



Northland Christian Counseling Center is happy to welcome Aaron Johnsen to our staff! Aaron began working for NCCC on June 7th, 2017.

Aaron writes, **“I love listening to people’s stories. God has made each one of us unique just like the stories we live. I feel called to help those that feel stuck, lost, frustrated, or defeated. I believe in coming alongside a person and seeking God’s wisdom and guidance together to grow and overcome life’s difficult obstacles.”**

“I am a Licensed Associate Professional Counselor and hold a Master’s Degree in Counseling from Colorado Christian University, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Dakota. I have worked in the mental health field since 2011. My wife and I reside in Grand Forks along with our two children.”

A Note from the Executive Director

On May 11, 2017, the Northland Christian Counseling Center Board of Directors met for a board meeting/ planning session. NCCC Board Meetings usually begin with members enjoying a meal together and as the Director, I share information related to the ministry of Northland. At this meeting, members and several staff members participated in a conference call with one of Northland’s clinicians who has a NCCC satellite office in Rochester, MN.

She shared with us how she is going through a very difficult time physically. I commented how I was struck with the depth of her surrender in her relationship with God. **“She really believes that it is not an issue of if she lives or dies (which it could be), but that she has given herself over to His care. That heart position is the exact place we hope for in each client that walks through our door,”** I commented. Members responded by praying with and for her before the phone call ended.

Stephen Seay
Executive Director, NCCC



So began an evening of brainstorming together to provide input to me on some of the possible ways to more effectively meet our needs at Northland in the coming months and years; to identify major issues that are hindering us from better meeting needs. Board Chair Luther Kvernen reminded members that the purpose of the NCCC Board of Directors is to see to it that NCCC (as an organization) achieves what it should and avoids what is unacceptable.

One of the many issues discussed was the expansion of client services, mainly what we could do to reduce the wait time in Grand Forks. Currently new clients may

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have to wait up to three months for their first appointment. **We would like to reduce the wait time in Grand Forks to 2 weeks.** New clinicians need to be hired to meet the “wait time” goal and to introduce new services such as seminars and educational classes. Another goal would be to open new satellites in rural areas. Telemedicine may be a possible option for the future.

I reported on the statistical history of Northland since it was established and registered with the state of ND on November 6, 1992. Currently Northland employs eight clinicians. One clinician operates a satellite office in Rochester, MN. Another clinician has an office in Grafton, ND. **In 2016 NCCC had a total of 4,406 client hours.** That total included **322 new clients.** Northland also employs six support staff.

As friends and financial supporters of NCCC, your giving makes a difference. Many of you give to the Client Assistance Fund, which helps enable those who don't have the means to pay for counseling to get the help they need. Some of you give to the operational needs of Northland. Some gifts are not designated and can be used where the need is greatest. And several donors have given to the endowment fund. We are very grateful for your support!

The Chairman of the Board and I often have a sense that we are **“living in a miracle”** as we have been involved in the ministry here at NCCC. Your involvement also includes the fact that you are too part of the ongoing miracle at Northland.

*In Him,
Stephen Seay. Executive Director*

Save the Date
September 10 - 11, 2017

Co-Author of The Cure

Bill Thrall Conference

Hosted by  Northland Christian
Counseling Center

Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM
Sunday at 7:00 PM (fellowship time following)
Monday at 7:00 PM

Faith Evangelical Free Church
2315 Library Circle, Grand Forks, ND 58201
Open to the Public. Hope to see you there!

Giving Hearts Day 2017

Lives are changing because of you! On February 9, 2017, over **60 donors raised over \$18,000 for the Client Assistance Fund at NCCC.** This Fund makes it possible for people who carry financial burdens due to unexpected events in their lives, to find a safe place to come to at Northland. They don't feel the pressure of needing help and not being able to pay for it. In 2016 23% of clients received financial help from the Client Assistance Fund.

Your gift makes a difference! Thank you for your support of Northland Christian Counseling Center!