Annual Report 2013-2014

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’omenemene 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. Fundraising 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.

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