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Malta, Montana consultation trips resumed

March's Spring break saw Executive Director Michael Mangis, and trainees Chris McGrath and Julie Lee flying to Montana for further development of the "Malta Model" of rural consultation. This trip, our sixth, proved the busiest yet. "The community seems to have come to view us as a real resource," noted Mangis. For the first time, CRP team members were invited to provide outreach in the schools. They focused on prevention of sexual abuse with the

younger kids, and on pornography to health classes in the High School. At the invitation of Sheriff Tom Miller, our team provided law enforcement training on Understanding and Intervening with Child Molesters.

Over 100 youth from combined churches heard of the dangers of pornography, as did the Ministerial Association. Mangis even met with the school board to explore ways in which CRP might help them serve the kids of Phillips County.

Successful End of Year Fundraising

Our 2003 end-of-year mailing generated significant response from our supporters. Generous donors gave over \$6,000 toward the costs of training and supervising graduate students and toward consultation and training in underserved rural communities. As a result of your commitment to our mission, our Board has stepped out in

faith to hire a pre-doctoral intern next year. Support from the Center for Church Psychology Collaboration allowed us to resume development of our "Malta Model." We are actively seeking consultation relationships with communities in Illinois. These things are made possible through the gifts of our supporters. We can't thank you enough.

You Can Make a Difference

We have already raised 30% of the cost of our pre-doctoral intern. We need to find 170 people willing to donate \$58 to fund a day of intern training to fully cover the costs. Won't you consider being one of those people?

Several supporters offered help us apply for an NIH grant. More volunteers

are needed. People with business and accounting skills, grant writing and fundraising experience, legal training, events planning—you name it we can use it! Call Patti Mangis at 365-0899 to find out more about how you can help a small but growing organization provide *Big Hopes for Small Towns*.

YES, I Want to Help the Center for Rural Psychology Support Rural Communities!

Here is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of

- \$58 - one day of a predoctoral intern's salary
 \$25 \$75 \$100 \$150 Other \$ _____
 I would like to pledge \$ _____ per month.

Enclosed is my check payable to *Center for Rural Psychology*

I prefer to charge my:

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Big Hopes for Small Towns

Did you know?

- 35% of Montana is made up of counties with less than 7 people per square mile.

Makes you think...

"Many people are just waking to the reality that unlimited expansion, what we call progress, is not possible in this world, and maybe looking to monks (who seek to live within limitations) as well as rural Dakotans (whose limitations are forced upon them by isolation and a harsh climate) can teach us how to live more realistically. These unlikely people might also help us overcome the pathological fear of death and the inability to deal with sickness and old age that plague American society."

Kathleen Norris
Dakota: A Spiritual
Geography

We're a Non-Profit!

In March we were thrilled to receive our IRS letter granting the Center for Rural Psychology 501(c)3 status. CRP was founded in 2000 under the auspices of Elburn, Illinois non-profit Conley Outreach Community Services. We are grateful for our good start as part of COCS. The Conley family has a long history of serving Elburn, and we continue to be the beneficiaries of their good name.

But as our vision for CRP grew beyond the bounds of western Kane County (the primary focus of COCS) our two boards agreed it served the best interests of both agencies and their

constituencies to separate.

At our April meetings, the COCS and CRP Boards voted to complete the separation process.

As a fiscal project of COCS, CRP has accepted tax-deductible donations since its inception. As a 501(c)3 corporation, we continue to do so. CRP's newly independent status allows us easier access to government and foundation funding, and is one step toward organizational maturity.

We want to thank all those who have helped us to attain this milestone.

Two new pre-doctoral interns join CRP Fall 2004

The Center for Rural Psychology is pleased to announce the appointment of two full-time pre-doctoral interns for 2004-05. **Jamie Aten** grew up in the farming community of Oblong, Illinois. His graduate education at Indiana State University included training at several rural psychology sites. Jamie is also an experienced teacher, having taught classes at both ISU, Indiana Wesleyan University, and St. Mary of-the-Woods College. His wife, Kelly is a labor and delivery nurse, and their daughter Colleen is 10 months old.

Todd Burnett, M.Div, LCPC is completing his Psy.D. at Wheaton College. Todd's training at CRP is a result of an agreement between Delnor Hospital in Geneva, IL and CRP to jointly train a pre-doctoral rural psychology intern. Collaboration with primary care

physicians is the cutting edge of rural mental health practice, so we are excited to train our students in that model. Todd's primary interests include bioethics, neuropsychology, and spiritual development. Todd will be at CRP two nights each week, and will serve the rest of the week at Delnor, where he will be supervised by **Lisa Riemenschneider**, Psy.D., a neuropsychologist who joined Heartland Counseling early this spring. Todd and Julie Hagen, a former CRP intern now on staff at Centennial Counseling in rural Sandwich, Illinois are to be married on June 19th, 2004.

Over the past three years, CRP has played a part in training thirteen students at Heartland Counseling. We look forward to impacting the lives of these and other students next year.