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.

Join us!

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!

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.
The Fantasies of Our Lives

The fantasy of going down to the sea again is an inner stirring. You 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 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 a tedious task, I gradually came to enjoy reading poetry. In school, we had to learn many poems. While this

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.” — Esther Larry Fisher

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.

Mahalo to Our Supporters

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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 2014-2016, 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.

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.

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