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## Dear Friends-

What a year we have had! Celebrating 40 years has been FABULOUS. We shared this anniversary with the Stonewall uprising, the walk on the Moon, and Sesame Street, just to name a few.

We would like to express our gratitude for everyone who made our events so wonderful. We are thankful for those with the vision of providing mental health and chemical dependency services so many years ago, and for those who continue to support us in providing these services for our LGBTQ community.

Ann McGettigan, Executive Director

## 40th Anniversary Gala A Huge Success!!

On October 10th, 2009 nearly 400 friends and supporters joined us to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Our MC for the night was Sheryl Swoopes, formerly of the Seattle Storm basketball team. We were also graced with the presences of four Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and performers presenting "A Taste of ICON".



It was a wonderful evening of seeing old friends, making new ones and celebrating all that Seattle Counseling has accomplished in 40 years! Joining us for the evening was Rae Larsen, our first Executive Director. We were entertained with a great slide show documenting events from the past forty years, and performances by drag queens and kings celebrating entertainers of the 70's, 90's and 00's. We were moved by a fabulous video by Yoyo String Media, highlighting our history and the history of the LGBTQ community in Seattle.

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## See how Seattle Counseling Service has grown!

1970

264 clients

1980

326 clients

1990

664 clients

2000

1216 clients

**2009**

**1750**

**and counting!**



Winners of our Ruby Raffle!

Many volunteers joined us in helping to create a wonderful homecoming for former staff members and clients. Stories and laughter were shared and fun was had by all.

## Mayor Nickels Honors SCS

### Domestic Violence Month Celebrated

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels held a reception honoring a number of agencies who are working to end violence in the home. Seattle Counseling Service was singled out for this honor for our groundbreaking work in the LGBTQ community. In 1983 we started the first Domestic Violence program in the US to treat gay and lesbian batterers in same-sex relationships and to address the issues of violence in our community.

## HELP SCS GO GREEN!!!!

### SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We are looking to reduce costs and paper waste...**so help us please!** We will continue to send hard copy newsletters quarterly for one year AND we will then send only e-newsletters thereafter.

Please let us have your email...we promise to respect your privacy and always give you a chance to opt out of them.

Email: [development@seattlecounseling.org](mailto:development@seattlecounseling.org) with your name and email! You will be helping us save money, save the earth and save lives!

Please visit our website at [www.seattlecounseling.org](http://www.seattlecounseling.org)  
Donate to our cause at <http://seattlecounseling.org/SupportUs.htm>

### Our Mission:

Seattle Counseling Service is a community resource that advocates, educates and serves to advance the social well being and mental health of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender communities.

### Help Us Serve more clients in the coming year!

Your donation of \$40, \$140, \$240 or more will help us continue to serve more clients.

While our numbers grow we face more budget cuts from the city, county and state.

During these tough economic times, your gifts means more than ever!

We are grateful for your support!

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