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**HERE BECAUSE WE CARE!**  
 Helping People Resolve Life Crises, Issues, And Problems

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 Showing You Care Too**

**South Niagara  
 Life Ministries**

*Merry  
 Christmas*

**Reach, Rescue, & Renew  
 1992 - 2019**



**2019 –**  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
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 Newsletter**

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**South Niagara Life Ministries - 27th Anniversary Dinner Celebration, Oct 25. . .**



**Jocelin** shared how she had followed the advice of two separate referral sources to seek out help at SNLM. The timing in being referred to SNLM, unquestionably providential. Just prior, Paola Mesa (Spanish her native language) had come on staff. Jocelin, having lost ties to her family, shared how the pain of the past was difficult to counsel through—but glad she continued. Presently, Jocelin and her daughter are working through a difficult situation—glad for SNLM's help. She is grateful to God; encouraging others to seek counsel help, and to support SNLM.

*Thank you, THX—TY—if you are an accomplished texter. Texting—an amazing communication tool. Only an instant second to send out a 'THX' anywhere in the world. **Amazing**, until I think of the time spent—the sacrifices—the investments made to reach out, to rescue, and renew lives—alongside SNLM. Together we are making a difference in lives facing tough, life altering decisions—influencing a change of heart with those who have lost hope; and saving lives, to God be the glory. Through your investments you've chosen to touch lives, give hope, and fulfill SNLM's mission. "Thx" is nice, but it is not enough. Rather, **bless you. Thank you** and **bless you** for partnering with SNLM as often as you do—our donors, sponsors, staff, volunteers, event guests—one and all. Have a blessed Christmas & New Year. *Martha Beroud**



**Lynn** shared about being a long time Christian yet struggling with fear and worry to the point of paralysis, at times; affecting her relationships. She expressed counseling has been freeing for her, and life changing. Further, that the sting of her hurts, experienced last year, were dissipating—in the light of God's love for her. She shared about transforming her thought life and renewing her mind through completing her assignments, by the help of the Holy Spirit, worship and prayer; ever grateful for her counselor's love and kindness.



**Kari** spoke about attending SNLM's 2013 Lord Heal My Hurts group after her father passed—that when her life conflicts in 2018 downward spiraled, she remembered appreciating the confidentiality at SNLM, to return for help. She shared about the 'Before You Divorce Program' and 'The Heart of Addiction Program' having helped her through a heart change—to do her part and trust Jesus to take the reins of her life. She's celebrating God's love, her marriage reconciliation, beating cancer, and getting her voice back to speak.

**Josh** expressed SNLM has been a positive experience for him. He shared how anxiety and chronic fear brought him in for counsel; fearful he was wasting his life, not living life to the fullest; to be the best version of himself. Diagnosed at 16 with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder—he said self doubt and uneasiness had him doubting himself as a person his entire life. He is grateful for SNLM's one-on-one counsel—for God's comforting presence—and for his new hope—that he isn't too late to leave his legacy on earth; likely right on time.



**27th Anniversary  
 Dinner blessed by  
 Charmaine Stulp's  
 songs and music.**



**Thank You  
 Larry Hart -  
 emceeding at  
 SNLM events.**

**...was our last funding & awareness event, for 2019.**

**Many Thanks to  
 SNLM's Guests,  
 Sponsors, and  
 to Carmela &  
 I.C.C.'s Staff.**



**Mark your calendar for our next  
 Social on Friday, March 27th at  
 the Buffalo Canoe Club 6:00 p.m.  
 4475 Erie Rd, Crystal Beach, ON.**

SNLM is **\$29,000.00** yet away from this year's bottom line; and \$65,000.00 needed thru to our Key-2-Hope Hors d'oeuvres Social at the Buffalo Canoe Club, Friday- **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Following that will be our **Baby Bottle Bank Campaign (BBBC)**. [www.snlmcounsel.ca](http://www.snlmcounsel.ca)

**FOOD**—Groceries for SNLM programs and emergency food closet were depleted several times this year. **Food Drives, Gift Cards, and Third Party Fundraisers** are always welcome to assist SNLM's abilities to serve ongoing needs, **Christmas Gift Boxes and Hampers.**

## Give A Gift / Be A Blessing

Make Christmas More Meaningful  
For Yourself & Others This Year



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### Good Neighbour Christmas 'Blessings' Boxes

**Good Neighbour Opportunity** to ADOPT individuals and/or families this Christmas and **be a blessing** to folks who have had a tough year. Please call SNLM (9-5) to register. TELEPHONE 905.871.0236 for more details, and to adopt someone or a family. **Boxes & information brochures** are available at SNLM's main office in Fort Erie. **Please return gift boxes to us by November 29th**—to allow staff time to schedule and arrange for pick ups and/or delivery times.

