



Spring 2014 Newsletter

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS DESK...



After a lovely dinner and evening in January with my son and his girlfriend, we were saying our good-byes when we heard a "swoosh" sound coming from the kitchen. We turned our heads and looked around only to find water gushing from under the sink! Within seconds the water was pushing the cupboard door open and rapidly spilling on the kitchen floor. A pipe had burst. My son asked "Mom, where is your main water shut off valve?" Stunned, I responded "I have no idea, what is that?" Lesson learned - every human being living in a home needs to know where their main water shut off valve is! After cleaning up the mess my son's girlfriend asked me "Lisa, what would you have

done if we had not been here?" Without hesitation I said "I would have cried." The humour of this is - the tears would have only added more water to the situation! In life we all will have moments of crisis where things happen to us that leave us stunned and/or speechless. At the Grimsby and West Lincoln Life Centres we see so many people who are caught off guard by a crisis that arises in their lives and it is a privilege for us to be able to give them the tools necessary to overcome and deal with life's unplanned and very painful circumstances. It is because of your financial and prayer support that we have been given the opportunity to help those in need. It is my prayer that we can do this for many years and thank you from the bottom of my heart for partnering with us!

INTERESTING STATISTICS

2014 has experienced a 23% increase in client appointments.
We have provided care to more than 80 people per week.
Approximately 135 volunteer hours are logged per month.

In addition to regular clientele, we help on average 15 people monthly, that walk into our office due to an immediate crisis.

WELCOME ABOARD ADAM DEWEGER

Adam graduated from Redeemer University with a BA in Psychology. Following his desire to become a counsellor, Adam has finished his studies at Wilfred Laurier University with a Masters of Social Work. "I am working at the West Lincoln Site Wednesdays and Thursdays and am at the Grimsby site on Fridays. I feel blessed to be a part of the team at Grimsby Life Centre and look forward to serving the communities in Smithville and Grimsby". Some of Adam's hobbies and pastimes include playing sports, travelling and being outdoors.



CLIENT FEEDBACK

How has the Grimsby Life Centre helped you?

Grimsby Life Centre has helped me gain a new perspective on the situations and struggles I've been facing on a personal level and in my marriage. My counsellor has helped me understand more about myself and why I do the things I do. It is a very well run facility and there is not anything I could suggest to improve the quality of care you provide. Thank you so much for your help; you're a blessing to so many people.

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."
James 3:17 NIV

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

What has it been like Volunteering at the Grimsby Life Centre?

It is a privilege to come into the Life Centre on Monday mornings. It may be a busy time of preparing for the Life Change Campaign or it may be a morning of answering the messages, phone calls and speaking to the clients as they come through the door; but it is never boring, and it is never the same. In the last two years I've seen the many changes to the building itself as it was transformed into this beautiful and functional structure. Here is an obvious metaphor for the changes being built into the lives of the clients who come seeking help. God is changing lives and blessing families, providing hope and a future. It is an honour to be part of the volunteer team.

BOARD THOUGHTS – HARRIETT RYNBERK

Easter is a wonderful season to reflect on the goodness and grace of our loving God. Jesus promised that He came to give life and that we would have that Life in abundance! How good is that!! As a Board of Directors, we give praise for the testimony of God's faithfulness experienced by our clients, our volunteers, our staff, our Executive Director, and each member of the Board. This truly is a life-giving centre. We are grateful for the healing, for the telling of our stories, for generous donations whether they be gifts of service, the gift of your time, or the monetary gifts essential to keeping this ministry in operation. All bear witness to the love of the people of this community and to the grace lavished on us by our loving God. We pray that you, the community who support this ministry, would continue to allow God's Spirit to work in you so that His will may come to fruition in the lives of all who are touched by this ministry. As a Board of Directors, we give thanks every time we remember you and always pray with joy because of your partnership in this ministry. **To God alone be Glory!**



the life change campaign

The Grimsby Life Centre baby bottle fundraiser takes place annually from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

Grimsby Life Centre Ministries receives NO government funding. We can offer help and hope, free of charge to those in need only because of your prayers and your financial support. Please help us **change pain into hope.**



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

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News, Notes, and Needs

♥ Please **save the date** on your calendar! This year our Annual Fundraising Banquet for 2014 will be held in the middle of October, on Friday October 17, 2014 DV. It is always a joy to prepare for this event as we celebrate the goodness of God together.

♥ We are in desperate need of a "high outdoor painter". Following our renovations there is one job that has been left undone. Underneath the eaves all the ornate woodworking needs painting. It would be an ideal job for someone who has no fear of heights and enjoys the outdoors on a tall ladder.

♥ Yes, spring is around the corner and so is summer. It is that time of year to solicit help for our BBQ Fridays at the Turkstra lumber yard in Stoney Creek. This is a rotating opening and it gives retired men an opportunity to get involved in grilling up a storm for 2 hours a week. If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please give us a call.

♥ In our "feels like home" ministry centre, we could always use some coffee, bottle water and juice boxes to hand out to our clients as they are in the waiting room. Also, we are out of photo copy paper if you have any lying about.

♥ Thank you so much! The Grimsby Life Centre was the recipient of the fund raising event at the Curling Club in Grimsby. The Billy Bob curling fundraising bonspiel was held in the middle of March with over 100 participants! This event raised over \$2500 and we had been blessed with their contribution.

♥ Thank you so very much for the very generous anonymous donations which we have been received this spring. Every cent given to us is accounted for and used for the sole purpose of helping more people within the community. We are so grateful to be a beacon of light within the Niagara Region.

Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!