



Spring 2015 Newsletter

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS DESK ~ Lisa Heuvig



In the course of my life, there have been few special moments and memorable words that people have spoken to me that resonate in my soul. One of those times was when a retired pastor friend told me that you must never lose hope in people, because there is so much hope in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Last week, someone walked into the centre and he was very, very distraught. He had lost his business, his wife had left him, and his children didn't want anything to do with their Dad because of poor choices he had made. This gentleman looked me in the eyes and said "Is there any hope for me?" Without a shadow of doubt and with not one ounce

of hesitation, I immediately blurted out "Absolutely 100%, there is so much hope for you." Currently, here at the Grimsby and West Lincoln Life Centre we are helping over 260 people each month who are struggling with uncomfortable situations in their lives. We have the opportunity to provide the hope that so many people have lost sight of. I am so grateful that with the diligence of our counselors and the partnership of our financial community, we are able to provide hope and comfort for those in need. Thank you so much for this opportunity!

Hope makes a difference!

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst in them.

Hope opens doors where despair closes them.

Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot be done.

Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of mankind.

Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.

Hope cherishes no illusions, nor does it yield to cynicism.

Hope makes the difference.

~ Authour Unknown ~

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY...

"Thank you so much for taking so much time with me today. I left feeling blessed, strengthened, and encouraged and I thank you for that."

"It is so good being able to speak with a Christian."

"Thank you for all of your help over the last year and a bit. All of your work with the kids, and with me, has given us tools to make us stronger, and more resilient and have a better chance of long term success."

"I am amazed at how God keeps placing people in my life who I can talk to."

"Thanks again for meeting with me on Wednesday. I came in feeling pretty down and depressed, but left feeling wonderfully encouraged and hopeful."

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

~ Lindsay Koetsier

A big thank you to everyone who read the last newsletter and donated craft and art supplies to the child and youth program! Art is such a powerful tool in helping children and youth express their emotions, and by donating these supplies you have helped our clients heal.

As a staff member here at Grimsby Life Centre, I am always amazed at how much God provides for our needs; one day I was about to go to the store to buy painting paper and that same afternoon a donor came through the door with a donation of painting paper! Thank you very much for your generosity.



May 10 to June 21, 2015

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 is a non-profit ministry. We receive 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 the Life Centre change pain into hope!

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ John Kendall
 Beginning his role as Chairperson on January 1st, 2015



A number of weeks ago, Harriett Rynberk invited me out for coffee. I thought this was a nice gesture and was hoping she wanted to double my salary for my volunteer work on the Board of Directors of Grimsby Life Centre. Nope, not at all! She actually wanted to ask me if I would consider being the Chairperson of the Board as she is retiring!

At that moment either a hot rush or a cold chill ran through my body. I wasn't sure if I spilled my coffee or I was just terrified. I came to realize it was the latter and determined that I felt much like Moses when God called him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. I felt fearful and unequipped for the task. I agreed to think and pray

about it. A few days later I was driving in Niagara Falls and noticed a sign on the front lawn of a local church. It read, "Feeling a little inadequate? Remember Moses . . . even he was a basket case!"

It's funny the things that God will use to get a point across. Needless to say, I accepted the position and now find myself in the role that Harriett has held and led with prominence. She has been a part of the Grimsby Life Centre from the beginning and has helped to lead this ministry with integrity to where it is today. Two words that I would choose to best describe Harriett from my experience under her leadership; wisdom and grace. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff of Grimsby and West Lincoln Life Centre, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Harriett for serving and leading so well over many years God bless you Harriett in all that you choose to do and every opportunity that comes your way!

*Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers
 and financial contribution for this ministry centre.
 We would not be here without your support!*



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

♥ Thank you so much to Greenside Landscaping for faithfully removing the snow this past winter! We are so grateful for your plow and dedication.

♥ Thank you so much for all those who donated store food vouchers that we randomly handed out to our clients in need at Christmas time. It is such a blessing to see how far kindness can spread!

♥ Thank you to our handyman who is always on call to fix something; whether it is our door lock, leaky sink, or the plugged toilet. Words cannot express how much we appreciate all the help!

♥ Thank you to those who donate office paper, paper towels, toilet paper, bottled water, coffee, and tea. All these donations help us in our day-to-day operations.

♥ Thank you to Angela and Carolyn at the West Lincoln site for all that you do to promote the work being done in the community.

♥ The Life Change campaign will be beginning in May, if you are someone who would be interested in being a captain for your church, please let us know!

♥ The fence around the side of the centre is starting to fall apart; we would be so thrilled if there are any "fence" people who would be interested in tackling this job, we would be so grateful.



Annual Fall Banquet

october 2015

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SAVE THE DATE!

Your donations change lives ~ Thank you!