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## *Remembering Nancy Steiny*

# On Missing Nancy Steiny

On April 28th, many of us in the SCCC community gathered at the home of Nancy Steiny to celebrate her life and remember just how much she means to all that the Counseling Center stands



for. In the sunny back garden at her home, a jazz trio played while conversation flowed. Counselors and supervisors from way back reconnected

along with many new counselors and the Steiny family, their neighbors and friends.

Truth is, Nancy will always be among us at SCCC. Her grasp of stellar family training and supervision carries on, as does her inspiration to craft questions that can truly impact a client's life. A Nebraskan by birth, she was as down to earth as they come. Sitting with her as a counselor in supervision you became more grounded too. Under her steady gaze you began to trust your instincts and see yourself as a therapist.

"Nancy was my supervisor, my mentor and my friend," said Executive Director Gail Wilburn. "I will always treasure her wit, insight and calm assurance."

Our deepest appreciation goes to donors Grant Abramson and Miriam Muscarolas who provided generous seed support to establish the Nancy Steiny Legacy Fund for Excellence in Clinical Training, which as its goal seeks to keep Nancy's commitment to training excellence front and center at SCCC. We hope to create a range of resources that will strengthen our training capacity now and in the years to come. **The Nancy Steiny Legacy Fund welcomes contributions to support training at SCCC. Please visit [sccc-la.org/steinyfund](http://sccc-la.org/steinyfund).**

# A Smashing Spring Bash!

Donors and volunteers celebrate SCCC's mission to change lives and strengthen communities.

On April 6, SCCC friends and family gathered at the lovely indoor/outdoor space of Tiato in Santa Monica to celebrate all that has come into bloom at the Center. Donors and volunteers joined together to raise more than \$135,000 in support of affordable community mental health services. Guests enjoyed a spectacular silent auction, great food, drinks and rousing speeches.

The SCCC community honored The Steel Family who, through the Albert & Bessie Warner Fund, support community-based organizations that assist those in need in the fields of mental health, women's rights and civil rights. Eliza Steel, a recent SCCC alum and mental health advocate, accepted the award on her family's behalf.

Kusema Thomas, a Community Counselor Course graduate and current counselor at SCCC-Watts, described how he came to SCCC and relayed just how valuable the services offered at SCCC-Watts are to the community.

Alum John Tsilimparis moved the crowd with a personal account of his time as a supervisee under Nancy Steiny.

A warm THANK YOU to all the volunteers who chipped in that evening to help make it a beautiful celebration—it was a night to remember.



[Above] Executive Director Gail Wilburn presents the Founders' Award to Eliza Steel in recognition of her family's generous support of programs at SCCC through the Albert & Bessie Warner Fund. [Left] Kusema Thomas, a counselor at SCCC-Watts described his journey to SCCC and the importance of SCCC's work in the Watts community.



[Above] SCCC Board Chair Margo Peck [right] with alum Molly White.

Our annual fundraising event offers alumni great opportunity to reconnect and support SCCC. [Left] Alum Caroline Salz and fiancé.



[Left] The evening's venue was a blaze with light and sparkling with conversation as attendees enjoyed cocktails, a silent auction and dinner.

[Right] Alum John Tsilimparis offered a heart-felt remembrance of supervisor Nancy Steiny who passed away earlier this year.

[Below, left] Board member Mason Funk with his partner Jay Edwards, an alum of SCCC.

[Below, middle] Board member Audrey Hanneman with guest Amanda Norton

[Below, right] Clinical Director Marisa Ice with her husband, Todd Iannucelli



[Left] Long-time Board member Lora Fremont chats with guest Jeff Jackson.

[Below, left] Yvonne Dinish-Noble talks with Dr. Reynaldo Strayhorn.

