

Winter 2013 Newsletter

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A WORD FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Lisa Heuving



A few weeks ago I went out for breakfast with my oldest sister; this doesn't happen often as she lives out of town. We started sharing our respective points of view on life, the hard stuff, the funny stuff, and the stuff that most people would want to run from and hide for cover instead of verbalizing how they truly feel. My oldest sister and I have this sort of relationship where we appreciate one another even though we rarely connect, but when we do – watch out world! I respect her insight of being the oldest in my large family and as we talked she blurted out "In the concert of life, no one gets a program." I responded "Wow, Anne that is profound". She looked at me, rather shocked and said "Lisa, where have you been

all these years? This is a very common Dutch saying that is written on delft blue wall hangings."

The irony of this phrase is that each one of us has our own *orchestra* in this concert of life – people who string us along, people who are like trumpets with their encouraging words, people who blow their own horn, people who influence us and help us grow, people who have hurt us along the way as well as people who bring us great joy! God has designed each one of us in our own unique way and there is no program required when we put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ the conductor! This is the reason for the Christmas season – celebrating the birth of our Saviour and the Saviour of the world who has invited us to join in His symphony of joy and light. Thank you so much for being a part of the music that gives Grimsby Life Centre and the West Lincoln Life Centre meaning and purpose. Thank you also for your financial support and for your prayers as we all help people participant in the concert of life. God bless you as you enjoy your holiday season with your friends and family.

CLIENT REFLECTIONS

As a health care practitioner working in the community, I have had the opportunity to refer many patients to the Grimsby Life Centre for various counseling services. Many times the physical being cannot heal until the emotional and spiritual being is in balance and that is what the Grimsby Life Centre is all about. My professional experience with the Grimsby Life Centre has been very positive from short waiting times to the compassionate care and support my patients have received. **"To ask for help is strength not a weakness."** The Grimsby Life Centre ministry is a wonderful gem, offering help, hope and guidance to those in need of help. As a mother, I have called on the centre to assist my two young sons with some anxieties they have developed. Grimsby Life Centre is a safe, warm and friendly place to be. When I asked my boys to describe their experience, they used the following words; "encouraging, positive, helpful and fun!" Thank you, we are blessed that this ministry is here in the community!

Dr. A. Gardiner, Family Chiropractic

2013 Annual Fall Benefit Banquet

WHERE YOU THERE - WHEN WE FED THE 500?

A huge thank you! On Friday evening, October 25th we hosted our annual fall benefit banquet with the theme **"Changing Pain into Hope"**. It was a wonderful event with our guests, celebrating the ministry and listening to the testimony of individuals whom we have helped. As a ministry centre we are thankful for the businesses and individuals who sponsored tables and donated silent auction items along with the volunteers who spent countless hours organizing the evening. It's incredible; the overwhelming out pouring of support has raised over \$50,000! We are so grateful that we can continue to offer help and hope to individuals who are dealing with difficult circumstances in their lives.



Offering Help and Hope

BOARD INSIGHT - Harriett Rynberk

The Psalmist assures us that all of our days were ordained for us before even one of them came to be. At GLCM, we can rest comfortably knowing that God is at work around us. He invites us daily to get involved with Him in the work He has already started. Through our faithful volunteers, our committed staff, a dedicated and gifted Executive Director, and a discerning Board of Directors, God is accomplishing His work in Grimsby, Smithville and the surrounding community. Together, led by His Spirit, much has been accomplished in 2013. Lives are being transformed, healing is happening, and together we are giving all praise and thanksgiving to God. ***God has written our program; We are enjoying the Concert of Life! To God Be All Glory!***



Kaitlin Kendall
B.A., M.S.W., R.S.W.

News from West Lincoln Life Centre Ministries

We are thrilled to announce that Kaitlin Kendall has joined our team at the West Lincoln Site in Smithville. Kaitlin has recently graduated from Laurier University with her Masters in Social Work. We are so grateful that Kaitlin is very familiar with the ministry as she did her placement here for two summers. It is because of the financial support that we received at the banquet from the Smithville community that she will be available at the West Lincoln site on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please continue to uphold our counselors Susan and Kaitlin in prayer as we anticipate the great potential for God to work through them in marvelous ways. **Welcome back Kaitlin!**



Dan Schutten

Thoughts from our Summer Intern Student Volunteer

This past summer has been a tremendous blessing: an opportunity to grow in faith and in service of God's kingdom. I learned a lot about the power of prayer. Prayer can be more than sitting down, closing your eyes, and folding your hands before a meal or bedtime. Anyone can spend time talking with God in their thoughts or even out loud at any point in the day. This form of prayer can be easily incorporated into any activity during the day and brings one closer to God. This brings joy and peace into our lives. God hears our prayers and works in wondrous ways. I was able to witness that this past summer at the Life Centre thanks to the prayer of hundreds, if not thousands of supporters in our community. Keep praying that the Life Centre will bring joy and peace to the lives of our clients.



YES, I want to make a year end gift to the Grimsby Life Centre!

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Donation \$ _____ ☐ Cheque (Payable to Grimsby Life Centre)
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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. Please do not send cash through the mail. Charitable Organization # BN 80678 8824 RR0001

News, Notes, and Needs

♥ Thank you for the generous anonymous donations that have been coming through to the centre via Canada Helps.

♥ Thank you for the donations of knitted hats, pillows, blankets, and prayer shawls that we have been giving out to our clients.

♥ Thank you to Rhonda for cleaning up our yard this fall. It is such a blessing to have the leaves raked up!

♥ Sometimes we are asked how we can bless our clients this Christmas. If you are interested, we do hand out grocery cards, gas cards and other gift cards to our clients who would benefit from an extra blessing at Christmas time.

♥ We are so thankful for the generous donation of a business who gave us enough money to upgrade our furnace and air conditioning. Thank you to Marty's Heating and Air for installing the units and giving us fresh air!

♥ Thank you to the Gideon's who dropped off large print bibles, Spanish and English bibles as well as the New Life App for our clients to use.

♥ Coles Florist in Grimsby is hosting their annual "Christmas Trees for Charity". If you're looking for a real tree this Christmas, Coles has the best in the lot!

♥ Thank you to the Grimsby Curling Club for hosting a bonspiel and choosing us as their charity of choice.

♥ Thank you to the womens group at The Church of Christ in Grimsby for blessing our clients with three beautiful quilts.

**Thank you
to everyone who has
joined together in
supporting this ministry.
You are a gift.**

**Merry Christmas
and Blessings to you
in the New Year!**

**'For God so loved the world He
gave His one and only son,
that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish but have eternal life.'**

John 3:16

Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!