

“As the newly elected Chairman of our church, I discovered we did not know who we were, what was our role in the community nor what we individually needed to move us in a new direction.

What we did know is that we had not had a permanent pastor for over a year and our Church membership and attendance was declining.

We reached out to SamaraCare Consulting. What we received was expertise in honest self evaluation for the organization; a "hands on" direction with caring support; and enormous energy and enthusiasm.

Looking oneself in a mirror is not easy for an individual and can be even more daunting for a church.

SamaraCare Consulting and their incredible staff stood next to us and helped us identify our blemishes yet find our beauty as well. Thanks SamaraCare Consulting.”

*Chairman of the Board,
Word of Life Lutheran Church*



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Consulting Highlights

Our connections with organizations and their leaders build bridges for greater impact in the community as we inspire, guide and empower organizations to meet the expectations that they, their members and the community hold. In the past year, we:

- Established **33 new relationships** with congregations and **99 new individual contacts**,
- Contracted work with **4 new denominations** on both a local and regional level,
- Contracted coaching and assessments as a part of **2 substantial grants** from partnering organizations,
- Developed **The SamaraCare Virtual Consultant**, an online follow-up tool that provides education for deeper understanding of concepts shared in the CAT, and resources for leadership and organizational development,
- Developed the **SamaraCare Readiness for Change Assessment**. This free online tool identifies how ready an individual leader and her/his organization is for change, and
- Hosted **55 clergy, staff and lay leaders** representing **7 denominations** at our annual ecumenical educational event, *The Digital Cathedral*



SamaraCare helps people achieve their greatest potential by being compassionate and spirited counselors, consultants and advocates.

2016-2017 Annual Report

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Community United Methodist Church
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Downers Grove
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Grace United Methodist Church
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Dear Friends,

In February, at our 10th Silent Samaritans Breakfast, we announced that Samaritan Interfaith would become SamaraCare. Forefront in our new messaging is the call to Choose Stronger—emphasizing that the same attitude should be taken with mental health as with physical health. Send Silence Packing (learn more inside) underscored our commitment to raising awareness and putting the stigma of mental health care behind us.

Not everything changed. Our partnership with Bridge Communities illustrates that expertise, compassion and spirit-led care remains at the heart of our counseling services as we lead people to live life to the best of their ability. Through our Mental Health Access Program, we remain committed to delivering high quality care to everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Our consulting group is strengthening organizations and their leaders as they work to build bridges for greater impact in the community. See the back page for highlights.

This year we celebrated our 45th anniversary. We reached this impressive milestone because of our partners - those, like yourself, who believe in bringing progressive, life-changing mental health services to those who need them.

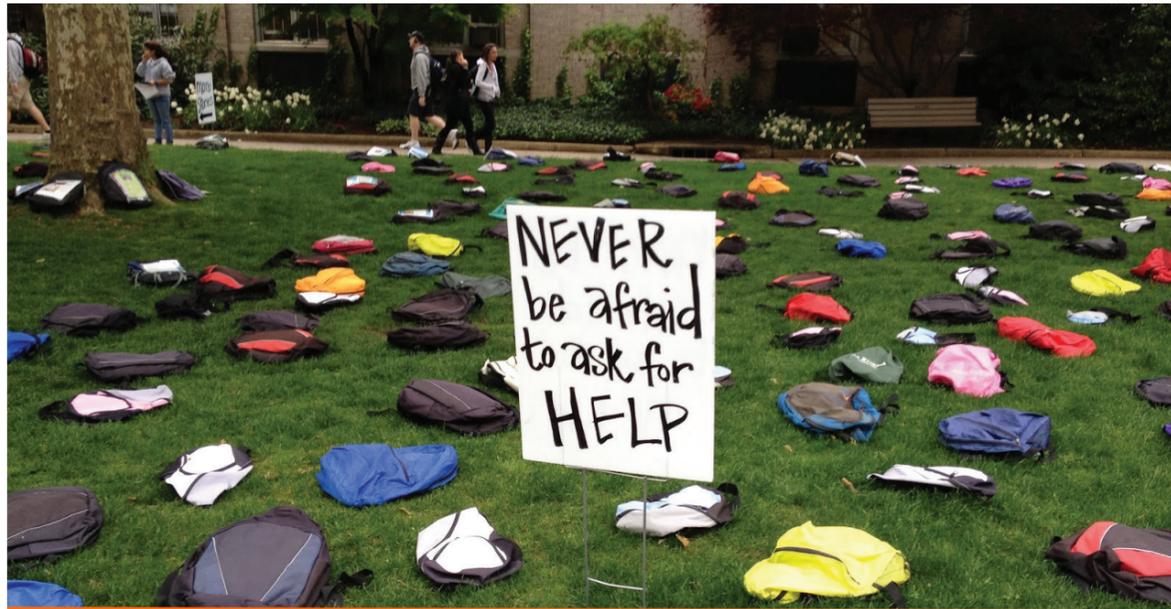
Keep choosing stronger,

Scott Mitchell, President & CEO



Send Silence Packing

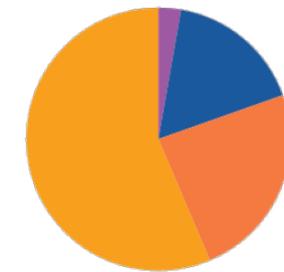
SamaraCare along with North Central College was honored to host Send Silence Packing, a nationally recognized traveling exhibition of donated backpacks representing college students lost to suicide each year. The program—designed to raise awareness about the incidence and impact of suicide, connect people to needed mental health resources, and inspire action for suicide prevention—was experienced by over 4,000 people.