**Too busy?** - GIFT CARDS in various amounts, food supplies, and miscellaneous gift items, are needed for hampers & gift boxes. These can be brought in at anytime during our regular hours (9-5). On **Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>** we operate on holiday hours until **Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** (staff scheduling for emergencies / calls). Monetary gifts need to be in SNLM hands (post marked) by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, for tax receipting purposes.

*Thank you, bless you, and Merry Christmas.*

**NOTE: Christmas Food Drive**  
November 30<sup>th</sup> **Joe's Valu Mart**  
Ridgeway - we welcome your  
help 9:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m.



## Volunteer Opportunities

South Niagara Life Ministries currently has openings available for those of faith wanting to redeem a day or two, weekly, in office—for a great cause. Currently we have need of someone at our front desk. Preferably those with experience and office skills; good with people and handling the phone.

Please direct resume and a cover letter to the attention of Executive Director Martha Beroud; Fort Erie office.

References and background checks upon request for viable candidates. *Thank You!*



SNLM has welcomed **Andrew Wann** - through a short term ACBC Male Counsel Internship. He is available **Wednesdays**; for ongoing or 1X consults.

Adopt a family or person to share your Christmas Blessings with this year.



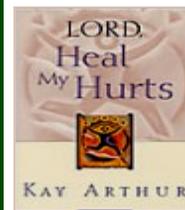
**Griefshare:** running every Wednesday afternoon 1:00-3:00 p.m. at SNLM—143 Gilmore Road,—through December 18th. This group helps suffering grief & loss.

**Lord Heal My Hurts**—Please call 905-871-0236 to register & attend December 3<sup>rd</sup> orientation—prerequisite for attending our next group. Phone Main Office for details.

**YPN** (Young & Pregnant in Niagara) offered in both Fort Erie & Port Colborne.

## LORD HEAL MY HURTS GROUP REGISTRATION

Registration: Lord Heal My Hurts Orientation—Adult Women. Please **MARK** your calendar: **Tuesday 1:30 DECEMBER 4, 2019** Please call 905-871-0236 to register today.



Attending SNLM's Orientation offers opportunity to help decide what time and day the group will begin to meet—January

2019. Please Phone or drop by—to register at our Main Office — 143 Gilmore Rd, Ft Erie (M-F 9-5).

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**Holiday hours, limited staff Dec. 23rd-Jan 6th Urgent messages and needs responded to.**



'Gifts In Commemoration' were received via SNLM's 5K Run, Walk & Roll Campaign 2019 for Bob Heckman; Carleigh O'Rourke, Gwen Perkin, & the 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Marlene Climenhage and Cynthia Porter's passing; *i.e. faithful SNLM servants forever engraved on our hearts.* Thankful these legacies all live on—in lives served at SNLM.

**Together - sharing our blessings, time, talents, and gifts to serve others  
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## Hello Friends!

**My name is Bill Kamps.** It continues to be my privilege as a member and chairman of the board of directors to bring you greetings on behalf of South Niagara Life Ministries. It has been an amazing year of opportunity to serve our neighbours, our community, in these times—considering the unrest that continues to escalate throughout our world. In John 14:1 the Lord tells us, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”

**This is an amazing faith ministry**, carrying on an amazing charitable mission, that is bearing much fruit for our combined labours; in trusting God is able.

**During our recent**, and last fundraising dinner, Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - we heard 4 powerful testimonies transitioning from needing counseling help to a place of victory—all expressing thanks to God and South Niagara Life Ministries. This is with thanks to many of you—for the team effort and partnership you supply—one way or another—to offer free services in these challenging times. Thank you.

**In answer to prayer**, SNLM has been invited to purchase the building at 139 Gilmore, adjoined to ours. As a board we are considering how to move forward on this opportunity. We are busting at the seams, and this space would supply means to further grow our team and services here in Southern Niagara.

**As to how much** we need, we are looking at a minimum of \$250,000.00 to purchase and redevelop the space—pending others with skills, time, means, and abilities join in to help; without which could cost that much more.

**In 2002** we overcame a similar challenge refitting 143 Gilmore Road. God answered prayer by supplying all the pro bono skilled labour we needed, along with funds to furnish our present offices, over the course of two years.

**In any case**, we are at another faith building juncture in need of prayer, as well as others to contribute to this effort. Shall we believe and trust God to move this mission forward? Together, let's see what God will do. Thank you. *Bill*

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