

For over 15 years...

We have been using the Business Tithing program for over 15 years and we are thrilled with the way it has worked. It is truly a win-win-win proposition—the client wins, the church wins and we win. The client gets services that they may not otherwise be able to afford and they feel proud of the work they do to help other people. The church gets additional help in an area of need and people in the congregation and/or community are blessed. We are blessed because we always know that if counseling takes longer than expected we can always finish the work that we start. It gives us the comfort to know that money is no object for any and all of our clients.

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Help defray the cost
of therapy by donating
your time...

Business
Tithing
Program



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What is Business Tithing?

The Business Tithing Program is an effective way to defray the cost of therapy. Business tithing allows us to see people who otherwise could not afford our fee. In this program, you donate time at a church or church related charity. Anything that you and a pastor agree is one of your gifts and would be of help to other people can be used for Business Tithing. For 50 hours of volunteer work which is documented and signed by a pastor or church office can earn you a 25% discount on a typical course of treatment (100 hours earns a 50% discount, and 150 hours earns a 75% discount). We designate Mondays for Business Tithing client sessions.



Doing various charity and volunteer work can not only help you, but can benefit the community as well.

How Can I Donate My Time?

Clients have helped maintain the church, made improvements to the parsonage, written grants to start church programs, worked in soup kitchens, offered legal and tax services, etc. Any act that is in addition to what you normally do can be counted towards the Business Tithing Program. For example, if Sarah is already volunteering secretarial services at the church, those hours will not count. However, the hours that she adds by volunteering at the Women's shelter, a program that she has set aside for the Business Tithing Program, count towards her credit. The reason we do this is because the goal of the program is to encourage you to do more to help others. If we are giving our gifts to you we want you to give yours to others to create a positive ripple effect.

Who is this program available to?

The Business Tithing program is available to any client who is willing to donate their time to their church. Both church members, non-members, pastors and other clergy can volunteer to off-set the cost of therapy.

I am a pastor and already donate the majority of my time in the church. How can I participate in the Business Tithing Program?

We understand that it is nearly impossible to donate additional volunteer hours in this situation. Full-time clergy can earn Business Tithing hours by setting up volunteer programs at their church where we can send un-churched clients who want to do Business Tithing. If you make a program available for one client it earns a 25% discount off the typical cost of treatment, 2 clients earns 50%, and 3 clients 75%.

What if I have extra credit hours?

If you earn more hours than you use you can keep the credits for future use. If you do not want to use them yourself you can donate them to anyone of your choosing, or to the next client that comes into our practice that is in need.

How do I record my time?

We try to make the program as simple as possible. Each hour of service that is documented on church letterhead and signed by the pastor or church official counts as a credit that you can use to offset up to 75% of the cost of a typical course of treatment. Here's a sample time sheet:

Participants Name: <i>Sarah Smith</i>		
Date	Time (hrs)	Task
8/17/06	3	<i>Serving food at Soup Kitchen</i>
8/30/06	2	<i>Serving food at Soup Kitchen</i>
9/2/06	4	<i>Recalculating Church Budget</i>
9/15/06	2	<i>Decorating banquet hall</i>
Total	11hrs	
Signature: Pastor Michaelis		

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