



Petersgate Counselling Centre Development Appeal

The Appeal

Our existing premises are bursting at the seams. The City Council has granted resource consent for us to expand our counselling rooms at 29 Yaldhurst Road and we have obtained estimates of about \$300,000 needed to turn our vision into reality.

We now need to raise the funds.

The Background

Petersgate deals with a wide range of issues from anxiety, grief and depression, to relationships, anger and personal growth. We work with individuals, couples and groups. It is an affordable, professional counselling service, accessible by all those in need. From modest beginnings thirteen years ago, we have grown to be the busiest counselling service in Christchurch. Our team of 30 professional counsellors work day and evening. Last year we conducted over 7,500 counselling sessions and saw more than 1,450 new clients as well as many returning clients and the demand is growing.

On average six new clients book in for counselling every working day.

The Centre is managed by the Petersgate Charitable Trust with representatives of local Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic parishes, the community, and the University of Canterbury.

Our people are 30 counsellors, a Director (Reverend Struan Duthie), two part time admin staff, and 21 volunteer-receptionists who recently, for the second time, received the City Council's Community Service Award for services to the community. Some of our volunteers come to us through Volunteering Canterbury but most are from the participating parishes with whom we enjoy a wonderful partnership.

Individuals, as Friends of Petersgate contribute essential funding every year and have already responded to our appeal for additional financial support for our development. We need more interested people and organisations to make donations or provide sponsorship and hope to be into the construction phase as early in 2010 as possible.

Your contribution will assist us to make changes for the better to the lives of so many people. We know we make a difference because our clients tell us so and we can see the increase in confidence and functioning as individuals experience and feel the benefits of counselling.

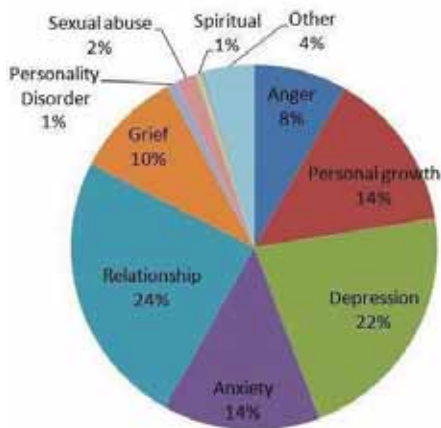
Our Need

We believe that our plans for improved counselling rooms and an enlarged group meeting room will enable us to provide an even better service to the community and we hope you will feel inclined to join us and be part of an exciting future as we strive to meet a proven need. We are registered with the Charities Commission and your donation will be eligible for a tax credit. We appreciate your generosity.

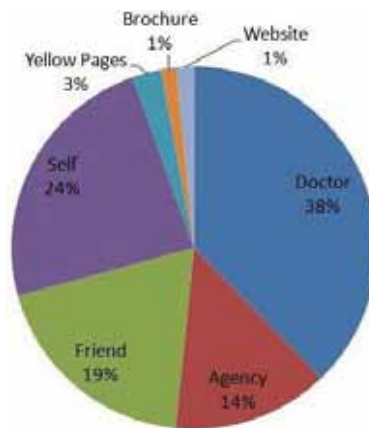


We urgently need more space
and we have the counsellors to provide the expanded service.

Statistical Information



Presenting Issues



Referrals

We need **your support** . . .

to fund the cost of the development
so we can meet the needs of our clients and the community.