



REFLECTIONS FROM CLIENTS



We wanted to let you know that throughout our healing process we both really appreciate everything you have done for us. We can confidently say we don't know where we would have been if we didn't have the guidance and resources that helped us through what has been the toughest time of our lives. We feel confident now, knowing that when there is a tough road ahead, we will be able to communicate with each other and work through challenges as a team. From the bottom of our hearts, we just want to say thank you for giving us the guidance we needed. Thank you for sharing your talent with others and helping them through life's difficult moments. We are forever grateful to have been able to have our relationship rescued by your helping hands. Our ship didn't sink because you were available to us.



Thank you so much for your time this morning. You certainly elevated my day. My whole thought process changed after talking with you.



Thank you for being here when I needed help.



For one reason or another, in the last several weeks I have heard this comment from a variety of individuals, *"Life is not fair"*. The truth of this is that life is not fair especially when you have lost a spouse, child, parent, sibling or a friend. Life is unfair when you are living in a loveless marriage, working in an unhealthy environment, living alone, living with an addiction, living with mental illness or simply living with the barrage of pain that life has in store for all of us. **BUT WAIT...** if you think life is unfair, can you imagine some 2000 years ago Mary gave birth to our Saviour. in a dirty smelly animal stall....now she could really lament "life was not fair." Thankfully Jesus was born and is the REDEEMER of this world and we relish in this knowledge of HIS unconditional love for each of us. Maybe we can re-frame unfairness into peace, contentment, appreciation and joy as we walk into the fullness of Christ. This Christmas season here at the Grimsby Life Centre our motto remains the same, "Sometimes we all need help" and we are so grateful for your support so our doors can remain open to help those struggling in the unfairness of life. We are so appreciative to be here and we wish you all a very blessed Christmas as you celebrate and reflect on the birth of your Saviour. ~ **Lisa Heuving, Executive Director**

STRENGTH for TODAY BRIGHT HOPE for TOMORROW

Words simply cannot express how grateful we are for the donations received towards *'Banquet in an Envelope Part II'*. This year the event mailing raised over \$70,000 and we are so thankful and appreciative of the monetary gifts. What a blessing!

We have truly missed hosting our Annual Banquet for the last two years. It gave us the opportunity to share with you the testimonies of families and individuals who inspire the work of helping those in the community who are experiencing a difficult season in their life.

Next year, the Lord willing, on Friday November 4, 2022 we have tentatively booked the Grand Olympia in Stoney Creek for an in person banquet. Details for this event will be promoted when plans are finalized.

Thank you again for your prayers and support, your encouragement and your words of gratitude as together we seek to serve God's people in His world.

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COUNSELLOR CORNER



My name is Hannah Sloots and I've been working as the Child and Youth Worker at the Grimsby Life Centre for just over a year, and I have learned so much. As I reflect back especially during this Advent season, one important lesson I've learned is that I cannot "solve people's problems". I can listen to them, help them process what is happening and offer resources to work through issues, but I cannot solve them. Jesus came into this world not to solve our problems, but point us to someone bigger than our problems, and to a love that helps us work through our issues.

As I speak with kids and youth struggling with anxiety, depression along with the aftermath of the past eighteen months, this season of celebrating the birth of our Saviour these words from Psalm 147:5 give me great hope: "Great is the LORD and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit".

~ Hannah Sloots, Child & Youth Worker

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelations 21:4 KJV

On November 2, 2021 we had the honour of attending the funeral service of John Van Hoffen. John was a founding member here at the Grimsby Life Centre when it began in the mid 1990's. John and his wife Irene's dedication, prayer, service and devotion gave way to this ministry being a vital community support by offering help and hope to those in need.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Van Hoffen family and we rest in the knowledge of knowing that our Redeemer lives and that John is celebrating in his eternal home.

Are you someone with counselling experience? Discerning whether you should give Grimsby Life Centre a call? We are currently looking to hire counsellors to work alongside the team in Grimsby. If you would be interested in working in a vibrant ministry please do not hesitate to give us a call at **905-309-0944** or email **lisa@grimsbylife.org**.

Thank you so much for your consideration.



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Merry Christmas
to all from the staff at

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