



south niagara life ministries

HERE BECAUSE WE CARE!

Helping People Resolve Life Crises, Issues, And Problems



**2019 –
1st Quarter
Newsletter**

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SNLM's 6 Annual Fundraisers begin with SNLM's Spring Key-2-Hope Hors-D'oeuvres Social at the Buffalo Canoe Club. Please come Friday March 29, 2019

Greetings—Executive Director Martha Beroud



At South Niagara Life Ministries. . .we are grateful for every one who teams up with SNLM to reach, rescue, and renew lives. Whether single, families, marriages, or other relationships—youth, young adults, families come in **urgent** need, facing various sorts of life challenging-life changing trials; often complicated with deep seated issues and problems—and always seeking immediate help.

Most of us have been at such a crossroad. We understand the need and value of timely help from someone willing and available to come alongside to guide and help us navigate a problem—to find a solution and plan that effectively resolves our problem, crisis, or conflict. Requests are constant at SNLM.

Results are what helps keep us encouraged and faithfully standing in the gap to serve; prayerfully waiting upon the Lord to grow our space and team.

Thankfully 869 pitched in last year to assist financially, while others volunteered(4459 hours)—making a difference—changing the outcomes for many in the broken and hurting lives we served. 15 made 1X faith commitments to Christ—2 others recommitted their lives—and 2 moms gave precious birth.

The top 5 counsel issues in 2018: 1) Depression/Anxiety(213), 2) Crisis/Conflict(187), 3) Relationship breakdowns(181), 4) Biblical Counsel(157), and 5) Anger /Abuse(134). *Further, as no one problem stands alone*, 199 also received material assistance; with thanks for supplies received, to provide. 142 families were blessed with Christmas gifts and/or hampers—by those who adopted them. We thank you. Please note, if any group is seeking a worthwhile project focus, we are in need of a new supply of area grocery cards (\$10•20•25•50.00 increments welcome).

Also, our annual Spring Social is fast upon us—1st of 6 in our crucial funding plan. This makes a great way to cap off the week, celebrating lives saved; giving testimony how their stories have been changed by God's grace and our joint efforts to come alongside. **Phone 906-871-0236** for more details and to register as a guest(s) ~ **Friday-March29th, 6:00p.m. at the Buffalo Canoe Club.** Please come—for this opportunity to participate in our mission and call to action.

Sincerely yours, in heartfelt thanks, 

SNLM's Board of Directors



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on Hiatus**



**Tim Vanden Ende
Just Welcomed On**

Committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ—respectfully serving others – with excellence – in fulfilling SNLM's mission and vision.



**On Advisory
Ronald Gray**

Reaching, Rescuing, Renewing Lives—in 2018 *Bradley, Chelsey, Dan¹, Dan², Derek, Elijah, Grace, Jacob, Julia, Katheryne, Karen, Kenneth, Mike, Patricia, Payton, Rhiannon, Rick, Sean, and Stacy* —renewed lives still needing our prayers. *To subscribe/unsubscribe to our quarterly newsletters—please call.* Main office: 905-871-0236 (9-5)

Saying Farewell



Retiring in December, after 15 years, we said farewell to **Brenda Walsh** who volunteered when SNLM was solely staffed by volunteers. Brenda's faith, fundraising oversight and commitment has been a godly blessing to all. Thank you.



Diana Hernandez has stepped down as our Office Administrator / Bookkeeper to pursue a BA / MA in Theology at Emmanuel Bible college in Kitchener. On staff, since May 2015, our thanks for her gifts of service and a job well done. Thank you.



First appearances are so important in representing our mission to all who enter in—coming for services. Our thanks to **Wilma Mills** as we say goodbye, with our thanks, for volunteering each Monday morning to tidy our offices these past 3 years. *Bless you*

So Grateful For Our Front Desk & Office Personnel



Helen McCreadie



Diane Cole — Volunteers — Bev Fretz



Kathy Andrews — Paid Staff — Leighton Bengert

Our Thanks to All



We welcome **Leighton — and an answer to prayer** —as our new Office Administrator/Bookkeeper. We have been blessed with funding via the YMCA that covered his training while learning our processes/procedures.

Kevin Harvie—Volunteer

Heleen Fokkens — Counsellors — Larry Hart



"It's not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the center of this process but God, who makes things grow. Planting and watering are menial servant jobs at minimum wages. What makes them worth doing is the God we are serving." 1 Corinthians 3:5-7 MSG *Our thanks to all for their faith filled service.*



Associate Director Chris Polegato—our congratulations to Chris for having completed her certification with ACBC last year as a Biblical Counsellor. We are grateful for the many hats Chris wears in fulfilling SNLM's mission. Thank You.



We welcomed both Paola Mesa and Rachel Froese on staff, as part time counsellors—again with thanks to the YMCA for funding to cover their training period. Please pray for these ladies and their means to pursue certification as Biblical Counselors—for their faith in God, and gifts to serve.



