



MINISTRY OVERVIEW

The Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision: Empowering families to be spiritually, emotionally, and relationally sound.

Mission: Turning the hearts of families toward each other through counseling, education, and research.

Values: family, collaboration, compassion, truth and love, transformation, healing

North Georgia Family Counseling Centers Calling and History

“They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they cause thriving.” (Psalm 1:3)

- North Georgia Family Counseling Centers formed around the work of Dr. Boyd Whaley and the desire to employ the strengths of the community of faith to enhance family life as well as to address trouble and crisis in families.
- Members at Mt. Carmel UMC provided the initial financial investment to launch the ministry in 2007, and faithful supporters from other faith communities joined the effort to sustain NGFCC until the clinical practice could become self-sufficient, a milestone that was achieved in 2013.
- With the counseling phase of ministry development firmly established and self-sustaining, NGFCC is ready to enter the education phase of ministry development.

The Ministry Model

North Georgia Family Counseling Centers seek to impact families and recognize that every person is part of a family system.

- Families today face unprecedented pressure from cultural expectations, complexity of relationships, and speed of life.
- To not just survive, but thrive amid this pressure, families need to develop healthy relationship skills and practice those skills with the support of a faithful community.
- North Georgia Family Counseling Centers offers a program that holds truth and love in tension as we address the complexities of relational life in a family system. Rather than tell families what they should do, NGFCC empowers them with skills, knowledge, and practices to become aware of the relational forces at work within their families and to make choices that bring about a more healthy family system.

Success Indicators and Expansion Goals

<i>NGFCC Ministry Reach:</i>	<i>2015 Actual</i>	<i>2016 Goal</i>	<i>2017 Goal</i>
Numbers of Clinical Families Served	170	190	220
Number of Participants in Education Workshops and Classes	290	320	365
Number of Trained Facilitators for Education Curriculum	0	0	2
Number of Sites implementing one or more offerings from NGFCC Curriculum	2	3	4

NGFCC Expansion Goals:

- Add new affiliated therapists at each location over the next three years.
- Release on-line training for facilitators of the NGFCC Educational Curriculum.
- Publish one small group study by the end of 2016 and publish at least one additional study every quarter beginning in 2017.

Prayer Strategy

- Centering Prayer is essential to the ministries of NGFCC and begins every meeting, every class, many therapy sessions, and most workshops.
- Centering Prayer will be a foundational skill for facilitators of NGFCC Education Curriculum.

Board of Directors and Advisory Board

Board of Directors	Advisory Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Boyd Whaley, Interim President • Mr. Bill Downey, Treasurer • Rev. Lynne Smith, Interim Secretary • Ms. Danielle West, Director of Development • Ms. Cheryl Martin, Trustee • Mr. Russ West • Ms. Lori Anderson • Ms. Jenny Jensen, Attorney at Law 	<p><i>The Advisory Board is currently under consideration regarding the expertise needed to move the ministries of NGFCC forward.</i></p>

Human Resources

- Boyd Whaley, MDiv, PhD, LMFT ~Executive Director
- Lynne Smith, MDiv ~Minister of Education
- Bill Downey ~Treasurer, volunteers more than 120 hours per year
- Cheryl Martin ~IT Director, volunteers more than 36 hours per year
- Danielle West ~Development Director, volunteers more than 60 hours per year
- Six additional volunteers contribute their expertise and time to fundraising events

Funding Plan

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Projected	2017 Projected
Total Income	\$ 137,408	\$ 155,079	\$159,275	\$179,400

The Board of Directors is a volunteer Board, but give generously of their time and money to the ministries of NGFCC. The Board contributes approximately 30% of the total amount raised charitably and forms the primary leadership for all fundraising activities.

Results-to-Date

- NGFCC has no debt, and the fees for service fund the ministry at its current level.
- \$ 30,463 was raised charitably in 2015, which funded reduced fee counseling services.

Current Needs

- \$30,300 to fund research that will connect families with Biblical wisdom for family life.
- \$3,000 so that skills and helpful tips are available to families at the precise moment of need.
- \$18,000 to help youth and their parents understand the purpose of adolescence, to work together to withstand the pressures of modern culture, and to thrive as a family unit.
- \$50,000 to put tools of spiritual formation in the hands of families wherever they happen to be.