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17th Annual Good Samaritan Awards

Each year, Pastoral Counseling Services hosts the Annual Good Samaritan Awards Banquet. This unique celebration brings together six distinct segments of the community and honors an individual in each category who has "gone above and beyond" what is expected. And the 2012 honorees are no exception.

To read more about our 2012 honorees, please visit the PCS Upcoming Events web page.

Our 2012 Good Samaritan Award **Honorees:** (from left to right):

Business & Industry David Nixon Nixon, Vogelman, Barry, Slawsky & Simoneau, PA.

Education Sqt. Brian N. O'Keefe Manchester Police Department

Media & the Arts Jody Reese Hippo Press

Medicine & Healing

Ann Smith (posthumously) Easter Seals of New Hampshire

Religion

Sister Jacqueline Verville Holy Cross Family Learning Center

Rising Star Diane Larochelle Nikki's Dream

Pastoral Counseling Services

The **vision** of Pastoral Counseling Services, a nonprofit agency, is to be a community where all people can achieve peace, healing and wholeness.

The **mission** is to be a center of excellence and diversity that integrates psychological theory and spiritual sensitivity through psychotherapy, consultation, and education. We partner with social service, educational, faith, and business communities to further this mission.











Pastoral Counseling Services & New Administration

In August 2011, PCS began a new administration structure in which three "Directors" were charged with the administrative tasks of the agency. Dr. David B. Reynolds was appointed Center Director, Dr. Calvin Genzel was named Director of Clinical Services, and Ms. Lee Dieter was called Director of Administration & Finance.

The Staff and Board of PCS went through a rigorous process to research, study, discuss, evaluate, and choose the new way. The uniqueness of this approach is that the Directors are equals in consensus decision-making process with individual responsibilities in each area. If a decision needs to made in a given time period and no

consensus has been reached, the Center Director will make the decision. After over a year and a half of working together, the Directors have made every decision with the consensus model. PCS has made great strides forward through the hard work of the Staff and Board, and the effectiveness of this model.



From left to right, Dr. David B. Reynolds, Dr. Calvin Genzel, and Ms. Lee Dieter.

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Psychotherapy Training Program at PCS



Doug Stephens, LICSW PCS Training Coordinator

A part of our mission at PCS is to promote the development of new psychotherapists for our region. After people complete their mental health graduate studies in New Hampshire, they must obtain over 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate experience for the attainment of a professional license (in clinical mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, pastoral psychotherapy, and clinical social work, etc.). We are now embarking on a new psychotherapy training program that will

provide the necessary supervised experience for graduates, called Postgraduate Residents. We also will be providing hands-on training for students who are in their graduate studies and have not yet graduated. Their position at PCS will be as Graduate Interns.

Residents will work at PCS for one year, from January through December, with a second year possible. They will see 10-20 client counseling sessions weekly, while receiving at least two hours of clinical supervision and three

hours of advanced clinical seminar and case conference training.

Interns, as persons new to the field, will see far fewer clients and spend less time each week with staff. We anticipate applicants for either track in our program from schools such as Springfield College, UNH, New England College, Boston University, Boston College, and Antioch New England Graduate School. The program will be coordinated by Dr. Douglas Stephens, LICSW.



Margaret B. Hess, D.Min., LPP Licensed Pastoral Psychotherapist, Professor, Consultant

3rd Annual Psychotherapy and **Spirituality Seminar**

PCS will offer the 3rd Annual Psychotherapy and Spirituality seminar on Friday, November 30 at the Puritan Conference Center in Manchester, NH. The Rev. Dr. Margaret B. Hess will present on the integration of Bowen/ Systems theory and spirituality for psychotherapists and

religious leaders. The morning seminar for psychotherapists will meet from 9am-12pm and will hear Dr. Hess speak on "Spiritual Formation and Families of Origin." All licensed psychotherapists in NH are eligible to earn three CEUs by completing this seminar. The afternoon seminar for religious

leaders will meet from 1-4pm, during which Dr. Hess will address "Managing Self in Seasons of High Anxiety." A Certificate of Attendance will be given for this session.

Please call Lindsay at (603) 627-2702 ext. 110 for cost and further information.

Mindfulness Meditation by Dr. Emily Geoghegan

PCS provides high quality and affordable counseling and community programs to individuals, couples, families and children.



Research has shown that licensed clinical social a regular practice of mindfulness meditation has many therapeutic benefits, including the lowering of blood pressure, the instillation of a sense of calm and peace, the clearing of the mind, and the lifting of the spirit.

Pastoral Counseling Services offers two opportunities for mindfulness meditation. Carol Knieriem, a

worker, facilitates a bi-monthly class on the first and third Mondays from 6-7pm. Mary Yost, a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor, is running a six week introductory course on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7pm.

Please contact Lindsay Goff (627-2702, ext. 110) to register for either of these classes.

PCS has a long history of offering mindfulnessbased stress reduction (MBSR) programs to the wider community. For years, PCS has offered MBSR classes in Manchester homeless shelters and at the women's prison in Goffstown. Currently, Dr. Emily Geoghegan, a licensed psychologist, is offering an MBSR program at Families in Transition for parents and children.

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Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and Light Box Treatment

Seasonal Affective
Disorder or SAD is a
mood disorder that
occurs in persons whose
body chemistry is
sensitive to the
diminishing amount of
natural sunlight that
occurs in the Northern
Hemisphere in the fall
and winter months.

It is estimated that SAD affects about 6% of the U.S. population and 10% of the residents in New Hampshire because of our northern latitude.

Common symptoms include:

- drop in energy level
- sense of sluggishness
- less interest in hobbies and relationships
- decreased concentration
- diminished creativity
- irritability
- difficulty in following through on tasks
- feeling "down in the dumps"
- cravings for sweet or starchy foods
- weight gain; and,
- a tendency to oversleep.

The most effective treatment of SAD is the daily use of a light box, which recreates the kind of sunlight we experience naturally on a sunny, summer day in New Hampshire. PCS owns a light box which we rent to clients who might benefit from phototherapy.

Contact Dr. Calvin Genzel if you think you suffer from SAD and would like more information.

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"An ancient tradition of caring ... a modern approach to healing"

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This will be the last paper edition of the PCS newsletter. Starting next year, we will begin sending newsletters electronically.

So you can stay apprised about our agency and the services we are providing, please send your email address to Lindsay Goff at lgoff@pcs-nh.org.



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