Annual Report 2015

2015 was a year of revitalization and tremendous change for Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i.

Interfaith Clients Served

Our counselors assisted 289 clients over 1,898 counseling sessions and performed 9 clergy assessments. Because of your generosity, over 38% of our clients received subsidized, quality care through our Client Assistance Fund (CAF).

New Board Members

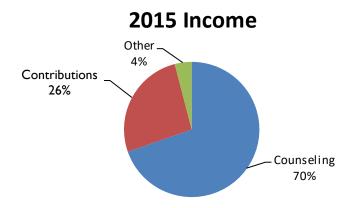
We welcomed **Andrew Bates** as the President of the Board of Directors, who agreed to guide the Center's mission for two years. We also welcomed two new board members: Rev. Neal MacPherson, a United Church of Christ minister; and Dr. George Tanabe, president of Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai (BDK) Hawaii.

Generous Heart, Compassionate Spirit

We are saddened by the loss of our compassionate Board President Jolene Kim Gerell (1946-2015). "She completely embraced the inter-faith foundations of our counseling center from it's beginnings," stated Terry Fisher, co-founder of Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i. "We all miss Jolene's infectious laugh and positive leadership. She kept the Center going through hard times and was always generous in times of need," said Andrew Bates, president of the Board of Directors.

A New Strategic Plan

We created a new Strategic Plan to stabilize the Center financially and provide a greater breadth of interfaith services to the community. We are fully-committed to three goals: I. To become an inspirational community organization. II. To provide quality services that exceed patient care standards and expectations of clients. III. To become financially secure. We are



The Jolene Gerell Memorial Endowment Fund

To honor Jolene and her commitment to Hawai'i communities, we created the Jolene Gerell Memorial Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund will ensure that we remain financially stable and will continue to serve individuals, couples, families, and clergy, regardless of their ability to pay for mental health services.

Client Assistance Fund

In FY2015, we were able to provide fully-funded services for more than 110 clients. This represents 38% of our clients and a 28% increase year-over year. Through generous contributions, combined with foundations and community support, we continued to provide accessible and affordable mental health services for the growing numbers of economically disadvantaged families and individuals in Hawai'i communities.



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