



A good laugh heals a lot of hurts.
-- Madeleine L'Engle

The photo above was taken at the Fox Valley Ethics in Business Summit. You'll read more about the summit below. For now, just take in the idea that these joyous folks are students at an education event focused on ethics. It's a serious subject. So why are they laughing?

Why, especially, are they laughing when their keynote speaker, who made some terrible choices in the workplace, is telling them about the heavy price he paid for poor ethics?

The answer? Laughter is healing. It helps us bear the unbearable, face the unfaceable, and recover from circumstances that defy recovery.

"Laughter disarms and unites," says executive director Rosangela Berbert. "I intentionally introduce laughter into sessions to help clients release tension and become open to difficult subjects."

Shining joy into dark places is what Samaritan does best. Laughter helps!

Celebrate our good news with us!

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Attorney Renee Read of Remley & Sensenbrenner, S.C., reacts to the keynote speaker at the Ethics in Business Summit.

A lively group of **262 leaders** from 70+ businesses, nonprofits and institutions of higher education gathered on Oct. 2 at the **Fox Valley Ethics in Business Summit**.

Their focus: learning how **need, opportunity and rationalization** contribute to unethical choices -- and how leaders can empower employees to avoid the consequences of such choices.

Keynote speaker Chuck Gallagher emphasized the connection between good ethics and mental health. He shared his own story of hopelessness following unethical decisions he made in the workplace, and underscored Samaritan's belief that **business ethics are personal**.

**Thank you,
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Meet Our New Team Members!



Welcome Stefany Murillo! She recently joined Samaritan as our bilingual client benefit specialist.

She **speaks both Spanish and English** and works with both **Centro Esperanza** and **Samaritan Counseling** clients.

Stefany helps clients **choose a therapist, make appointments, and answer questions**



Welcome Samaritan's newest resident therapist Gloria Allhiser.

Gloria's professional experience includes 12

"Good ethics mean good mental health," says Samaritan Counseling Center executive director Rosangela Berbert. "It's thrilling to us that so many individuals and organizations in the Fox Valley understand this idea and attend the summit to get behind it."



Cathie Tierney, President and CEO of Community First Credit Union, offers the Presenting Partner welcome at the Ethics in Business Summit.

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years in full-time youth ministry at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and two years overseeing operations at Crossways Camping Ministries.

Gloria is excited to work with clients and empower them to take ownership of their future, as she supports them on their journey of health and wellness.

Gloria will see individuals, couples and families at our **Oshkosh and Menasha locations.**

Will You Give Up the "C" Word?



Words matter.

One word in particular gets under the skin of **Karen Aspenson**, a Samaritan Counseling Center team member who serves as a clinician in the Hortonville Area School District's E3 school-based mental health program. That word is "crazy."

In [this blog post](#), read Karen's case for expanding your vocabulary so you can banish that word from casual use. This one simple change can go a long way to alleviate the stigma that keeps people from pursuing mental health care.

A Sip of Success



When you support Samaritan, you give youth and families access to compassion, support and tools that change the course of their lives. Thank you, in the words of one the parents of a young client!

"My son loved his meetings with you and looked forward to 'play' in the toy room. You never made me feel in adequate about my parenting. You gave good advice and provided tools to help my son through his life issues."

A Correction



In last month's issue, we shared this photo and a story on resilience to go with it. The name of **FUSION micro-resilience keynote speaker Bonnie St. John**, dressed in red and flanked by members of our Wellness Screen team, was misspelled. We apologize for the error.



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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