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Good Samaritans Recognized by Pastoral Counseling Services

Manchester – Pastoral Counseling Services of Manchester, NH has announced the 2012 Good Samaritan Awards honorees and plans to recognize these distinguished individuals at the 17th Annual Awards banquet later this month. For the past 17 years, Pastoral Counseling Services has proudly hosted this unique celebration which brings together six distinct segments of the community and honors an individual in each category who has "gone above and beyond" in their contributions to make a positive impact on the greater community.

This year’s honorees include:

**Business & Industry**
David Nixon, Esquire
Nixon, Vogelman, Barry, Slawsky & Simoneau, PA

**Education**
Sgt. Brian N. O'Keefe
Manchester Police Department
Manchester Police Athletic League Coordinator

**Media & the Arts**
Jody Reese, Publisher
Hippo Press

**Medicine & Healing**
Ann Smith (Posthumously)
Easter Seals of NH

**Religion**
Sister Jacqueline Verville
Holy Cross Family Learning Center

**Rising Star**
Diane Larochelle, Executive Director
Nikki’s Dream

*(Honorees’ pictures available upon request)*
The 2012 Good Samaritan Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford, NH. The cocktail reception will begin at 5:00pm, followed by welcome and dinner service at 6:00pm. Opening remarks and the presentation of awards will begin at 7:00pm.

Proceeds from the Good Samaritan Awards Banquet will be used to assist those individuals and families who do not have the financial means necessary to secure the counseling services they need. In addition, proceeds will support programs and services that meet the ever changing needs of our community.

Individual event reservations are still available for $65.00 and can be purchased by contacting Ami D’Amelio, Event Planner, at adamelio@pcs-nh.org or 603-627-2702 ext. 142.

About Pastoral Counseling Services

Pastoral Counseling Services (PCS) was founded in 1979 to utilize the best psychotherapeutic techniques while respecting the natural connection between the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual dimensions in the healing process. Our desire is to provide a community in which clients Feel Heard, Feel Cared for and Feel Better. In addition to our counseling services, PCS impacts the vitality of the community by partnering with other non-profit organizations to help underserved & at risk populations with stress management techniques and honoring those who "go above & beyond" with the Good Samaritan Award.

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