

**BUSINESS PROFILE**

# Shalom Counselling Centre Offers Help to Families

By Lantry Vaughan  
Advocate advertising feature

Behind the Balmoral Bible Chapel on Highway 11 East sits an unassuming farmhouse which contains many surprises for the casual visitor. Located on a beautifully treed acreage formerly known as the Fege Farm, the house now is home to the Shalom Counselling Centre. The home has been thoroughly remodeled through the generosity of many local businesses and individuals, and now houses spacious offices, counselling rooms and gathering places in a warm and comforting setting. Views of gardens and trees appear at every door and window to enhance the healing nature of the Shalom Centre and its staff.

Since 1999, Shalom has operated as a Registered Christian Charity, guided by an inter-denominational board of directors to serve the families of central Alberta through counselling services. Services are available to anyone in need of counselling for personal or family problems. The Centre's mission is "Serving Christ by bringing hope for wholeness to individuals and families." Through opening the door to hope, healing and wholeness for the families of Central Alberta, staff and volunteers at the Centre help to ensure that individuals, couples and families who are in need of quality counselling will have a place to come to find

peace. 'Shalom' means finding peace within self, with others and with God.

Director Bob McKenzie is quick to point out how much of the new Centre's functionality and beauty are direct expressions of the dedication and unselfish nature of the individuals and businesses who carried out the work.

"The contractors' commitment to excellence went way beyond what we had initially envisaged," he shakes his head with a smile. "And often the businesses were turning away other valuable contracts to complete this work."

That in itself is quite a feat in these times of crew and material shortages, but it is also a reflection of Shalom's tradition of volunteerism and giving to the community based on Christian principles of love and service.

All six of Shalom's counselors are caring professionals, trained to the Masters level and meeting or exceeding the standards of ethical practice of their professional associations. The Centre offers counselling fees at subsidized rates based on the financial circumstances of each household, and provides a balanced, non-denominational approach to helping families and individuals deal with personal issues. The Centre provides caring, non-judgmental support and counselling in a comforting environment.

Here's a testimonial from one of



L to R: Sitting - Kim Schellenburg, Pat Moore, Jan Strokappe, Julia Schmidtke  
Back Row - Benton Schultz, Brenda McKenzie, Bob McKenzie, Tina Campbell, Shari Moore

Shalom's clients: "Perhaps the greatest gift is that our children get to see their parents in a loving and healthy relationship."

As well as personal counselling services, Shalom assists the churches and communities of Central Alberta in providing education to the community at large on issues of marriage & family life and in areas of emotional & relational well being. Shalom offers support to pastors, and leaders as the caregivers to our community. Shalom takes the time to care for caregivers so they will be refreshed, preventing burnout and encouraging the good work they do for the

community as a whole. For more information, visit Shalom's web site or see phone and e-mail below.

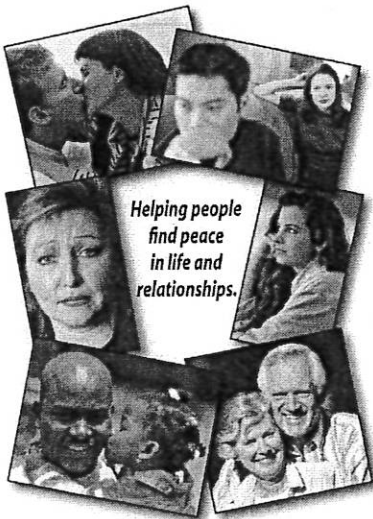
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Office Hours: 9 - 5 weekdays with a limited number of evening and weekend hours available.

Shalom Counselling Centre's new address is 5515 - 27th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta T4P 0E5. It is located one block north of Balmoral Bible Chapel, on 27 Ave. off Highway 11 east (55th Street).



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