It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of former New Beginnings Clinical Director, Beverly Schydlowsky. Beverly’s incredible service to the Santa Barbara community included serving as the Clinical Director at New Beginnings Counseling Center (then called Santa Barbara Counseling Center) for nine years. While at New Beginnings, Dr. Schydlowsky initiated the successful Senior Peer counseling program, which evolved to be the current Center for Successful Aging. Clinical Director, Barbara Sheffield, remembers, “She was a wise woman, and skilled clinician and teacher, who gave a lot to the community.”

Donations in Beverly’s honor are being accepted at The Santa Barbara Village, please call (805) 729-5038 or visit www.sbvillage.com.

New Beginnings Counseling Center proudly presents the Changing Lives Gala in celebration of Hon. Susan Rose & Allan Ghitterman Thursday, October 8th, 2015

New this year, the New Beginnings Counseling Center Accessory Pop-up Boutique sale created a fun and inviting way for community members to become involved with the center. Thanks to a generous donation of space by INVESTEC, Inc., New Beginnings hosted a retail event on April 25th at 626 State Street where new and “gently loved” accessories found new homes in the community. Both new and existing friends of the center donated hats, purses, jewelry, belts, wallets, sunglasses, and more; while center staff and volunteers dressed up as boutique “shop girls,” giving the event class and a unique vibe.

All proceeds from the event went to benefit the programs and services of New Beginnings, and the sale was such a success that New Beginnings is already planning its next boutique! The sale served not only to raise money for the center, but also to build awareness of the challenges of mental health and homelessness in the Santa Barbara community, and expand the number of friends in the community who know and care about the life-changing work of New Beginnings Counseling Center’s five programs.

Looking to clean your closet? New Beginnings will be looking to re-stock inventory for the next accessory boutique sale, so call or come by with your new and gently used accessories (such as purses, wallets, hats, jewelry, belts, scarves)! Please no clothing or shoes. All donations are tax deductible.

Questions? Contact (805) 963-7777 x112. development@sbnbcc.org.

Recently New Beginnings was honored to receive a grant by the Women’s Fund of Santa Barbara in support of NBC’s Safe Parking Program. The Women’s Fund endeavors to provide resources for programs who serve the critical needs of women, children, and families in Santa Barbara County.

Already the funds have begun to make an important impact in the lives of Safe Parking clients by funding the salary and benefits of one additional case manager and providing rental assistance for programs clients. In cooperation with numerous local faith-based organizations, government and non-profit agencies, and area businesses, the Safe Parking Program repurposes existing community resources and provides a safe place to park at night for individuals and families forced to live in their vehicles.

Front row (left to right) Fran Forman, Community Action Commission; Kristina Schwartz, New Beginnings Counseling Center; Kathleen Baushke, Transition House; Back row Debbie McQuade, Sarah House; Michelle Graham, Children’s Resource & Referrals; Liza Rodriguez, Conflict Solutions Center; Annmarie Cameron, Mental Wellness Center
CONGRATULATIONS to Tracie Gunderson, Case Manager, and Outreach Worker for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program at New Beginnings, for receiving the Military Order of the World Wars Silver Star – Patrick Henry Medalion! This award is one of the highest military honors a civilian can receive for outstanding contributions to patriotism.

Tracie works tirelessly to support veterans who have lost their housing or are at risk for becoming homeless, and this award could not be more deserved! I am thankful that I have been blessed with this opportunity to fill the gap that exists when a Veteran is discharged from active duty.

Whether they are still trying to transition to civilian life from serving in Vietnam or Afghanistan, I’ve been honored to help veterans in our country find a place to call home, obtain VA benefits, and offer advocacy on their behalf in the courtroom.”

**All names have been changed to protect privacy.**