WHY DO WE EVEN NEED A BARNABAS CENTER?

You know someone – it may well be you – whose life suddenly becomes a mess.

The mess might be internal:

- They begin to experience panic in the strangest, most illogical moments. The panic feels like it might literally kill them.
- They have thoughts or behaviors that seem to have a life of their own and just won’t be stopped, no matter how hard they try.
- They experience a level of despair or even depression that threatens to immobilize them. Controlled by gripping fears, hopelessness seems pervasive.

Who comes to mind?

Or the mess might show up in relationships:

- A flirtatious glance becomes a relationship that threatens to undo 25 years of marriage.
- Deciding how to love an aging parent threatens to break apart a son and daughter-in-law.
- A fear of staying single leads to either withdrawal and hopelessness or trying way too hard in a way that sabotages potential relationships.

Does that bring anyone to mind?

Life becomes difficult. Those difficulties are extraordinarily confusing and often overwhelming. And somehow, in some way, we want God to show up to lead us, free us, and give us hope. How do we find His hope in our struggles?

That is why there is Barnabas! We help people find the hope of Christ in the midst of life’s inevitable struggles.
Barnabas is a counseling, teaching, and training ministry.

Counseling
Barnabas counselors help their clients discover how God might meet them and lead them in and through their unique struggles. Our counselors are clinically excellent but pastorally focused. They offer their services to everyone, including those who cannot afford to pay full price, using a sliding scale that is supported by donations.

Teaching
Barnabas teachers bring the truths of the Bible to bear on the realities of everyday life in life-giving ways. Whether discussing relational issues or internal struggles, they offer Biblical hope while still embracing the complexities of life in a fallen world. Whether the context is a marriage retreat, a Sunday school class, a weekend away, or an early morning Bible study, they bring the Scriptures to life in practical ways.

Training
Barnabas believes that life-changing conversations can—and should—happen everywhere, not just in a counselor’s office. For that reason, the Center offers a wide variety of training opportunities for pastors, ministry leaders, and lay people who want to enter into the life struggles of friends in their spheres of influence.

Our Influence in Charlotte

IN 2018 - 2019:

1,207 ... people received counseling, including 720 new clients
492 ... people attended a training or seminar
15 ... people attended a recovery group
65% ... of clients utilized a scholarship to receive counseling
The Barnabas Center, established in 1989, is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) ministry working under the wise direction of a Board of Directors, which includes:

Rev. Wes Barry – Waypoint Community Church, Founding Pastor
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COMING SOON
THE BARNABAS CENTER STAFF

The Center has a branch office in Charlotte, a satellite in Davidson, and a branch in the Triad (Winston-Salem and Greensboro). The Richmond office spun off as its own 501(c)(3) on April 1, 2019.

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WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

We launched Vision 2020 in 2014 in order to increase the number of life-changing conversations that happen with people in the midst of life’s messes. We are striking out in four primary directions to accomplish this:

1. **Grow the core ministry** – We will seek to offer more hours of quality Christ-centered counseling and groups to those in need.

   *Counseling hours are up an average of 15% each of the last two years. We are training counselors to serve the next generation.*

2. **Equip the caregivers** – Pastors and ministry leaders are the first line of defense for those whose lives hit the wall. Yet they’re often insufficiently trained and rarely encouraged in this aspect.

   *Nearly 75 pastors and ministry leaders have undergone extensive training with us. Thirty-five pastors attend Pastor Retreat annually.*

3. **Equip the community** – Perhaps the greatest leverage would be to equip the broader Christian community to enter the lives of friends, neighbors and co-workers.

   *We offer Barnabas Training to many churches and host our own training open to the public. We offer topical seminars and often help facilitate retreats.*

4. **Launch new cities** – Seven cities have come to us asking for help launching Barnabas or similar ministries in their cities. We want to serve them.

   *Barnabas launched in the Triad in October of 2017 with four established counselors.*

HOW IS BARNABAS FUNDED?

**Counseling fees – 48%**  The Center charges for counseling using a sliding scale based on gross income. No one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

**Teaching, training, and other fees – 6%**  We offer seminars, groups, consulting and training opportunities priced with an eye toward accessibility rather than profitability. We want folks who need to be there to be there.

**Donations – 46%**  Barnabas relies on its community to support the ministry both inside and outside of the office. Eighteen local churches support us, but the majority of the donations come from individuals as a part of their annual giving.

Will you join us?
345 donors gave $575,000 total in Fiscal year 2018-19. Our goal is that 385 donors will give $630,000 in 2019-20.
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