



### A WORD FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Lisa Heuvig



Today, as I am writing this report the fall weather is in the air and I am reminded time and time again why this ministry centre is here. I just got off the phone with a man who was intoxicated. As I was deciphering what he was telling me he said "I have tried everything to stop drinking" and my heart broke for him. Finally, I asked him if I could pray for him over the phone. He responded "I ain't a religious sort" and I said, "It's not about being a religious sort, our God who made you, loves you no matter what you do, and God's hope is so real and besides sometimes we all need help!" So, I prayed and he cried and he is planning to see our addiction counsellor next week. This is the kind of ministry that happens here. We never know who will walk through our doors, or who will call us looking for help, however, at the end of the day:

"Each lifetime is the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

For some there are more pieces.

For others the puzzle is more difficult to assemble.

Some seem to be born with a nearly completed puzzle.

But know this. No one has within themselves; all the pieces to their puzzle.

Everyone carries with them at least one and probably many pieces to someone else's puzzle.

Sometimes they know it, sometimes they don't.

And when you present your piece to another, whether you know it our not, Whether they know it or not, you are a messenger from the Most High."

Written by Lawrence Kushner.

Sometimes we all need help and we simply couldn't be here without your financial and prayerful support. Thank you for believing in the work being done – we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this broken world.

### CLIENT TESTIMONIAL...

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*For me, the Grimsby Life Centre has been just that...a LIFE centre. It offered me hope when I had none for myself. It offered me peace when I had none for myself. It offered me life when I was close to having none of that for myself.*

*I relish my Wednesday morning meetings with my counsellor. We have frank discussions on a variety of topics. He treats me with the utmost respect and I reciprocate, even though we do have differing opinions. There have been many sessions when my tears have flowed, out of sadness, but also out of joy. I am beginning to find and examine my true authentic self and my counsellor is genuinely excited to be on the journey with me. He has offered counsel, friendship and support. He has also offered up challenges which I greatly appreciate. I am so happy that I had the strength and intestinal fortitude to walk through the front door of the Grimsby Life Centre that Tuesday morning so many months ago. I am so fortunate that my counsellor had time the very next morning to see me and begin the adventure of finding me - Matthew.*  
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## ~You are Invited~ Come to the Banquet!

**Where:** Smithville Christian High School

**When:** Friday, October 28, 2011

**Time:** Silent auction begins at 6:00.

**Entertainment:** Special Music

**Cost:** Free Will Donation

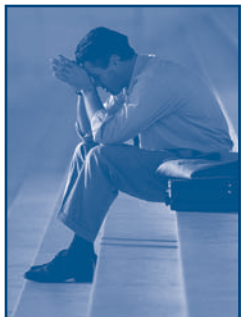
Our Annual Fall Benefit Banquet is sneaking up on us and we are so excited about this! Please consider joining in the festivities! It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate community.

Needs: Silent Auction Items, Table Sponsors, and Volunteers to set up the tables and decorate the gym!

The fundraising banquet is a great opportunity to bring some friends and family who are unfamiliar with the Life Centre.

Guests will get a sense of who we are and what we do for our local communities from the presentations and testimonials. Please plan to attend!

Call the office to R.S.V.P. at 905-309-0944.



## Your donations change lives.

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS – Harriette Rynberk, Chairperson

As a board we reflect on the past few months and we become acutely aware of God's goodness and grace in abundance at the Centre.

We are thankful for this ministry that helps hurting people within our community. Our little ministry has expanded into Smithville in order to better serve the people of West Lincoln. We also began a new endeavour "Simply Helping" and launched it this summer – a countless number of people in the community have been blessed by it. The dedication and compassion shown by the entire staff is always evident and we thank God for each one of them. We are also thankful for the funds received from the Life Change Campaign (baby bottles) and for surprise donations that help us fund the Centre. Above all, your prayers make a difference. God is truly blessing us and this community through you!

It is with anticipation that we are preparing for the banquet in October. Please pray with us that the funds raised will be sufficient for the operation of the Centre for the next 6 months. Extra funds will be needed this fall to replace the furnace. Also, more staff would help to alleviate our waiting list and funds are needed for that dream to become a reality.

God is so good. We remain confident that He who began a good work at the Grimsby Life Centre will carry it on to completion according to His great plan.

## the life change campaign

**Baby Bottle Blessings** – Thank you for participating in the Life Change Campaign!

Often times we are asked 'why don't you do another fundraising campaign instead of the baby bottles, because it is getting boring.' Yet, the Life Change Campaign is one of our most successful fundraising endeavours and raises over \$30,000 to help people in need. This year alone we have been blessed with eighty new donors!

This baby bottle campaign may be an old tool, but for us it's a piece of the puzzle that fits. It continues to be such a steadfast method of running this ministry. Thank you for participating again this year, it means the world to us.

### Simply Helping – Kaitlin Kendall

*"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones"*  
Proverbs 16:24

In Spring 2011, we launched the idea of a "walking billboard" marketing program for businesses and churches. This program is entitled "Simply Helping" and it is about people helping people. A summer student wears a bright green T-Shirt with the sponsor's name printed boldly on the back, and walks around town helping people by doing random acts of kindness. This year, I was hired to be the walking billboard for businesses and churches while promoting the work being done at the Grimsby Life Centre.

Pictured to the right are three simply helping volunteers who assisted at the festival of the forty in August.

Over the summer, I have experienced positive responses from the individuals I came in contact with. Sometimes we

underestimated the impact that a smile and a kind and encouraging word makes. I also handed out freezies to children, held doors open, walked the elderly across the street, helped vendors set up at the Market and handed out free flowers along the way! I am so appreciative of the support we have received from local businesses. A huge thank you to **Royal Valley Developments**, **P. Tomlinson Insurance Broker**, **Gardiner Family Chiropractic Centre**, **Pics Plus**, and **Mountainview Christian Reformed Church** for catching the vision of this project and making it a success! Thank you also to **Van Geest Brothers Ltd.** for donating flowers!

*It has been an amazing summer putting smiles on people's faces by simply helping!*

## News Notes and Needs

### Are you someone who might be interested in helping the ministry centre?

♥ **Our furnaces in the basement are on their last legs!** We need two new furnaces to keep the centre warm again this winter. If you know of anyone who has furnaces available at a real good deal we would be honoured if you would pass on their name.

♥ **Enjoy cleaning?** It would be awesome if we could find a volunteer who would like to clean the Centre.

♥ **Prayer ministry** Come and join us on the first and fourth Thursday of every month to pray. We meet at 9 a.m. and spend an hour in prayer, offering adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication to God for all the great things He does!

♥ **Are you creative?** - We are in need of individuals willing to help decorate the gym for our evening fundraiser banquet again this year.

♥ **Sweet Grillin' at the Lumber Yard** - For the second year in a row, the Grimsby Life Centre was offered the opportunity to serve food at the Turkstra Lumber yard in Stoney Creek. We offered all of the food for free, and accepted free-will donations. This year, we gratefully made over \$2,700! *We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to our friends at Turkstra Lumber, all the staff, volunteers and customers who supported us every Friday this summer!*



Simply Helping volunteers assisting at the festival of the forty

### YES, I want to make a donation to the Grimsby Life Centre to celebrate the season

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cheque (Payable to Grimsby Life Centre)

VISA  Mastercard (Please indicate)  One time Gift  Monthly Gift

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Or, you may wish to donate by visiting [www.grimsbylife.org/donate](http://www.grimsbylife.org/donate) or [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).

Official receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for donations over \$10.

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*Offering help and hope  
with compassionate  
concern for all.*