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A WORD FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Lisa Heuving



*"Only God can turn a MESS into a MESSAGE,
a TEST into a TESTIMONY,
a TRIAL into a TRIUMPH
and a VICTIM into a VICTOR."
~ Author unknown ~*

Impact moments – What are they? These are moments in time when our lives are forever changed. They may be moments when you have learned that you have been blessed with a new grandchild or it may be when you find out your child is diagnosed with an illness. It may be a time when someone you love is getting married or it may be a time when someone you love has been caught in an affair. It may be a time when you

have lost a loved one and you are still relishing in the rawness of grief. Impact moments can be hard to take and yet they are a time of refining, redefining and realigning yourself. I have learned that when a person is suffering or going through a crisis a comforting statement simply is, "I am sorry for you; it must be difficult." There isn't one living person who will not experience some devastating news in their lifetime. Always remember that how you work through these impact moments shapes your thinking and beliefs. This is why I love working at the Grimsby Life Centre; there is so much hope for you and me in this journey of life!

*Please never give up on any person no matter what.
God has a plan and a purpose for all of our lives.
Your support has a tremendous impact on helping hurting people.*

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL...

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Life can be difficult. Every person needs help some times, whether you're an introvert or extrovert, single or in a relationship, young or old. It can be a great relief just to get things off your chest. Dropping the mask, being honest and connecting with someone else on a real level helps. For me counseling is rejuvenation. Our meetings take place in the comfort of a homey feeling setting. My relationship with my counselor is built on trust and respect. She supports me in finding my innate strength which I need in order to deal with and move forward through life's challenges. She offers me emotional support and this support involves understanding, patience, genuine affection, and encouragement. Voicing my thoughts and fears is very useful in helping me make sense of them and putting them into perspective. I am better able to make good decisions when my mind is calm and rested. My counselor helps me to get an overview of the problem, as well as helping me look for ways forward. She is my 'supportive companion' and I am very grateful to have her in my life. Thank you Grimsby Life Centre for being there. It is a place of hope and peace.

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STAFF CORNER – Ted VanderMolen

How Can I Help You? Jesus said: "I have come to give you LIFE, and to give it to you in FULL MEASURE!" I believe it! Our reality seems to speak a much different language. It is evidenced by the chaotic world around us. We search for a sense of peace, hope and a future, but often we see life from a glass 'half empty'.

Now, as I enter my fourth year at the Grimsby Life

Centre, God has allowed me to use the gifts He has given me to bring something new, something hopeful, and something life-giving to many who desire to 'jump start' their lives and relationships in a new direction.

It is a privilege to be part of a team whose desire is to make a difference in people's lives, to journey alongside those void of hope and to offer helping hands where needed. **To God be all the Glory!**



Can there be a better reason to give?
Let's celebrate community during the spring season!

Sometimes we all need help.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Harriette Rynberk

God has blessed Grimsby Life Centre with a very gifted and capable Board of Directors. When one departs, a sense of loss remains. In December, we said "Goodbye" to Don Knechtel who very capably served at the Centre for 11 years, firstly on the Support Committee and more recently on the Board. Don was the overseer of our finances, always delivering good advice and keeping us informed. Don was also Grimsby's representative to the Board of Directors at Niagara Life Centre in St. Catharines for several years. We are very thankful for Don's years of excellence and dedication at GLCM and wish him well in his new endeavours.

God never closes a door without opening a window. And so it is with anticipation that we welcome Rob VanWely to the Board as our new Treasurer. When Rob enquired about the possibility of volunteering at the Centre, we knew his gifts would be best used on the Board. His enthusiasm and strong belief in what God is doing at the Centre will surely make him an asset to the Centre. Welcome aboard, Rob!

Our hearts were burdened when God called Cor VanGeest to his eternal home. Cor was a quiet and much loved volunteer at the Centre since it opened many years ago. He was often found fixing things or hunting down the wildlife in the walls. His trademark was his smile and his love for the Lord. Our prayer group misses him greatly. We are thankful for this many years of humble dedication as a volunteer. Our Christian sympathy goes out to his wife, Barb and the family in their great loss. We miss Cor and are comforted that he is with the Lord.

*"And my God will meet
all of our needs according to
his glorious riches in Christ Jesus".
Philippians 4:19*



the life change campaign

-Plan to Participate -

Nothing marks spring better than our annual
Life Change Baby Bottle Campaign, which runs from May to June!

Please plan to participate in our annual Baby Bottle Campaign which runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. It is a part of our financial puzzle keeping the ministry centre operating all year. We have no government funding. We fundraise exclusively. You would be very proud of how well your donation money is used.



YES, I want to make a donation to the Grimsby Life Centre to celebrate this spring season!

Name _____

Address _____ City/Town _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____ Email _____

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

News, Needs and Thanks!

☞ We had a skunk that was burrowing under Lisa's office. **Thank you so much** to the volunteers who helped with relocating the skunk, the staff for trying to eliminate the odour and for the clients who graciously put up with the smell. The funny thing about this story is that it all happened on the week that Lisa was off on vacation! Phew.

☞ **Thank you** so much to the Grimsby Firefighters Association for donating their annual 'boot drive' money to our Centre. We are thrilled that they have taken us on this year as their charity of choice!

☞ **Thank you** so much to all the volunteers who help around the ministry centre. It is amazing to know that five years ago we helped, on average, 48 people per month. For the month of February, we helped 166 people! What a privilege to be here! It is because of your financial support that we can do this work.

☞ **Thank you** to the two young women from the community who came into the centre a few Mondays ago simply desiring to pray for us.

☞ **The West Lincoln site is growing.** We are so thankful for the team at this site. Wednesday is a busy day in Smithville.

☞ **Supplies anyone?** We are out of bottled water, toilet paper, paper towels, coffee, tea, and office supplies (specifically photo copy paper). If you happen to have an abundance of these items, we could really use them.

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*Offering help and hope
with compassionate
concern for all.*