

Shalom Counselling Centre Welcomes Grant Damsgaard

Hello my fellow Red Deerians and Central Albertans. My name is Grant Damsgaard and I am Shalom Counselling Centre's new Fund Development Coordinator. My wife Donna and I moved to Red Deer in 2010 for adventure and to capitalize on Alberta's booming oil economy. Well, there's still the adventure, lol.



Previous to my work with charities I was a professional corporate comedian for 30 years and performed for almost every type of company, corporation, profession and organization you could imagine. When I chose to change professional direction and diversify I discovered the joy and fulfilment in working with nonprofits, and I am blessed with the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful team here at Shalom Counselling Centre.

My personal hobbies include the patient care and attention of bonsai trees, of which include a 22 year old azalea and a 20 year old juniper. I enjoy collecting music CDs from the 80's & 90's, the last tangible music source. Donna and I enjoy our grands as often as we can and we love taking trips with our travel trailer named "Oliver". Fittingly named because he takes us "all over" western Canada.

I look forward to serving Shalom Counselling Centre and stewarding all of our supporters forward into 2022.

Volunteers Needed for Fundraising Committee!

Shalom Counselling Centre is seeking volunteers for the creation of a Fundraising Committee. We're seeking individuals with creativity and imagination that enjoy the collaborative sharing of ideas for the exploration and development of fundraising events.

Any fundraising experience is an asset, including those with online savvy to navigate and explore virtual events. Committed attendance and participation is paramount. This is your opportunity to get out of the house, meet with likeminded people and support a valuable local charity.

Grant Damsgaard
Fund Development Coordinator



Helping people find hope, healing and peace in life

Winter 2022



"I am leaving you
with a gift – peace
of mind and heart."
John 14:27a

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As I reflect on the past year and look forward to the year ahead, I am once again thankful that God holds Shalom in the palms of His hands. As we submit to His purpose, He guides and shields us.

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands, your walls are ever before me. Isaiah 41:10

Shalom Counselling Centre provided counselling services to 990 individuals in 2021, an increase of 12.63% over the previous year. Of these 990 individuals, 643 were new to Shalom while the remaining 347 continued on a program of counselling that had begun previously.

Shalom's counsellors completed 4267.75 hours of counselling in 2021, an increase of 10.59% over the previous year.

We feel very blessed to be able to offer Christ-centered counselling to the communities of Red Deer and Central Alberta. As the number of requests for counselling services increases, so does Shalom's need for more counselling staff, more office space, and increased financial resources to support fee subsidies. Thank you for your ongoing support in prayer, volunteer hours, and financial contributions. We anticipate seeing God do great things in the lives of Shalom's clients again in 2022!

Serving together,
Ruby Stones
Executive Director

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of Central Alberta and



Shalom Counselling Centre of Alberta is a non profit registered charity incorporated under the Alberta Societies Act, Charitable Organization #317905. Donations are used for the purpose of subsidizing counselling for Central Alberta families. Shalom hopes to raise \$375,000 using 7% of Shalom's overall budget for the cost of fundraising.

Shalom will, to the best of our ability, ensure that contributions are used in accordance with donor's intentions. However, gifts received designated to particular projects or programs are received only with the understanding that if the project or program is oversubscribed or does not take place, the funds will be applied to other purposes at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

In respect for your privacy, your contact information is not passed along to any other organization. For more information or to request a copy of Shalom's most recent financial statement and current budget please call Ruby Stones, Executive Director at 403.342.0339.

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