



The Heart Beat of Heart to Heart

March 2017

“Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink you wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.”

Ecclesiastes 9:7

Thoughts From Sandy

I want to start this newsletter by saying a hardy “THANK YOU!” to all of our faithful H2H supporters. You have been a tremendous encouragement and support to the H2H ministry at large and to each of the individual missionaries as well. Without you, we would not be able to fulfill our God-given call to minister to the hurting and lost in our area.

We had a very busy 2016! Our staff provided over 4400 total volunteer hours with 1014 counseling sessions being held totaling over 1100 counseling hours. There were 74 new clients and 26 re-opened clients (clients who had received counseling services in the past who returned for support once again). It was amazing to witness and be a part of God’s healing touch on the wounded, confused hearts of those we served.

Our staff grew in number. By the end of the year, we had 6 counseling staff (4 missionaries and 2 volunteers) and 3 volunteer clerical staff. Each staff member has a testimony of how God led them to minister at H2H. It has been amazing to see how God has stretched and grown each one of us in our faith walk as we trusted His direction and provision.

Financially, we ended the year slightly in the red, but because of reserves from previous years, God has enabled us to be able to meet our financial obligations. It is very interesting how God takes a little and stretches it into enough . . .and we are thankful!

As we start out the new year, we have already had transitions in our staff. Skye Jackson has made the decision to seek regular employment due to the fact that his missionary support was not adequate to meet his family’s financial needs. He has taken a full-time position at State Farm Insurance, however, he does plan to continue with H2H on a very part time basis once he completes his new employee training. We look forward to his return sometime in mid-April. We have also welcomed a new volunteer, Chastyn Oliver, who will be serving in the Normal office as receptionist and as a sign-interpreter for one of my counseling clients who is deaf. Three of our current counselors are praying about adding another counseling day to their schedules.

2017 is promising to be another very busy ministry year. As of February 28, our staff have provided 1548 total volunteer hours, and have held 159 counseling sessions totaling 376 counseling hours . We have added 26 new clients and 5 re-open clients to our caseloads.

We are very excited to see what God is going to do in and through H2H in 2017! Thank you for your continued partnership and support of this vital ministry!

God Bless,
Sandy Egle

Upcoming Events:

**March 18: Amanda Walters/Susan Plezia
Missionary Support Raiser
Trivia Night**



**7:00 p.m. - ?
\$10/ person to play, teams of 1-6
Northside Church of Christ
1908 Towanda Barnes Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61705**

**March 26: H2H Flanagan Office
Open House**



**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
117 S. Main St., Ste. 2
Flanagan, IL 61740**

Please come to see our new Flanagan office!

Future Fundraising Events are being planned.
More details to follow in the next
H2H newsletter.



Cash is a common gift to charities but you can also donate many other assets, sometimes with significant tax advantages. These can include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, farm commodities, life insurance, IRAs and other retirement accounts. Anything that can be valued and sold usually can be accepted as a gift for charity. As a donor-advised foundation, Everence Charitable Services helps you with the process of accepting your special assets for charity. The benefits go to charities you wish to support, like Heart To Heart Support Services. We at H2H encourage you to contact **Brian Veeder** with Everence Charitable Services at:

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to learn more about creative ways to donate and support H2H.

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt.

Luke 9:1-3

Jesus has called each one of the H2H missionaries to join Him in His work here at H2H. We are like the disciples that Jesus sent out to minister to the sick and hurting in that we are called by Him into service and are totally dependent on the support and generosity of others to provide for our financial needs so that we can feed and clothe ourselves and put a roof over our heads. Most people work to earn a salary, we work to serve the Lord and trust Him to take care of our needs as He sees fit. This is a great faith walk that we are all on. It is one that is challenging and stretching our trust in God. We are being reminded every day that He is faithful and will provide for us.

This being said, I ask you to seek the Lord and ask if He is calling you to support H2H and/or the missionaries who serve here. Each of the missionaries are in need of people who will make a commitment to provide support on a monthly basis. One-time gifts are greatly appreciated as well and regular monthly support helps us to plan for and maintain a realistic personal budget. If you feel God leading you to serve H2H in this way, you can make donations online at our H2H website or send checks via USPS. If writing a check, please make it payable to H2H with the missionary's name in the memo line so that the funds will be directed to the missionaries of your choice.

Thank you for your love and support of H2H, the missionaries and staff. Thank you also for being sensitive to God's leading you into ministry in this way!

H2H Missionaries



Sandy Egle
Executive Director
Serving H2H since
June 2000



Amanda Walters
Counselor
Serving H2H since
May 2013



Skye Jackson
Counselor
Serving H2H since
May 2014



Susan Plezia
Counselor
Serving H2H since
August 2016

Ways to Partner with H2H:

1. **Financial gifts** for operating expenses
2. **Adopting a missionary** through significant financial support, prayer, words of encouragement
3. **Estate planning**, designating H2H as a beneficiary.
4. **Making financial gifts** to H2H in loving memory of loved ones who have passed away.
5. **Provide office supplies** i.e. paper, printer ink, bathroom supplies, bottled water for clients, pens, tissues, etc.
6. **Provide opportunities to share about H2H** with church families, social groups, and friends
7. **Volunteer service** i.e. help with mailings, office cleaning
8. **Facilitate fundraising events** to benefit H2H and/or missionaries such as bake sales, car washes, etc.
9. **Online Shopping using Amazon Smile** and designate H2H to be your charitable organization to benefit.

Praise & Prayer Requests:

Praises:

1. Strong end to 2016
2. Faithful missionaries and volunteers
3. New clients reaching out for love and support.
4. Opportunities to develop new ministry friendships with pastors, churches, groups and individuals
5. Open doors and opportunities to share about H2H in the coming months.

Prayer Requests:

1. God's provision for H2H and for each of the missionaries.
2. God's wisdom as we minister to H2H clients.
3. More counselors and volunteers to serve at H2H
4. More people to have a *passion* for the H2H ministry.