

## Spring 2018 Newsletter

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



A few weeks ago, I attended a funeral service for a 95 year old mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She lived a long and fruitful life; she was married for 50 years, blessed with 8 children, 30 grand children, along with 78 great-grandchildren! During the service we sang the hymn "There is a Redeemer". The chorus words resonated throughout the sanctuary "Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving

Your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done." At the close of her Celebration of Life service, the processional of 116 family members filed out. It was a reminder to me that each one of us is born into a family nest, whether large or small, and we have our own unique life stories, just like every individual from this grieving family. The reality of it is... one day we all will be leaving this world "when our work on earth is done." Life is about being thankful for, and in harmony with God's Spirit living within us as we experience the everyday adventure of life. At the Grimsby Life Centre it truly is an honour to participate with God's Holy Spirit as together we help those who are going through a difficult situation in their lives. We are grateful to you, our prayer and financial supporters for your contributions towards this Spirit filled ministry! **Thank you.**

### WHAT CLIENTS SAY

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"Thank you for all you do. I truly don't know where I'd be without the care you and Grimsby Life have provided over the years."

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"How has the Grimsby Life Centre helped me? My husband and I were going through a really difficult patch. We got to the point that we could no longer communicate; we were a ticking time bomb. We were desperate. We were scared. We knew the love was still there but we just couldn't make it work. In a larger scope, it was hurting our children.

Through the amazing counseling we received we have been able to learn skills that have helped us not only communicate better but also be better partners and caregivers. I have learned to accept that God loves me just the way I am I. Thank you Grimsby Life Centre. The truth is I could never repay you for the amazing help you have given."

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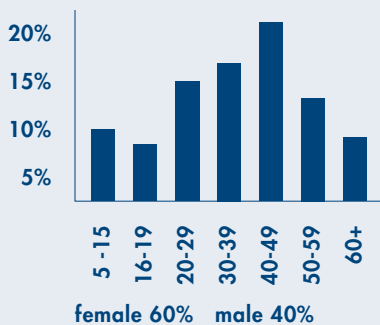
"I will always be grateful to the Grimsby Life Centre. It's very setting feels like a home: warm, comfortable, and friendly. Staff are always kind and welcoming.

These are very important qualities for people who seek help and solace in times of vulnerability. The staff has trained skills, natural compassion and desire to serve and help people, showing God's love.

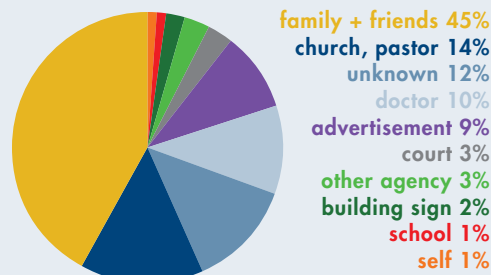
The service provided by those who support the Grimsby Life Centre is what the community needs. We are blessed to have this centre, it is so greatly appreciated."

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#### AGE OF CLIENTS



#### HOW OUR CLIENTS FIND US



### the life change campaign

Mother's Day  
May 13

to

Father's Day  
June 17

### COMING TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU! Please plan to participate.

Grimsby Life Centre's annual baby bottle campaign is a fundraiser that helps to keep this ministry thriving. Grimsby Life Centre is a non-profit ministry that receives no government funding. We offer help and hope free of charge to those in need only because of your prayers and your financial support.



Offering help and hope - sometimes we all need help

**FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN - John Kendall**



In my 40 year career as a land developer, builder and landlord, I have enjoyed certain aspects of my work more than others. What I love the most and what gives me the greatest joy is watching a skilled tradesman perform their job. From bricklayers to framers, machine operator to roofers, trim carpenters, to tile and carpet installers. I love to see a craftsman execute his or her God given skill. This might in part be because I pick up coffee and donuts for them; so maybe my greatest tool of the trade is my Tim Horton's card! During my 7 plus years on the Board, I have enjoyed the privilege of seeing and hearing about the great work of our skilled craftsman at the Grimsby Life Centre --

the counsellors, volunteers, office staff and executive director. They all perform with not only great skill but most importantly an abundance of God's love for everyone who walks through the doors of this ministry centre. It is a blessing to be on the board. Thank you all for everything you do!

**COUNSELLOR CORNER - Ken Barr**



We are living in an age where high speed internet, twitter, texts, fast food, drive through banks and ATM's have become the norms in our society. If we must wait in line at the grocery store or line up and wait to get the cheapest gas we can become annoyed and perhaps even a little angry. We have been conditioned to look for, grasp for, and demand the fastest 'way through, and around' to make certain we get the quickest response, so we can get on with the rest of our crazy busy day.

I believe because we live in a fast-paced world we find ourselves often looking for the quick fix in our lives. When it

comes to pain and trauma caused by abuse whether we have abused our selves or have been abused at the hand of others there is no fast way through or around the pain. We at Grimsby Life Centre have our hands full. There is a resolution for the malady affecting our clients... JESUS. He said; "In this world you will have trouble..." The operative word is WILL, not may or if...we will have trouble but He doesn't stop there!! He continues to offer hope in His next words; "but take heart ( don't worry, don't fear) I have overcome the world".



**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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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. Please do not send cash through the mail. Charitable Organization # BN 80678 8824 RR0001

**News, Notes, and Needs**

♥ We are so thankful to the "Billy Bob Men's Charity" for choosing us as their charity of choice at their recent Curling bonspiel in March. They raised \$1500 at this event for our centre and we are very grateful.

♥ Thank you to Canadian Tire Grimsby and Konkle Plumbing for donating the mystery gifts at Christmas time! The families who received the gift packages were thrilled and blessed.

♥ Thank you to all who donated water, coffee, tea, cookies, and other necessary office and bathroom items. We are grateful for your help keeping us stock piled! It would be a problem if we ran out of toilet paper!

♥ Thank you to the individuals who have done the spring clean up around the centre, it is always refreshing to know that people have their eyes on us and are so willing to share their time and talents.

♥ We are looking for office/receptionist volunteers to help greet our guests. If you are someone who enjoys welcoming people and you don't mind spending some time behind a desk please give us a call 905.309.0944.

♥ At times our clients need some extra help because they might be out of gas or have no means to buy groceries. If you have any gift cards that you could spare, we would love to pass your blessing on to those in need.

**2018 Fall Banquet**  
**The Grand Olympia**  
Stoney Creek



**changing spaces**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

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**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

**Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!**