SamaraCare wants the importance of mental health, access to mental health and the pursuit of mental health to be pervasive. We invite you to talk about mental health openly and honestly, and help put the stigma of mental health far behind us.

There is no Health without Mental Health

For all ages

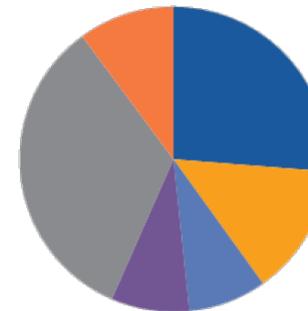


Age Range

- 0 - 12
- 13 - 18
- 19 - 59
- 60 +

and all means

- Below Poverty - 39,999
- \$40,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$79,999
- \$80,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 +
- Unidentified



\$471,102
of fee subsidized care received
by 465 clients

450 donations made to our
Mental Health Access Program
— helping people to

Choose Stronger

13,839 hours of treatment for 1,433
individuals, couples and families

February 16, 2017

We debuted SamaraCare, our new name. Our 45th anniversary sparked an initiative to develop a greater presence in the community, create messaging that reached a larger audience, made it easier for people to get the care they need, and renewed our dedication to speak out and challenge the stigma surrounding mental health care.

What is a Samara?

Samara has two definitions both which suit us perfectly because they relate to our founding churches and tie-in with the aspirations we have for our clients. The word samara has origins in Hebrew and means: protected by God. It's also a winged seed that can fly to fertile ground where it can grow and flourish.



10th Annual Silent Samaritans Breakfast

"Planting Seeds of Hope"

We hosted the 10th Annual Silent Samaritans Breakfast on February 16, 2017. A beloved community event, the Silent Samaritan's Breakfast is based on a simple idea full of quiet power: women helping other women in need.

The goal of the Silent Samaritans Program is to raise funds to provide counseling services to women who come to SamaraCare but cannot afford services.

They are women in difficult financial circumstances due to divorce, job loss, or abandonment. They are mothers parenting alone, widows isolated in their bereavement, married women in failing relationships, and survivors of domestic abuse.

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their greatest
potential. For a
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Bridge Communities

SamaraCare is delighted to celebrate our collaboration with Bridge Communities, a non profit serving homeless families in DuPage County with mentoring, housing, and supportive services. "Bridge Communities is very pleased to have partnered with SamaraCare over the past two years. We're proud to count their counseling services as a core part of our offerings. Trauma-informed care is essential for the families we serve to stabilize and ultimately achieve self-sufficiency," says John Hayner, Bridge CEO.



"SamaraCare is where I get counseling, and it is one of the best things to have ever happened to me. It helps me relieve my pressure and keep my sanity."
Kate, Bridge Communities & SamaraCare client

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL

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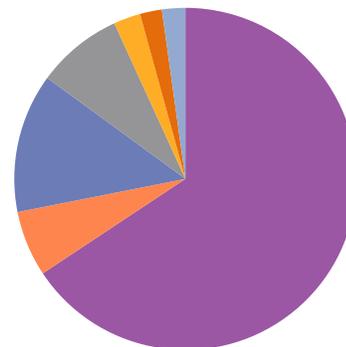


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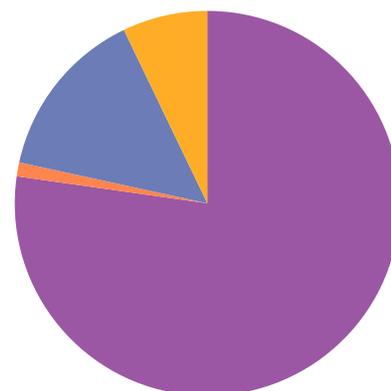
Public Support and Revenue	2017	2016
Total Counseling Fees	\$2,254,062	\$2,342,137
Less Fee Subsidy	(\$471,102)	(\$476,447)
Less Managed Care Discounts	(\$471,131)	(\$455,010)
Net Counseling Fees	\$1,311,829	\$1,410,680
Consulting Fees	\$123,997	\$261,018
Counseling Contributions	\$262,729	\$261,029
Consulting Contributions	\$162,500	\$200,000
Special Events	\$50,789	\$31,047
In-Kind Donations	\$41,396	\$17,431
Rental\Interest\Other	\$44,017	\$43,487
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$1,997,257	\$2,224,692
Expenses		
Program Services	\$1,561,214	\$1,605,836
Rental Operations	\$23,738	\$27,075
Management and General	\$291,891	\$314,619
Fundraising	\$144,303	\$126,147
Total Expenses	\$2,021,146	\$2,073,677
Change in Net Assets	\$(23,889)	\$151,015
Assets		
Current Assets	\$672,716	\$920,797
Net Property and Equipment	\$935,473	\$984,674
Intangible Assets	\$84,320	\$9,000
Cash and equivalents-permanently restricted	\$7,500	\$7,500
Other long-term assets	\$14,000	\$16,594
Total Assets	\$1,714,009	\$1,938,565
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	\$291,826	\$448,851
Mortgage Payable (less current)	\$648,219	\$691,861
Total Liabilities	\$940,045	\$1,140,712
Total Net Assets	\$773,964	\$797,853
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,714,009	\$1,938,565

Sources of Funding



- Net Counseling Fees
- Consulting Fees
- Counseling Contributions
- Consulting Contributions
- Special Events
- In-Kind Donations
- Rental\Interest\Other

Operating Expenses



- Program Services
- Rental Operations
- Management and General
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