

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Lisa Heuving



Different industries... different thoughts...

Last week, when my oldest son Curtis came home for dinner, I had asked him how his day was. He was working in the truck dispatch office for Westbrook Floral and said "Mom, I dealt with someone who broke down." Without missing a beat I said "Yes, I know what it is like when someone has broken down crying." Curtis looked at me with confusion in his eyes and burst out laughing – he meant that a truck broke down at the side of the road, and I, being in the 'feeling' industry had thought someone had broken down in tears because of a struggle they are going through! I guess the definition for 'broke down' has an added meaning for me. At the end of the day we can all rest assured that God has a plan and purpose for our

lives whether we find ourselves stranded at the side of the highway, or whether we are dealing with a situation within our families that is heart wrenching. At the Life Centre we have an opportunity to bear the image of Christ, to listen to life stories, to help people who are struggling with an addiction or take a glimpse into those moments when all of us simply break down because of the pain in life. Yes, I have the honour of working with six staff as well as a board of directors that understand the purpose of the ministry – being there, helping people. Every day something new, different or exciting happens at this centre. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and financial contributions!

CLIENT FEEDBACK...

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This past year I found myself in a situation where I really needed someone to talk to, someone other than family or friends. I needed someone who didn't know me or would not judge me and could be objective. I really didn't know where to turn so I went to my family doctor for help. He gave me a few phone numbers to call so I tried all three. The one that responded was the Grimsby Life Centre. I was so thankful to hear of a place that was so open and inviting and so willing to help a stranger like me.

I was nervous going at first; not sure what to expect or how much I would say to a person I didn't know. After one hour with one of their counselors, I couldn't believe what a difference it made in my situation and my life. I walked in scared and discouraged and I walked out feeling more clear and hopeful. I didn't feel at all judged about my belief system or where I came from. My counselor was so down-to-earth and such a great listener. She also gave me the help that I needed so that I could make decisions that I was struggling with. It was great we had such a quick connection and I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to meet with her a few times.

I have been a Grimsby resident for 10 years now and I had no idea of the services the Grimsby Life Centre had to offer. To have something like this for our community is amazing and I am so grateful that they picked up the phone to call me back. As a mother of small children, I can see what a difference having this organization can make for the future. So many teens, young adults, adults and seniors walk around carrying burdens that they don't know what to do with. The more people that reach out for help, the happier your life may be.

Again, I am so thankful for the Grimsby Life Centre and all that they are doing to help the community. I completely support and believe in what they are doing, not just from an outside perspective but from someone who has felt the difference in my own life.

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2012 Annual Fall Benefit Banquet

When: Friday, October 26, 2012
Where: Smithville District Christian High School
Doors Open: 6 p.m. for Punch and Silent Auction viewing **Dinner:** 6:30 p.m.

☒ **Mark your calendar** – Please come and join us as we commemorate this annual event. It is an honour for us each year to share with you how your donation dollars make a difference!

*Good food - fellowship and celebration
 bringing honour and praise to God for all His Goodness!*



Wednesdays at West Lincoln - Angela Attema

We praise God for the activity happening in the Life Centre's Smithville satellite location at 6518 Smithville Road. Presently, two counselors are available every Wednesday, and clients of all ages and varying situations are being welcomed to receive help and care. The community is becoming more aware of its

presence too, with six new churches participating in the Life Change Campaign! Your participation has been greatly appreciated! **To God be all the Glory!**



BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS – Harriette Rynberk, Chairperson

While many of us took time for rest and relaxation over the summer months, lots of wonderful things were happening at GLCM. We are so very grateful for a dedicated director and staff who kept the doors open all summer to meet the needs of our community. We thank God for the way He works through our counselors, for their dedication, and for their sensitivity to the needs of others.

As well we are thankful for the many hands at work giving of their time and talents in the renovations inside the Centre, creating two more offices. New paint, new carpets, some tearing down, some building up, a face-lift in general – it all looks wonderful!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to each and every volunteer who helped to make this happen.

