other organizations and individuals for supplementary funding to keep the services going, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i has struggled financially since 2008. Many of the institutions that provided social services to the disadvantaged in our community have closed. We are again facing cuts to social services state-wide. Please consider supporting us by participating in the Charity Walk this year (see back page for details).

Over 25 years ago, we were founded as an Interfaith organization in Hawaii. We have provided vital mental health services to those in need who can not afford to pay the standard fees and actively promoted Interfaith activities.

Now, more than ever, we need understanding, civil discourse, and inclusion. Anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim behavior have reached our islands. We must challenge the current environment and support Interfaith institutions. Our services remain constant and our professional counselors continue their fine work. We are looking for new Board members who are called to support our mission. Please contact me or Gary Augustin if you want to volunteer.

Call For Nominations: 2018 HO'OMENEMENE AWARDS Deadline: August 31, 2017

We are seeking community nominations for individuals and organizations who embody Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i's mission of offering hope and healing to Hawai'i communities. Award-winners will be honored at our biannual Ho'omenemene Awards and Benefit Dinner in 2018.

- **An Individual** who has long supported the ideals and operation of Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i through his/her longstanding commitment and kokua.
- **An Organization** that is a beacon in our community and offers healing and hope that is inclusive, accessible, and affordable.

Nomination forms are available at
www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org/news or call **545-2740**.

Celebrating Over 25 Years of Service

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Spring Gary Augustin, Executive Director

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.
— John Masefield, "Sea Fever"

When I was in school, we had to learn many poems. While this was a tedious task, I gradually came to enjoy reading poetry. In the Spring there are many poems that I enjoy, and one of these is "Sea Fever" by John Masefield. I don't know why I relate this to Spring, but it has a quality to renew and invigorate me. Spring is the season of renewal and rebirth. Christian tradition celebrates Easter, Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Jewish tradition celebrates the Passover in which their children were passed to live. The birth of Buddha is celebrated in the Spring. There is something enlivening about Spring.

The fantasy of going down to the sea again is an inner stirring. Our energy is sparked by these inner stirrings. Your fantasy may be climbing to a mountain lake or experiencing the awe of sitting under a large tree and relaxing. Whichever image stirs you is one that reflects the spiritual energy that is within you. I hope that the beginning of Spring may energize your spirit and bring wholeness in your life.



How You Can Help

No one should have to choose between basic needs (food, clothing, shelter) and mental health counseling.

By making a gift today, you support the mental health needs of uninsured, underinsured, elderly, and low-income individuals and families in Hawai'i.

Your gift will reverberate throughout the community — through better coping skills, emotional healing, and improved personal, school, and work relationships.

Here are a few ways that you can help:

- Walk with us at the **Oahu Charity Walk** on May 20, 2017. Register today at tinyurl.com/scchwalk17.
- Donate online with **PayPal**.
- Shop through our **AmazonSmile** link.
- **Mail a check** to 1020 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96814.
- Add Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i as a **beneficiary** to your checking, savings, or retirement account.
- Remember Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i in your **living will or trust**.

Thank you for making a difference for Hawai'i communities.

The Gift of Healing

"The Center has played an important role in my ministry and in my life. I have been an active board member and whole-hearted supporter from the beginning. I strongly believe in our mission to provide spiritual and psychological healing to everyone, no matter what their faith or no-faith belief." — Father Larry Fisher

Mahalo to Our Supporters August 2016 to March 2017

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Please forgive us if we missed your donation.

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i Community Impact Report 2016

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

Mahalo for helping us achieve an amazing year. In 2016, we served 215 clients through 1,684 counseling sessions and performed five clergy assessments. Our team was comprised of ten compassionate and licensed counselors, as well as three part-time support staff and an engaged volunteer Board of Directors.

Strategic Vision

We continue to embrace our Strategic Plan, which ensures that we are financially stable and can offer interfaith counseling services regardless of a client's ability to pay. We received our Full Accreditation from the Samaritan Institute for 2014-2018, which attests to the quality of our counselors and programs. We also improved our operations efficiency by transitioning to electronic medical record-keeping and billing.

116

CAF Clients



\$20,223

CAF Expenses



Client Assistance Fund

Our Client Assistance Fund (CAF) subsidized 116 clients (54%) who were uninsured, under-insured, elderly, or low-income, through 319 counseling sessions (19%).

Community Outreach

We led five "Understanding and Preventing Domestic Abuse" workshops in March and two "Learn the Signs: Suicide Can Be Prevented" seminars in June and July. We also co-sponsored the "Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation" workshop in August, engaging 48 interfaith community leaders.

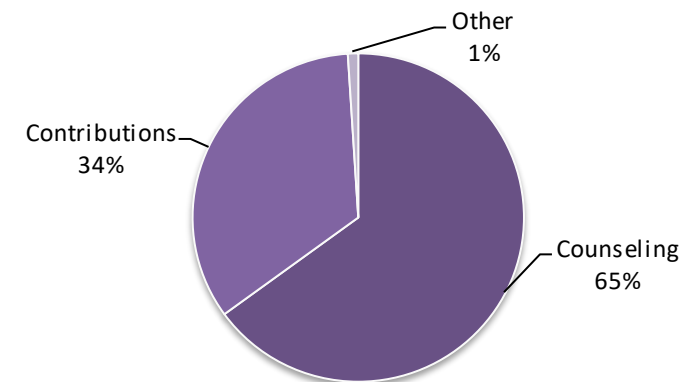
Ho'omenemene Dinner

More than 200 supporters celebrated our biannual Ho'omenemene Awards Banquet and Benefit Dinner, honoring **Project Dana**, which provides a variety of services to the frail elderly and disabled; and **Jolene Kim Gerell**, who was a passionate advocate for inter-faith counseling.

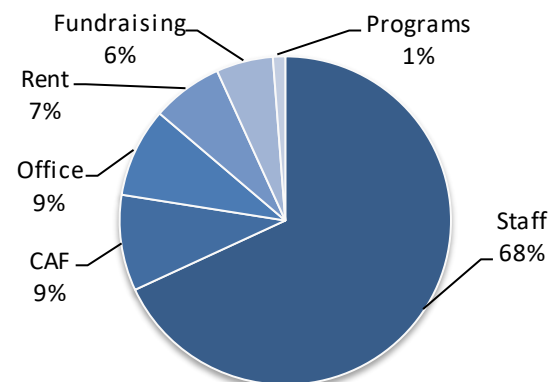
Fundraising

Because of your generosity, we raised \$81,147 from donations, grants, trusts, and in-kind contributions. Your gifts enable us to offer counseling and outreach regardless of a client's ability to pay.

2016 Income



2016 Expenses



The Gift of Compassion

"Grieving over the death of my son for two years and still dealing with so many undefined emotions propelled me to seek help. I found a safe place to freely express my words with a wonderful, kind counselor at Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i. Experiencing conversations with such an empathetic listener has exceeded my expectations." — JM