



### This Year

4,237 Appointments  
388 New Clients  
515 Returning Clients

By Chris Derksen



### 2023 REFLECTIONS

Dear friends,

As the year draws to a close, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your incredible support of Pembina Counselling Centre throughout 2023. Your unwavering dedication and commitment have truly made a difference in the lives of countless individuals, and I am sincerely grateful for each and every one of you.

This year has been full of accomplishments, growth, and memorable moments. None of it would have been possible without your prayers, generous contributions, and dedication to our shared vision.

2023 began with our Annual Spring Fundraiser, celebrating PCC's 30th birthday as well as honouring Paul Penner for his 25 years of service to the Pembina Valley. This was followed with the Grand Opening of our new office space in Altona and finally, we continued to grow our team by hiring two more counsellors to meet the growing demand for counselling services.

I want to thank outgoing PCC board members who have faithfully served over the last number of years, and to the new members who have taken up the call to guide and steer our ministry in the years to come.

As we enter the Christmas season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. May this Christmas be a time of joy, love, and reflection, spent with loved ones and community.

**Luke 2: 8-11** "And there were shepherds living out in the field nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

The birth of Jesus is replete with wonder as we read of the shepherds initial terror, to be met with the comforting words of the Angel to not be afraid. Then followed up with the greatest birth announcement ever and punctuated by the Heavenly host saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and peace on Earth.

Let me encourage you this Christmas that though our world is in darkness as it was 2000 years ago, our Savior is coming back soon, and there is no reason to be afraid. Glory to God in the Highest!

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# Say Hello

## To Our Newest Team Members

### COUNSELLORS



**DIANA  
SUDERMAN**

M.A.

- Phone Counselling -

Diana started her work with PCC in 2004 as a receptionist and after graduating with her Masters in Counselling degree, has been working in the southern Manitoba area, where she especially enjoys working with women, international clients (being an immigrant to Canada herself) and working with parents of special needs children (drawing on her own experience of raising a child with autism). Her warm, friendly approach to counselling, allows her to establish a strong and trusting relationship with her clients.



**HARV  
JANZEN**

M.DIV, MMFT

Over the past 5 years, Harv has been working with individuals, couples and families offering his expertise through both pastoral and clinical counselling. With over twenty years of marriage and a teenage son, Harv understands the importance of family dynamics in shaping our lives. This personal experience, coupled with his professional training, allows him to connect with clients on a deep level and provide them with compassionate support.

### RECEPTION



**LAURA  
KLASSEN**

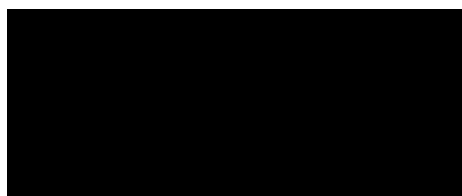
As a friendly and caring person, Laura brings skills from her many years of experience as an educational assistant to greet you when you enter our office. We are grateful she has joined our admin team.

With over 30 years of marriage and two married daughters, Laura and her husband have called the Pembina Valley home their whole life.

Laura considers herself to be a lifelong learner, she is compassionate, resourceful and loves to help others.

Her goal is to serve everyone that enters our office with care, kindness and respect.

**“We’re grateful to have  
you on our team!!!”**



# THANK YOU FOR HELPING BUILD COMMUNITY



## MORDEN THRIFT SHOP

Thank you to the Morden Thrift Shop for their \$5,000 grant to help keep the financial burden off those who would like counselling.



## CO-OP FUELLED GIVING

This Fall our Community Co-op (Winkler Gas Bar, Morden Gas Bar, Plum Coulee Gas Bar & Hwy 14 Truck Stop) gave 5¢ a litre and more to PCC. Volunteers from the Winkler Flyers joined our team at the gas bar on Sept 21st and over \$4,000 was raised.

## DECOR GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC



On August 10th the Decor Charity Classic golf tournament was held with over 200 golfers from across Canada & the US. Many enjoyed the day of golfing which raised over \$100,000 for four charities, including Pembina Counselling Centre.

Pictured here: Stan & Connie Pauls (owners of Decor Cabinets) stopped by for a tour and update on our ministry here with Paul Penner & Christine Elias

# PCC Spring Celebration

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Spring Celebration with Phil Callaway



April 18,  
2024

## ALTONA OFFICE GRAND OPENING



September 27th, 2023 was a time of celebration as we held our Grand Opening of our new location in Altona, located in the Altona Mall.

Thank you to all the dignitaries (pictured above) who participated in the event, as well as to all the financial stakeholders, vendors, and tradespeople who helped make this project a beautiful reality. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks be to God for His provision as we continue to expand the ministry throughout the Pembina Valley.

## 2023 Donations & Tax Receipts

We are truly humbled by your continued support and faithfulness to the ministry of Pembina Counselling Centre. As the ministry grows, so to do our financial obligations. We humbly ask that you would consider making a year end donation to PCC in order to prepare us financially for 2024.

If you would like to donate and receive a tax receipt for 2023, please mail cheques postmarked by Dec 31st, e-transfer to [reception@pccmb.ca](mailto:reception@pccmb.ca), visit our website, or contact our office.

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[reception@pccmb.ca](mailto:reception@pccmb.ca)



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Making An Appointment

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Locations

MORDEN: 205-30 Stephen St.  
WINKLER: 2B-915 Navigator Rd.  
ALTONA: 100-125 Centre Ave. E.