We are also grateful for the donations of time and materials on the exterior of the building. Without generous help to keep these changes cost-effective, the much needed renovations would not have been possible. Before winter we trust that other needed changes will have been taken care of.

As a Board of Directors, we say a great big “Thank you” to all who support this ministry in one way or another. Without you, this ministry could not be possible. Our God has shown once again, that He is able to accomplish far more than we can ever ask or imagine. **To Him alone be glory and praise!**

Pray in the comfort of your own home!

Introducing our new Prayer Care Ministry – we all need prayer!

If you are interested please feel free in joining our prayer team, praying for the ministry.

How does this work? Log onto the website www.grimsbylife.org, select the prayer care tab and pray for the requests! If you have a request please feel free to post your request.

If you have any questions or would like to know more details, please give the ministry centre a call.

Toskan Foundation and the Grimsby Secondary High School

On May 8, 2012, in front of their whole school, including all their friends, this group of Grade 10 young women presented a local non-profit charity for a chance to win a grant for that charity. They chose the Grimsby Life Centre... and won! We have been honoured to receive a grant of \$5,000.00 from the Toskan Foundation entitled "Youth Philanthropy Initiative".

We wholeheartedly wish to thank this team for their gumption, ambition and drive!



Pictured from right to left – Julia Thompson, Megan Van Weelden, Ashley Roberts, Rhylia Weir, Abigail Epifano

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: _____

Card# _____

Exp. Date ____ / ____

Signature _____

Or, you may wish to donate by visiting www.grimsbylife.org/donate or CanadaHelps.org. Official receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for donations over \$25. Do not send cash through the mail. Charitable Organization # BN 80678 8824 RR0001



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Fun Facts and Notes:

Our roof was replaced by Hendricks Roofing! They used 75 sheets of 4" x 8" plywood along with a ton of shingles. The roof looks amazing; Hendricks even weeded our eaves troughs! We have a new appreciation for the hard work it takes to climb three stories up and down a ladder with all the material required! **Our hat goes off to Hendricks, a job very well done. Thank you!**

This summer we have been blessed with a summer placement student from Wilfred Laurier University. Kaitlin is working towards receiving her Masters Degree in Social Work. **Thank you so much Kaitlin for all you have done this summer!**

We have been busy renovating the inside of the ministry centre to add some additional office space for counseling. If you are ever in the area and would like to marvel at our new walls, please do drop in. **We would like to thank Dick Vermeer (aka Uncle Dick), for putting in over 150 hours to make this dream become a reality.**

A thank you to Klaas Wieringa and Peter Tilstra along with Kaitlin Kendall who have been busy at the BBQ on Friday's for Turkstra Lumber in Stoney Creek. They have raised over \$2500 while working at the heat of the grill! We also thank Turkstra Lumber in Smithville for hosting two Friday Fundraising Lunch BBQ's, and for our volunteers who did the grilling.

Life Change Campaign results are in! It has been another stunning year as the baby bottles have come back! With more than twenty-five local area churches participating, and hundreds and hundreds of people contributing, we had the honour of receiving over \$37,000 in cheques, coin and change. Without this support we simply could not do what we do – walk alongside people who need some help. **We are so grateful and appreciative that you have made this annual fundraising event possible once again! Thank you so much, from all of us at the Grimsby Life Centre.**

We have run out of paper towels and bottled water. Also, if you ever happen to have extra coffee lying around and if you are willing, we could use it as we give all our guests and clients a cup of coffee, tea or water.

A few weeks ago a lovely women came into our office and she and her husband had been planning to celebrate 35 years of marriage. In lieu of gifts they had asked their guests if they would consider making a donation toward the Grimsby Life Centre. It was such an honour that this couple had chosen our Centre to be the recipients of their guest's financial kindness. **Thank you so much.**

Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!