



SAMARITAN CENTER



Change Lives

Challenges, Commitments, and Events



[Our Commitment, a Message from Cindy Long, CEO](#)

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims whose lives have been tragically lost. Our community, our country, our whole world, is suffering with feelings of frustration, sadness, anger and fear and a host of other feelings, and Samaritan Center shares that pain.

As our staff processes feelings around these tragic events, we re-commit to a culture of diversity, equity...

[Read the rest of Cindy's message here](#)

[A Message from Shawna Moss, LCSW-S, Clinical Director](#)

This year has brought overwhelming challenges to us as individuals, to our communities, and to our country. We are experiencing isolation due to a pandemic and uncertainty from a highly charged political environment. In addition, we are currently experiencing a global social movement with images on the news, heartfelt messages from families and loved ones, and seeing the agony and pain from our community.

At least one of these significant issues touches every aspect of our lives and it wears on us emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. I see and hear so many others hurting while trying to make sense and meaning of it all, I am experiencing this too. Sociologist Kai Erikson's definition of collective trauma is a shock "to the basic tissues of social life that damages the bonds attaching people together and impairs the prevailing sense of community." Collective trauma is...

[Read the rest of Shawna's message here](#)



[Samaritan Center at Ethics In](#)



Please join us in celebrating Women Veteran's Day Today! Celebrations include a great event put on by the Texas

Business, June 30

Be part of a movement that awards businesses and individuals who exhibit exemplary ethics by being respectful, fair, and honest, striving for justice and embracing sustainability.

Started by Samaritan Center in 2002, this program has blossomed with RecognizeGood now hosting this inspiring event. Award nominees are vetted by Concordia University business students and winners are selected by Leadership Austin alumni.

Samaritan Center is still a beneficiary of this event, and we invite you to join us this year in a virtual awards ceremony, with wonderful emcees, Bobby Jenkins and Earl Maxwell, and a host of other community members and businesses.

[Learn more about this event and get your free tickets to this event here.](#)



Veterans Commission, [which we are happy to include here.](#)

President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act into law on June 12, 1948, which allowed women to serve as regular members in the military. Texas Representative Victoria Neave filed House Bill 2698 on May 5, 2017, which established Women Veterans Day. This was later incorporated into Texas law and signed by Governor Greg Abbot on June 9, 2017 to establish Women Veterans Day in the state, as well.

And, as one of our own therapists reminds us, "remember to put out your Texas flags, and thank a woman veteran."

If you are a woman veteran, family member, or spouse, and need services, [please reach out to us.](#)



Vision

We envision a healthy and compassionate community in which every individual achieves mental, physical, spiritual and social well-being.

Mission

We heal hearts, provide hope and enhance lives with a holistic approach to mental health for all ages, whole families and the military community.

