



SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER
of Southeastern Michigan

Neighbors

Spring 2010

“And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29b

From the Executive Director



Neighbors:

I want to welcome our readers to this exciting issue of our newsletter. I am proud of our accomplishments - receiving the national 2010 Distinguished Program Leadership Award and reaccreditation. Let me first thank my staff colleagues for the hard work they put into making reaccreditation possible and for the work they did which led to our receiving the national award. I also want to lift up the Board. Our Board is becoming very hands on; they take their role seriously and are an important partner in carrying out our mission.

Each of you, though, the readers of our newsletter, has a part to play in our work. Through your referrals, your support of programs and fund raisers, your prayers, your contributions of money or in kind service, you continue to allow us to fulfill the call we have to “provide professional therapeutic counseling and educational services to all God’s people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth” in a way that extends our services well beyond where we could go if it were not for each of you. So, Thank You. Enjoy this edition of our newsletter. As always, call with any question, comment, concern, idea.

Grace and peace,
Paul

The Rev. Paul J. Melrose, D.Min., LMFT, Executive Director



*Dr. Paul Melrose
Executive Director*

Samaritan Counseling Center is Reaccredited

The American Association of Pastoral Counselors has just reaccredited the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan’s counseling and training programs for another eight years. The Center has also been recommended for reaccreditation for another four years by the Samaritan Institute. An almost yearlong preparation was needed to bring records up to date, review procedures, and be sure on required documents and procedures to prepare for this visit. The dual visit by both organizations occurs every eight years.

Our visiting team included Dr. Paul Bretz, Vice President of the Samaritan Institute who reviewed Samaritan guidelines on management and clinical practice and AAPC guidelines on records and procedures pertaining to the business of the center and the therapy services. The Rev. Dale Kuhn, Executive Director of Care and Counseling, a dually accredited center in St. Louis, reviewed the various education and training programs, assisted by Dr. Bretz. As we seek to practice and carry out our services in professional, caring, and competent ways, this recognition confirms these practices with the approval of our two accrediting bodies.

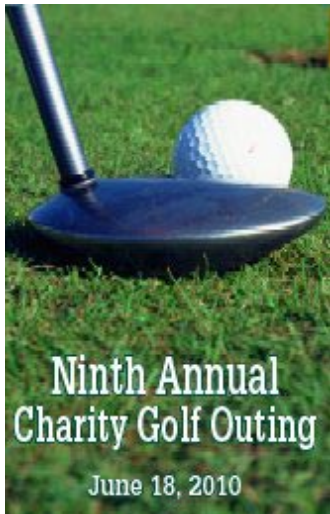
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Please Attend our Ninth Annual Charity Golf Outing

Friday, June 18, 2010



Please continue to support the fee subsidy programs of Samaritan Counseling Center through our ninth annual Golf Outing. Through your support, we are able to provide professional therapeutic counseling and educational services to all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth.

The cost is \$130 for the day which includes free use of the driving range, cart, 18-holes of golf, lunch, on-course beverages and dinner at an awards banquet. It's an afternoon of great fun, and a chance to win terrific raffle prizes and to see old friends. Support a good cause.

Download a registration form at our website: www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

News and Notes

Please consider making a contribution to Samaritan's fee adjustment fund.

This fund helps clients receive counseling regardless of ability to pay. It's fast and easy online. Just visit our website www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com and click on the "Donate" icon. Thank you for helping all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth to partner with us at SCC.



To stay current with SCC happenings, please send us your email address. We distribute this newsletter and other important information through the Internet. Please stay in touch by sending your name and email address to mphelps@samaritancounselingmichigan.com.

Upcoming SCC Events

Preparation for Marriage Workshops

June 5 at Northville United Methodist Church

September 18 at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham

Lay Caregivers Workshops - Fall 2010

September 19, 2010 TBA

October 17, 2010 Understanding the Mind/Body Connection

in Depression and Anxiety

November 21 Seasons of Friendship: When the Caring Relationship Ends

Our Mission

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan provides professional therapeutic counseling and educational services to all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth

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The Center demonstrates a commitment to training and education at many levels. We are an internship site for the Michigan School for Professional Psychology as well as Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. We offer education programs on marriage enrichment and other topics for religious communities and other groups, and a continuing education program for congregational leaders in skills and topics appropriate to congregational work and a program to assist lay persons in their community caregiving roles.

At the heart of the Center's work is counseling and therapy with individuals, couples and families, which continue to thrive even in one of the most challenged and difficult economic situations in the country. At the end of 2009, we offered more than 5,000 clinical hours, the most of any year our 23-year history, as well as over 1,000 program hours, bringing service delivery hours to over 6,000. We were also commended for providing and expanding services under these difficult conditions.

The Center, a registered 501 C 3, is managed by a board of directors drawn from sponsoring congregations and several area communities. The Center's mission statement states, "The Samaritan Counseling Center of South-eastern Michigan provides professional therapeutic counseling and educational services to all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth."

It was also recognized for the great diversity of religious and spiritual perspectives seen within its programs, religious communities which refer to the Center, its staff and students and the clients which it serves. More information is available about the center at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com.



Executive Director Paul Melrose receiving the 2010 American Association of Pastoral Counselors Distinguished Contribution Award from Institutional Accreditation Committee Chair Rev. Dr. John Hagedorn.



Also recognized for her efforts on behalf of this award is Associate Executive Director/Director of Training Pat McCluskey.



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Dr. Paul J. Melrose, Executive Director of SCC, with headquarters in Farmington Hills, and satellites in Allan Park, Highland, Northville, and Birmingham, announced that the Center has been honored by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors with the 2010 Distinguished Program Leadership Award.

This is one of several awards which the association makes annually. The award acknowledges the pastoral counseling center that makes an important and unique contribution to its area by its presence. The award was presented during the American Association of Pastoral Counselors annual award dinner, in Indianapolis on April 17, 2010.

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Dr. Melrose says that among the reasons that AAPC cited Samaritan Counseling Center was its commitment to people of all abilities to pay through our combination of insurance and most importantly our adjusted fee program.

Over the years, the Center has contributed more to local communities, particularly with its affiliations with Neighborhood House in Farmington Hills, and Farmington Youth Assistance, as well as contributing regularly to the community through the

Farmington Area Interfaith Association, the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

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