Mark Your Calendars

SNLM's 2019 Key-2-Hope Events:

- 1st Event:** March 29th
Hors-D'oeuvres Social
Buffalo Canoe Club
- 2nd Event:** May 12—June 16
Baby Bottle Bank Campaign
- 3rd Event:** June 1st
Wild Play Whirlpool
Extreme Adventure in
Niagara Falls Canada
- 4th Event:** June 15th
Leap-Of-Faith Skydive
- 5th Event:** Sept 22nd
5K Run, Walk & Roll-a-thon
- 6th Event:** Oct 26th
SNLMs 27th Anniversary
Dinner Celebration
- Partner opportunities with
SNLM—*make the difference.*



South Niagara LIFE Ministries 'Key-2-Hope' Fundraiser Opportunity

Hors D'oeuvres & Social

Buffalo Canoe Club Friday, March 29th, 2019
4475 Erie Road, Crystal Beach, ON

6:00 p.m. HORS D'OEUVRES & REFRESHMENTS
7:00 p.m. PROGRAM BEGINS & ENDS AT 8:00 p.m.
(ALL are welcome to stay & socialize until 8:30)

An opportunity to introduce others to SNLM, to hear testimonies, to socialize, and to support SNLM services as you might be led.

Please Phone 905.871.0236 (9:00-5:00 Mon-Fri.) to sponsor our event (\$200.00) and/or register (you & your 8 table guests)

CANADA REVENUE CHARITY # 84068 6000 RR001

Thank you, and blessings to all who make this evening possible.

PLEASE CALL US TODAY TO Host a Table of 8, and/or Sponsor (\$200.00) our event.

PHONE: 905-871-0236 (Fort Erie) or 906-650-2363 (Port Colborne)

Helping People
Resolve LIFE Crises,
Issues & Problems.
Counselling Services
Free & Confidential.



SNLM provides counsel & resources through community support to area families, individuals; those who are alone, and in distress.



Coming Soon

Key-2-Hope

Baby Bottle

Mother's Day - Father's Day

South Niagara Life Ministries Since 1998

Phone: 905-871-2036

2019

Bank Campaign

South Niagara Life Ministries

Key-2-Hope "Whirlpool Extreme Adventure" WildPlay's WHIRLPOOL ADVENTURE COURSE

WildPlay's Whirlpool Adventure Course
Location: 3500 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls; Ontario

Team Challenge Opportunity—Teams of 3
Corporations /Small Businesses /Friends & Family /Individuals / etc.
Register by May 17th—Your Team of 3 OR individuals also welcome!

Nile "Motormouth" Jenkins 2019 Challenge
Free PARKING And LUNCH PRIZES

Sat./June 1, 2019 /9:00 a.m.
Join our Event Sponsor (and his team)
Nile "Motormouth" Jenkins—host of CAR CONNECTION—Heard weekly
Broadcast Saturdays on:
Car Connection, ESPN 1520AM, WDCX RADIO

Let your time and investments make a difference in your community, in lives and families!

SNLM offers free & confidential counselling to individuals and families living in and around the Niagara Region. Helping People Resolve Life Crises, Issues & Problems—thanks to donors.

To Play Please Contact: SNLM ~ 905-871-0236
SNLM's Main Office: 143 Gilmore Rd, Fort Erie, ON
Website: www.snlmcounsel.ca
WildPlay's Whirlpool Adventure Course's Rules of Play & Physical Restrictions visit: <https://wildplay.com/niagara-falls>
"NEED TO KNOW" ~ "RULES OF PLAY"

Come Join Our

LEAP OF FAITH

SOUTH NIAGARA LIFE MINISTRIES

JOIN US - OR Pledge Others Who Are Going All Out

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June 15, 2019

Burnaby Skydive In Wainfleet
Pledge Forms Available Anytime.
Register at SNLM - 905-871-0236



'Honorariums' recently received at SNLM from Jennifer Macsweyn in honour of Conrad & Joanne Pierroz; Thank you. Also—for 4 gifts received in honor of Chris Polegato's birthday from – Carolyn Beardwood, Diana Rowe, Helen McCreadie, and Brenda Walsh. These gifts are wonderful investments that extend one's life legacy into the many lives being served at SNLM.

HOPE CONFERENCE
MAY 2-4, 2019

HOPE for a Hurting World

Location: 11478 Main St; Clarence NY

2019 IABC EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
Register online today at www.faithfellowship.us

Thursday, May 2 6:00pm—9:00pm
Friday, May 3 1:00pm—4:00pm
6:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday, May 4 9:00am—3:00pm

Limited free lodgings are available from the Faith Fellowship Church family, but being limited, please phone the Biblical Counsel Center to inquire (716) 759-0591.

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Support Group

GriefShare is for those grieving the death of a loved one. Griefshare is 13-week support group that meets-Wednesday afternoons at SNLM 1:00—3:00; under the leadership of Daisy May. You are welcome once—or every week. Please note the group concludes May 8th, but will reconvene again in the fall; dates yet pending.