



## Summer~Fall 2014 Newsletter

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Lisa Heuvig

The other day, a man came into the Ministry Centre who was quite distraught because his 21 year old son had been killed in a horrific vehicle accident two years ago. This father is struggling each and every day over the loss of his child, the hurt is so deep. When he came in to see our grief counsellor, he unloaded a snippet of his pain. In the afternoon, we received a voice mail message from this gentleman that simply said "Thank you for helping me and praying for me, I feel something lifted." While he was in the waiting room, he questioned "How is it possible to have a ministry centre offering free support?" Truthfully, sometimes I wonder the same thing!

#### How is it possible to operate such a centre? It is only possible because of:

- [1] A ton of prayer
- [2] Very generous donors
- [3] Very willing volunteers
- [4] Very capable and dependable staff
- [5] Very wise Board of Directors
- [6] Very frugal Executive Director.

It is by the grace of God, through you ~ our donors ~ that we can continue to be a beacon of light as we walk alongside individuals and families who have, or are experiencing pain in their lives. Thank you so much for your prayers and your continued financial support it means the world to us and others.

### CLIENT FEEDBACK

*We asked some of our younger clients why they come to Grimsby Life Centre:*

*"I just like it. It's fun. I like it because my counselor is really nice and has helped me with my worry dragons. She gave me ideas on stuff I could do to help me get through the week at Camp. Sometimes they have cookies and treats too." This came from a nine year old boy.*

*A 13 year old shared with his mom that he likes that it is a Christian centre. He has had counseling in the past and really appreciates that his counselor can understand him from a Christian point of view, and can give him Godly advice and observations.*

#### A Mother's perspective:

*As a mom I love the welcoming, caring atmosphere. I have seen my boys grow and mature. I have seen their anxiety, depression, and anger management improve among many other things. They are always excited to go and don't ever want to be late and miss out on time with their counselor. As someone who suffers from depression and anxiety and sometimes does well to just make it through the day, it is wonderful to have the support of caring Christians who believe my family matters. It truly does "take a village to raise a child" and GLC is a wonderful part of our "village". Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

### YOU ARE INVITED - COME TO THE BANQUET!



### 2014 Annual Fall Benefit Banquet

**Date:** Friday, October 17, 2013 **Time:** 6 pm

**Location:** Winona Vine Estates

269 Glover Road, Winona

**Cost:** Voluntary contribution

Come and learn what is at the heart of Grimsby Life Centre Ministries. Plan to attend this year's banquet. This is our main fundraising event of the year! Enjoy a memorable evening of fellowship and fun, inspiring entertainment, fantastic food, and a silent auction.

This is a fundraising event. Donations will be collected during the evening in support of the Grimsby Life Centre.

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY BY CALLING 905.309.0944**

### OCTOBER 2014

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Harriett Rynberk

I was recently touched by this quote from **Lessons Learned in Life**: "Be gentle. Fill yourself up with love instead of hate. Fill yourself up with art, books, knowledge, experiences. Surround yourself with people who have nothing but love to give. These things are important. They will help you learn to love."

The perfect Love of God is the very essence of this ministry, the foundation on which it was built. You and I are each blessed to be a part of it because of Love. The love expressed to everyone we meet, is an expression of our love for our God of Love and those He created. Love expressed through kind words, acts of kindness, a smile, a hug, wise counsel, volunteer time are all because of the Love the Father has lavished on us. And this kind of Love hasn't stopped because of vacation time. It just keeps being offered at 18 Elm Street. How blessed we are to have been chosen to pass on to others the Love of our God.

Thank you for being part of this ministry. Together we accomplish much.



Summer Student  
Kristina Zorn

### What did our 2014 summer student think of her experience working at the ministry...

I have had the wonderful opportunity to work at the Grimsby Life Centre in the last four months as their summer student. I have enjoyed every moment of it as I was able to learn a lot to apply to my studies and to my personal life. As a Psychology and Business student at the University of Waterloo, the Centre has provided numerous opportunities for me to grow in my knowledge for counseling, administration, and caring for people in the community. Most importantly, I was able to make long lasting relationships with the amazing people involved here at the Centre and they have influenced me in many ways. I have seen the love of Jesus shine through the people I have interacted with over my time spent here. I have been truly blessed to be a part of such a God-loving team here!



### YES, I want to support the ministries of the Grimsby Life Centre financially!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

VISA  Mastercard (Please indicate)  One time Gift  Monthly Gift

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

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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 \$25.

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## News, Notes, and Needs

We wish to thank Dick Vermeer for the renovation work on our apartment bathroom upstairs! No more leaking, no more purple bathtub and no more pink toilet!! This bathroom was done with such cost efficiencies, that we are just amazed! Thank you again Dick!

Thank you for all our volunteers who effortlessly keep the ministry growing by all their hours of willingness to help. Whether cleaning the yard, cutting the grass, counting baby bottles, volunteer receptionists, trimming bushes, BBQ at Turkstra lumber or painting. We could not be here without your support.

We wish to thank the Niagara Region for their help in the removal of the tree alongside Mountain road and for planting new shrubs. It looks great.

We are always looking for bottled water or coffee and office supplies. Thank you for your consideration.

The 2014 annual Fall Banquet is 2 weeks earlier this year. It takes place on Friday, October 17th. We hope and pray that you will be attending this very important event.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the set up, take down and silent auction for the banquet. If you are interested, please call the office.

## Fun Facts!

Our youngest client is 6 years old

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Our oldest client is 93 years young

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Currently we help over  
230 clients per month!

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Sometimes we all need help!

### Life Change Campaign Final Figures

35 Churches participated

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709 bottles returned with  
donations tucked inside

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808 bottles returned empty

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Average financial amount  
per bottle \$41.58

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2014 Baby Bottle Campaign  
was another success!

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Thank you so much to those who participated and we will see you again next spring!

Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!