[Right] Trauma Training and Services Director Kim Cookson with husband, Tony

[Below center] Supervisor Janet Taylor with her daughter Mary Johansson

[Below, right] Eliza Steel talks with Colin Takahashi and Kusema Thomas



# 2018 By The Numbers **Annual Report**



Gail Wilburn  
Executive Director

Looking back on the past year, I want to begin by welcoming Marisa Ice as SCCC's Clinical Director. I am pleased to have her by my side to help navigate the Center's ongoing growth and change. It's particularly important as I look to complete my tenure here as executive director with retirement at the end 2019. What has been accomplished since early 2018 has been remarkable. The opening of our location in Watts and the growing numbers that it serves mean we have truly emerged and become part of the communities we serve. These efforts along with our work in Koreatown with the Karsh Center give our counselors greater opportunities to put their skills into action. The Center remains solid financially through all of this change. I can't express my appreciation enough for all the support we have received from donors and grantors, from our remarkable Board of Directors, and most importantly, our hard-working volunteer counselors and supervisors. Our founders would be proud.



SCCC served 5,785 clients in 2018.



Our volunteers deliver more than \$2.7 million of donated mental health services each year.



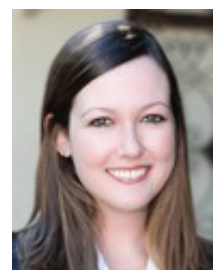
85 % of every dollar we raise supports direct services for clients in need.



97 % of clients we surveyed would recommend SCCC to friends or family.  
81 % of clients report being better able to handle stressful situations.  
91 % report being more aware of feelings, thoughts and actions.

**Service Locations : Mid-City • Watts • Koreatown • Public Schools • Online**

Having been at SCCC in various capacities since 2009, I couldn't be happier to be in my new role, helping to usher the Counseling Center into a future in which we are recommitted to our values and our mission of changing lives and strengthening communities while looking to ways we can grow our capacity to serve those in need. Innovation has always been a cornerstone of SCCC's training and services, and I am honored to have the opportunity to bring fresh ideas to the vital work we are doing every day. With our continued expansion of our trauma services in Watts, our increased use of SCCC's online therapy platform WeCounsel, and our partnership with the Karsh Family Social Services Center in Koreatown, we have proven that the Center's reach extends far beyond our place on Pico Blvd. With the community's support, I am looking forward to continuing on this path.



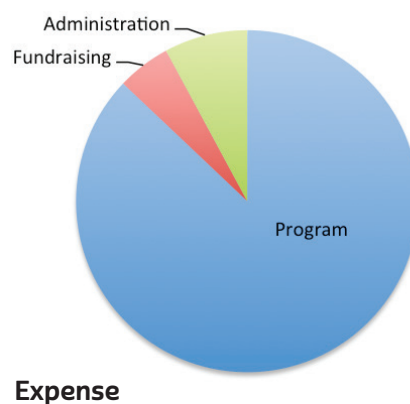
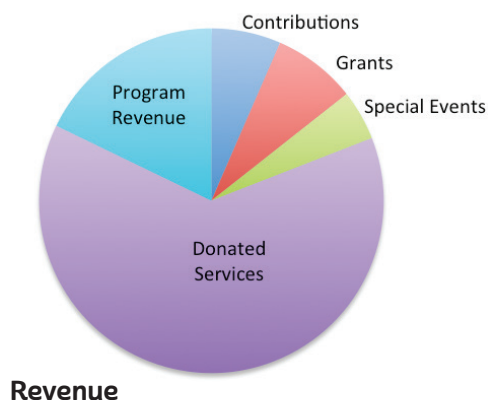
Marisa Ice  
Clinical Director

## Public Support and Revenue

Donated Services	\$ 2,766,675
Program Revenue	782,110
Contributions	286,556
Grants	343,814
Special Events	206,507
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,385,662</b>

## Expenditures

Program	\$4,002,500
Fundraising	232,057
Administration	361,468
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$4,596,025</b>



# Deepest Thanks to Our Dedicated Team of Volunteer Counselors and Supervisors!

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