

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER AGENCY E-NEWSLETTER



Hello,

Fighting poverty is something no one individual, organization or community can do alone. Only together can we make a difference.

That's why we at Samaritan are proud to be a part of the U.S. Venture Open. This year the August golf outing raised \$4.13 million for the *Basic Needs Giving Partnership Fund* (BNGPF) within the Community Foundations in the Fox Valley, Oshkosh and greater Green Bay, supported by the J. J. Keller Foundation and other community partners.

Because our community sees mental health as a basic need and a root cause of poverty, those Samaritan serves have benefited from the BNGPF in several ways in recent years.

- The BNGPF in the Fox Valley and Oshkosh provided grants to launch our [Wellness Screen program](#), which now serves 10 school systems and 13,000 K-12 kids.
- The BNGPF also helped us pilot our [Mental Health Ministry Initiative](#), a collaboration with NAMI Fox Valley that annually equips 100+ faith leaders to minister to mental health.
- The BNGPF currently is supporting [Centro Esperanza](#), another collaboration with NAMI Fox Valley that provides culturally and linguistically competent mental health services to Spanish speakers.

To thank U.S. Venture for all this support, Samaritan sent Wellness Screen director Jen Parsons to take part in the [2018 U.S. Venture Open video](#). You'll see her opening and closing [this powerful video](#) about what we accomplish when we work together.



Oct. 2, 2018
7:30-10:45 a.m.
 Bridgewood
 Conference Center,
 Neenah

EARN CREDITS in 2018
Attorneys - 2.5 ethics CLEs
CPAs - 2.5 ethics CPEs
HR professionals - 2.5 PDCs
Fund Raisers - 2.5 CFRE points

Keynote Speaker
Chuck Gallagher



Ethics in the workplace is a serious matter, but talking about it doesn't have to be "business as usual." Chuck Gallagher learned a lesson about ethics, choices and consequences the hard way. Now he shares his experience so that others don't have to.

2017 participants said:

"Good info, delightfully presented."

"Great workshop! Good interactive session."

Get Involved!

Thank you,
 Ethics in Business
 partners

Presenting Partners



Collaborator Partner



Hospitality Partners

Associated Bank

Bemis

Bergstrom Corp.

**St. Norbert College
 Center for
 Exceptional Leadership**

Investing Partners

American National Bank

**Community Foundation
 for the
 Fox Valley Region**

**Country Financial/Donna
 Holewinski**

Minister effectively to mental health



If you've been thinking about signing up for the **Faith Leader Mental Health Integration Project**, now is the time to do it! Deadline to register is Fri., Aug. 31.

Eight faith communities have signed up. They represent UCC, Catholic, Unitarian Universalist and Lutheran faith traditions, as well as higher ed interfaith spiritual life.

This six-month series of 2-hr. workshops meets the first Thursday of the month starting **Sept. 6, 2018** (skipping December) in the Wenzler Community Room at Miron Construction.

The series covers mental health topics relevant in ministry, including:

- Addiction
- Effective referrals
- Community resources
- Partnering with mental health professionals

Cost for two souls from your faith community is only \$150, thanks to grants from the International Association for Clear Thinking and the John N.

"Keep this going. It is an important topic to keep in front of people."

Register Now

Keller, Inc.
Oshkosh Corp.

Remley & Sensenbrenner

Bergstrom Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Neenah. **Sign up today!**

Register Now



We collaborate with NAMI Fox Valley in the Mental Health Ministry Initiative.

Deep Breathing: 3 Steps to Ongoing Calm and Peace



Oshkosh offices.

Want Ongoing Calm and Peace Throughout Your Day?

Learn more about new Samaritan Counseling Center therapist Leah Szemborski and her tip about deep breathing in her [recent blog post](#).

Leah is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 13 years of experience. Her work is strongly influenced by her faith, and sees every person through the lens of compassion, love and grace. Leah is passionate about helping people heal and grow. Leah sees **clients age 0-99** at our **Menasha and**

A Sip of Success



You give our community access to exceptional counselors. Sometimes our clients just can't contain themselves about the support they received at Samaritan.

"My counselor is wonderful! So personable, insightful, helpful, realistic and open-minded. Superb counselor!"

Samaritan News



Connected Community

WELLNESS
SCREEN

Wellness Screen Partners with Two New School Systems through DPI Mental Health Grants

Our Wellness Screen program will serve an additional 1,000+ students in 2018-19 thanks to school-based mental health grants made in August by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The **Wrightstown Community School District** and **De Pere School District** will join nine others to give students access to a mental health check-up right at school. Our team will screen 7th, 9th and 11th graders in Wrightstown and 10th graders in De Pere.

Select districts already partnered with Wellness Screen also will expand access to check-ups thanks to DPI grants.

Appleton Area School District will begin screening 3rd graders.

School District of New London Area will screen 9th graders universally, with students opting out, rather than selectively, with students opting in.

Little Chute Area School District will begin screening 8th and 10th graders, and will transition from selective to universal screening with 9th graders.

All told, Wellness Screen will reach some 13,000 4K-12 students in 10 school systems in 2018-19. See a list of participating school systems [here](#).



Thanks for your interest and investment in Samaritan. You are a hero to the clients and students who seek our care.

Sincerely,

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