



Summer~Fall 2013 Newsletter Volume 10

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Lisa Heuving



Love is a funny thing; and if loving or living with someone is supposed to be an easy thing, why is it so hard? I have witnessed firsthand the pain people go through trying to seek wholeness in their loving relationships, whether it is with their spouse, children, boyfriend, girlfriend, brother, sister or neighbour. Loving a person is so hard because we want to make the other person become like we are... but they are not you! One day a client asked me 'Lisa, what is love?' I quickly responded with what I have been taught from the bible: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud," and he replied 'I would feel so much better if my wife would only practice a little more patience and kindness instead of constant nagging.' I had to laugh. Later on though, as I

was thinking about this conversation, I thought this husband and his wife need to understand a fundamental principal about relationships. Each one of us needs to learn how to love first - are you patient, kind, not envious, not boastful and not a proud person? By the grace of God, we all need to work on ourselves first before we point the finger at someone else. Thankfully, here at this ministry centre, because of your support and prayers, we have the opportunity to show Christ's agape love to anyone who walks through the door brokenhearted!

CLIENT FEEDBACK

When I first met with my counsellor it was in the hopes of keeping my marriage intact. Unfortunately my wife was not interested in joining me. It was a very challenging and stressful time for me and being able to speak to someone as comfortable as my counsellor provided me the opportunity to explore the issues I faced. He created an environment where I felt free to speak and offered not only suggestions but reassurance. He helped me regain my confidence.

Last year found me blindsided with divorce, suffering from severe depression, panic and anxiety, suicidal and paralyzed with fear. Friends pointed me to Grimsby Life Centre where my counsellor provided a safe, caring environment for me to download, cry, gain fresh perspective and learn to live again. I learned to trust again, found acceptance and a new way to a stronger relationship with Jesus. I felt loved and safe, the centre became my soft place to fall, my lifeline, a place where I started with fear and shame, and left confident, strong and loving life again. This is an amazing place filled with loving, kind and compassionate people and I thank God for this place and those who support it.

YOU ARE INVITED - COME TO THE BANQUET!

2013 Annual Fall Benefit Banquet

Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 **Time:** 6 pm

Location: Winona Vine Estates [Address: 269 Glover Road, Winona]

Cost: Voluntary contribution

Come and learn what is at the heart of Grimsby Life Centre Ministries. Plan to attend this year's banquet. This is our main fundraising event of the year! Enjoy a memorable evening of fellowship and fun, inspiring entertainment, fantastic food, and a silent auction.

This is a fundraising event. Donations will be collected during the evening in support of the Grimsby Life Centre.



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SAVE THE DATE!

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Harriett Rynberk

GLCM has truly been blessed this summer. Counselors were available all summer to meet the needs of those in our community. Renovations were completed – the exterior of the Centre looks great thanks to the generous contributions of time, materials and monetary donations from businesses and individuals in the community. We have truly been blessed! The porch has been refurbished and painted. A volunteer gardener has been hard at work and it looks fabulous. Siding, windows, roof and parking lot all look wonderful. It is truly a blessing to be part of a ministry where God is at work and miracles happen every day. Thank you to each of you for your prayers and contributions. God is doing a good work through you!



Welcome aboard
Lindsay Koetsier!

What is up with the Child and Youth Ministry?

After close to three years of enjoying working at the Centre, Sharon Kiers, our Social Worker, is moving on to another season of her life and will be leaving us in the fall. Sharon has been an integral part of the ministry helping children, teens, young adults and adults work through some of their struggles. We will miss you Sharon and we thank you for your ministry here.

We would like to welcome Lindsay Koetsier, our newest staff member at the Grimsby Life Centre. Lindsay is a lovely committed Christian woman who was married in April to her new husband Matt. She has received her Bachelor of Social Work Degree, Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Social Work and Sociology, she is also registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers. She has a heart for children and youth and she will be a blessing to all those she helps.



YES, I want to support the ministries of the Grimsby Life Centre financially!

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Or, you may wish to donate by visiting www.grimsbylife.org/donate or CanadaHelps.org.

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News, Notes, and Needs

♥ Thank you to Dick Vermeer who volunteered to paint the front porch. We have received so many positive comments about your workmanship and the colour of the deck!

♥ Yes, I must admit in our last newsletter I wrote that we didn't need toilet paper! Well, it is amazing how fast it goes and we would hate to run out. Also, if possible we could use the bottled water bottles for our clients as well as some coffee. Thank you so much for thinking of us when you are out and about shopping.

♥ Thank you to Peter Groot who popped over one day and trimmed all our bushes and shrubs!

♥ Thank you to Rhonda who walked in the door one day and asked if she could be our volunteer gardener because she loves gardening!

♥ Our fundraising banquet on Friday, October 25th is at a new location this year! I said to the fellow at the Winona Vine Estates that we could get 400 people to attend the event! He said to me "that is what they all say!" Well, I am humbly pleading with our supporters that you consider attending this very worthwhile event! It is never boring that is for sure! Actually, I have been told that our silent auction items are always amazing and it is one of the best!

♥ Our Smithville site is doing well! We will truly miss Pastor Greg, and wish him and his family all the best in their move to St. Thomas.

♥ Thank you to Klaas Wieringa, Peter Tilstra and Dan Schutten for BBQ again and again each Friday at Turkstra Lumber in Stoney Creek! You guys are the best grillers ever!

♥ Thank you to the Bible League who has donated bibles and other books for our clients so people have resources about the awesome life giving words of Jesus Christ.

♥ Thank you for participating in the Life Change Campaign! It was another year of you blessing us with over \$30,000 collected so we get to keep the ministry open! If you still happen to have your baby bottle full or empty please do drop it off at your church or at the centre!

♥ Thank you so much to MNP and Doug Stuve for the donation of a photo copier! It is perfect for us because it is the right size and not too complicated for us to use.

♥ Thank you so much to Greenside Landscaping who for the past 3 years has volunteered to cut our grass as well as the snow removal in the winter. This summer, I must admit we have the best grass in town!

Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!