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## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Black Friday, Cyber Monday, #Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are designed to begin the holiday shopping season. Celebrated this year on Tuesday, December 2, #GivingTuesday celebrates and encourages philanthropy to kick off the holiday season.

Samaritan has secured a total of \$11,000 in matching grants. Each new donation dollar will be matched, giving us the potential to raise \$22,000 this holiday season.

To learn more about #GivingTuesday, our matching challenge, and the impact of \$22,000 follow us on Facebook!

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**Mission**—Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center exists to alleviate suffering, facilitate change and bring about mental, emotional, and spiritual healing and growth for persons of diverse backgrounds and varied financial means through pastoral counseling/psychotherapy, consultation, and education/ training. Combining the efforts of Board, Staff, Congregations and Community, Samaritan provides hope.



Please join us in thanking our dedicated Board



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Providing a safe and caring environment - a place to restore your hope and find a new beginning

## 2013-2014 Annual Report *new beginnings*



### Partners in Ministry

Body of Christ Church  
Community United Methodist Church  
Christ Lutheran Church  
First Congregational Church of Naperville  
First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove  
Geneva Lutheran Church  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Grace Pointe Church  
Grace United Methodist Church  
Holy Spirit Catholic Community  
Knox Presbyterian Church  
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St. Luke Presbyterian Church  
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
St. Raphael Catholic Church  
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Union Church of Hinsdale

### President's Message

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." — Eleanor Roosevelt



Dear Friends,

Samaritan Interfaith exists because three congregations saw a need for high-quality affordable behavioral health care, which valued the role of faith in healing. I am certain they saw the beauty in their dream, but I wonder if they ever envisioned that Samaritan would:

- provide over \$502,355 in fee assistance in a single year.
- provide over 14,600 hours of counseling to 1,600 children, adolescents, adults and seniors, and see on average 700 new intakes per year.
- provide a wide range of consulting services to congregations throughout the Chicago land area, connecting with approximately 166 congregations.

This year we have many new beginnings to celebrate. We offered education on Innovative Ministry, and Self-Care. We hosted Clergy Support Groups and Transition Workshops. Our thriving counseling practice made it necessary to hire five new therapists and our consulting practice through the work of the Samaritan Center for Congregations continues to flourish (turn the page to learn about their new tools).

This annual report also highlights a new location, new programs, and a new collaboration. Despite all these new beginnings the one thing that hasn't changed is our continuing belief in the beauty of providing hope to those who need it most. The other constant has been the support we receive from individuals, congregations and our community. Together we are providing new beginnings to children, adolescents, adults, seniors, congregations and their leadership.

Warmly,

Scott Mitchell, President & CEO

# New Location

## Office opened in Geneva Lutheran



“Geneva Lutheran Church is committed to 'Serving Christ in the Heart of our Community', and our partnership with Samaritan was a natural extension of this. We know that the level of care provided by Samaritan was needed in the Tri-Cities. We look forward to strengthening our connection in the next year through classes offered by Samaritan counselors and we have a wedding workshop on the calendar for June of 2015. Our prayers are with Samaritan as they continue to provide support and care to make it possible for people to live more fruitfully and faithfully. That is a benefit to all of our communities! “

Pastor Trudy Stoffel Geneva Lutheran



# New Tools

## Samaritan Center for Congregations The Church Assessment Tool (CAT)



A healthy congregation is like a healthy person: it has many choices in life. The CAT measures challenges that can be met and changed. Being equipped for action allows us to move forward into the future wise, hopeful, and inspired.

### CATWALK Training Provider

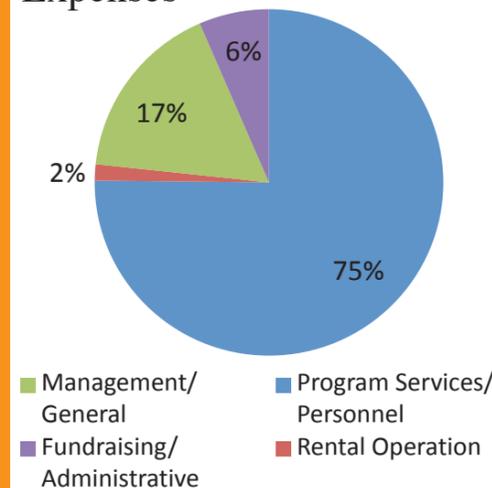
Samaritan Center for Congregations, through a partnership with Holy Cow! Consulting, has been named the national training provider for the CATWALK program. This intensive 2-day workshop provides didactic and experiential learning, and spiritual reflection around the process of gaining organizational intelligence for middle judicatory leaders and Samaritan partners around the country.



## Samaritan By the Numbers

Hours of service	14,600
New clients	695
New therapists	5
Clients receiving fee assistance	453
Fee assistance provided	\$502,355

### Expenses



# New Programs

**Silent SAMARITANS** Save the date  
8th Annual Silent Samaritans Breakfast  
February 11, 2015  
Women helping women.  
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## On-Site Support at Monarch Landing

Access to transportation can be challenging for seniors. Samaritan now offers onsite caregiver-support groups and counseling at Monarch Landing.

## Animal Assisted Therapy

“He’s an amazing dog and every time you visit him he makes you want to smile”—AAT client

Why Animal Assisted Therapy?

- Chance to feel unconditional love
- Immediate and unfiltered feedback
- Petting increases levels of oxytocin
- Provides groundedness during transition
- Bridges gap between client and therapist



“Having been fortunate enough to have been in on the beginnings of both Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center and of Monarch Landing, I am pleased at the growing relationship between the two. SICC has provided speakers, group leadership and individual counseling services to Monarch Landing residents. Both have enriched my life through the years.” Elizabeth (Drew) Watson

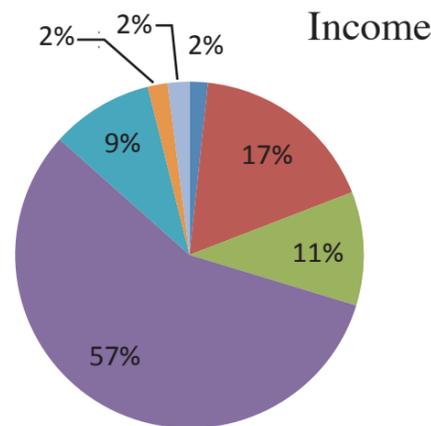
A special thank you to all who celebrated Scott Mitchell's 25th anniversary with Samaritan as well as our Focus on Faith and Silent Samaritans Breakfast Attendees.

# New Collaboration

## Community Alliance for Prevention



Starlene Kelley, LCSW, CADC, Samaritan Staff Therapist joined the Executive Committee of the Community Alliance for Prevention as Communication Liaison. The Alliance exists to strengthen community in order to reduce youth substance abuse within the boundaries of School Districts 203 and 204.



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### Did you know?

There are very favorable tax rules for donors who donate long-term stock that has appreciated in value. Basically, the donor never has to pay capital gains on the appreciated stock. (Every Non-profit's Tax Guide)

- Special Events
- Grants/Center for Congregations\*
- Contributions/Counseling
- Fees/Counseling
- Fees/Consulting
- Donated Services
- Rental

\*Lilly Endowment restricted to SCFC

