

The main purpose of Samaritan Counseling & Growth from its conception was to provide quality mental health services for anyone who meets mental health criteria. Since 95% of our clients are in need of some kind of subsidy support – either full fee support; partial fee, or co-pay on their insurance, we need the fund raising revenue and client fees from those who can pay to support the those who cannot. When money has to be spent on mask, sanitation, tele-health equipment, or speeding more on crises care because Covid has raised the need to spend money on other things than people who need mental health care especially during a pandemic.

If we are going to do both tele-health and face to face then we have to be ready to spend resources on both tele-health and face-to –face, demanded by the public and necessary to keep the doors open then we are going to need resources for both in house therapy and tele-health.

If the cost from the last 3 years is any indication we are going to need similar resources to not only cover the cost of what we already spend but to cover the cost for the next 3 years.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED

TELE-HEALTH EQUIPMENT / MAINTENANCE	\$14,000
FUND RAISING DIFFERENCE	\$60,000
CLIENT REVENUE FEES LOST	\$30,000
CRISIS SUBSIDY EXPENSE	\$8,456
NEUROFEEDBACK LOSSES	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$118,456

#2 SPORTS SPECTACULAR EVENT, an important event which provides support for all of our clients who need counseling services.

- This event normally provides approximately \$62,000 but we had to hold the event virtually in 2020 due to Covid, the event only netted \$29,605 which meant the loss of (32,395)
- The revenue fund raising losses from both of these events is \$ 62,395

RESULT OF THE FUND RAISING LOSS

The money lost from SAFE (DOL) meant fewer victims of abuse and their families could be seen for supportive counseling or the number of session had to be reduced for those who needed it most.

The funds lost from Sport Spectacular meant fewer scholarships available for people who in the midst of the crisis of the pandemic were not able to receive the care they needed.

Note: Samaritan receives on the average \$60 for each client session but it needs to expend approximately \$95 for every client session. This means Samaritan has to raise approximately \$35 for every client who comes for counseling. Samaritan depends on the fund raising revenue to provide the continuity of care and to break-even.

IMPACT OF COVID ON OUR EXPENSES

Samaritan Counseling believes Covid since January of 2020 caused us to incur the following expenses. Although we were doing tele- health for 50% of our clients, meaning that packets had to be printed and mailed out to our clients prior to their tele-health session. But there were still another 50% who wanted to come into the building meaning we had to also prepare the building for wellness with mask, sanitizers, and temperature gages.

ENVIRONMENTAL COST DUE TO COVID 19

In the years 2020 and 2021 we spent the following to insure a safe environment and to allow clients to meet virtually.

- All types of mask for an our clients 267.87
- Sanitizers/wipes / sprays 192.98
- Theo meter 65.82
- UV Light 37.60
- Envelopes/Copy Paper 569.73
- Toner/Ink/Postage 3,827.36

Total 4,961.3

NOTE: As result of going virtual we had to mail packets to potential clients – because of the permission to treat – we needed signatures to verify treatment and willingness to be treated.

AFFILIATIONS

The center is still affiliated with 10 Bartlesville Congregations from various denominations. It is currently accredited through Samaritan National Institute called Solithen. The American Medical Association, American Clinical Pastoral Education, and President's Commission on Mental Health have endorsed the Samaritan Institute in the past. The Samaritan Counseling & Growth Center is one of thirteen non-profit agencies on the United Way council and receives subsidy funding from United Way of Bartlesville. Other sources of revenue come from clients counseling, corporations like Conoco Phillips, Phillips 66, ABB, and the Lyon Foundation to name just a few.

COLLABORATION

Samaritan has strong collaborative ties to Hope Stone Cancer Center, Ray of Hope domestic abuse, Delaware Tribe, Lighthouse homeless shelter, the Cottage, a program for young pregnant women. Samaritan receives client referrals from pastors, physicians, health clinics, teachers, counselors, school principals, Employment Assistance Programs through Conoco Phillips, Phillips 66, ComPsych to name a few.

STRENGTHS

Samaritan will continue to provide qualified, capable and licensed therapists. It will be involved in positive community relations, funding from congregations, individuals and corporations in the area. It will continue to provide updated IT systems to improve quality, accuracy and timing of information. Samaritan will continue to provide safe and adequate space for quality counseling.

THOSE WHO BENEFIT

The people who benefit from many of our subsidy programs are those with no insurance, the working poor. They do not have enough disposable income to cover the minimal cost of counseling. Regardless of the problem or crisis, Samaritan Counseling makes subsidy scholarships available to anyone who meets the financial and mental health criteria. The whole community benefits because Samaritan is available for support to a business when an employee is in trouble; or schools when a student is depressed or anxious; or a family that is dysfunctional and in crisis. Samaritan, with the support of our trained counselors, provides trauma based counseling to relieve the pain; and to offer healing for those who are most vulnerable in our community.

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROBLEM COVID CAUSED TO SAMARITAN

Covid 19 forced the counseling industry to identify new approaches to provide quality counseling beyond the traditional face-to-face counseling. Samaritan had to quickly come to grips with a different approach to counseling. Samaritan embraced tele-health as a tool to provide continuity of care without endangering either the client or the therapist. Each therapist had to be trained in the use of tele-health regardless of the mental health diagnoses. New equipment had to be purchased or fitted with video cameras.