

Dear Friend,

Have you ever felt you had no place to turn? Have you ever yearned for someone to talk to, but couldn't afford counseling? If you have experienced either of these, you may have visited Walk-In Counseling Center, or you may wish you had been aware of the existence of this unique organization. It was formed in 1969 and has become an internationally recognized non-profit serving more than 2,500 clients every year. Walk-In has clinics each weekday in both Minneapolis and St. Paul -- free, confidential, and staffed by volunteer professionals!

After 50 years, the Center is still vibrant and, throughout this year, the organization is celebrating the almost 3,000 professional clinical volunteers - master and doctors of social work, psychology, and marriage and family therapy for the remarkable work they have done and the support thousands of people have received.

The largest celebration event will be on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at St. Mary's Lake Calhoun Event Center. We are holding a gala entitled **50 Years and 50 More -- Celebrating the Past, Creating the Future** to honor these professionals and gather together to meet and reminisce with five decades of volunteers. The evening will consist of a reception, silent auction, dinner and entertainment.

In addition to giving the public more information about this wonderful organization, the purpose of this letter is to ask if you could contribute an item for our silent auction. We recognize that corporations, businesses and entertainment centers are barraged with requests for donations; however, Walk-In doesn't hold annual galas. This is the only opportunity to support our unique organization as we celebrate this important milestone. 100% of your donation will support Walk-In's mission -- to address unmet needs for accessible mental health services in the Twin Cities.

If you choose to donate an item or a monetary gift, the name of your business or you, personally, will be listed in our program, on our website and in any print media produced by the event. We will also be projecting on the wall the names of all those who donate. Could we count you in as one of our donors?

We have included a Silent Auction Donation form for your use in donating an item. Please confirm your donation by September 12, 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding a donation or, if you would be interested in attending our event.

Thank you, warmly, for considering this request.

Gratefully,