

# Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center 2005 Highlights

**NCCBH President visits Center.....January 2005**  
*NCCBH President Linda Rosenberg visits the Center, its staff and programs.*

**Center advocates for Change.....January 2005**  
*The Center advocates for the passage of Act 888, SB 305, HB 2278, SB 696, and SB 890 and SB 982.*

**President/CEO Pete Kennemer receives National Honor.....February 2005**  
*Pete Kennemer was awarded the NCCBH "Lifetime Achievement" Award.*

**Website gets a New Look.....March 2005**  
*The Center unveils the newly updated website at [www.wacgc.org](http://www.wacgc.org).*

**Center participates in Child Abuse Prevention Month.....April 2005**  
*The Center helps to create awareness by distributing "blue ribbons" at the Annual Board Meeting.*

**Center celebrates 33 Years.....April 15, 2005**  
*The Center celebrates 33 years in the behavioral health care arena.*

**Sandra Crabtree named "Employee of the Year" .....April 15, 2005**

**Paula Riggs named "Practitioner of the Year" .....April 15, 2005**

**Gina Miesner named "County Clinic Employee of the Year" .....April 15, 2005**

**Suzan Sago named "Case Manager of the Year" .....April 15, 2005**

**Center Board of Directors receives "Good Samaritan" Award.....April 15, 2005**  
*Center BOD receives the Good Samaritan Award at the Annual Meeting. The BOD was honored by receiving custom Director chairs.*

**Arkansas General Assembly passes several Patient Friendly Acts.....May 2005**  
*Passed: Act 888 naming facilities like Horizon as residential psychiatric facilities, Act 1758-Medical Fairness Act, and Acts 1907, 1523, 1624 promising General Improvement Fund monies to establish a residential Crisis Resolution Center.*

