

SAMARITAN FACTS

- 1) There are 481 Samaritan Center offices in 389 cities throughout the United States and in Tokyo, Japan, making the Samaritan ministry one of the country's largest providers of outpatient counseling.
- 2) Samaritan Centers use inter-disciplinary staffs and believe that there is a close relationship of mind, body, spirit, and community, and that optimal health care involves consideration of all four.
- 3) Each Center provides its community with outpatient counseling; education and wellness programs; and consultation for congregations, clergy, and other professionals.
- 4) Samaritan Centers employ licensed counselors are trained in theology and psychology. Most have two or more graduate degrees and extensive clinical training.
- 5) A Gallup Study showed that 66% of the population prefers a professional counselor who is religious and 81% want a counselor who can help them integrate their values and beliefs into the counseling process. These expectations fit the Samaritan model. The demand for Samaritan counseling is substantial.
- 6) Samaritan Counseling Centers serve 4,000 congregations representing over 26 denominations and faith groups and also serve people who do not claim a religious identity.
- 7) In 2009 over 646,000 hours of service were provided for children, adults, families and organizations, including educational and consultation services to thousands of clergy, and congregations.
- 8) Annually, more than \$22 million of subsidized counseling is provided for those who cannot afford the full cost.
- 9) Samaritan Centers must meet rigorous accreditation standards.
- 10) The Samaritan ministry has been acknowledged by the American Medical Association, the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, the President's Commission on Mental Health, and major religious denominations.

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