

PETERSGATE COUNSELLING CENTRE

Key statistics for **May 2010**.

Comparative figures for 2009 are shown in brackets.

Number of counselling sessions: **785 (669)**

Number of new requests for counselling: **116 (144)**

Income from fees: **\$30,246 (\$25,207)**

Expenses: **\$41,915 (\$51,879)**

In the first 5 months of this year our counsellors have conducted 3,307 sessions, compared with 2,966 in the same period last year. Clearly the demand for our counselling continues to grow.

We have now entered the detailed planning stage of preparing for building consent application for extending and refurbishing our counselling rooms at 29 Yaldhurst Road. The position of power, data and phone outlets and what light fittings we need, are the sorts of questions we are now turning our minds to.

Your generous support of our fundraising efforts has brought the total raised so far to over \$150,000, or about half of the estimated total cost of \$300,000. An incredible effort; thank you all so much. Special mention must be made of the wonderful results achieved by St Mark's Parish in raising over \$21,000 for our Building Development Appeal. The events they organised included a gardens tour, church fair, movie evening, and progressive dinner. Amazing!

If you have any fundraising ideas please let us know.

If you would like to make a donation please either phone Petersgate on 343 3391 or donate directly into our bank account number 03 0830 0280160 00. If you choose this method please let us know so we can issue a receipt for tax refund purposes for donations over \$5.00.

There have been one or two enquiries about the role of our Office Volunteers. These wonderful people provide the reception service at Petersgate. They greet clients arriving for counselling, or who are enquiring by phone about how they can see a counsellor. The volunteers receive the clients' payment of fees, help to keep the office tidy and functioning efficiently, and provide some administrative assistance to our counsellors. All new volunteers are placed with an experienced volunteer for up to six weeks, then are usually offered a half day per week position to suit their situation. If you would like to know more about the role please give Susan Higgins a call on 343 2932.

Denis Warren
Manager