



# south niagara life ministries

## HERE BECAUSE WE CARE!

Helping People Resolve Life Crises, Issues, And Problems



### 2020 – 1st Quarter Newsletter

*Please pass  
current and  
past news-  
letters along  
to others -  
when finished*

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SNLM's Annual 5-Event Funding Plan sustains  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rds</sup> of our mission & free services—all are welcome to register/participate.

#### *Greetings—from the desk of Martha Beroud—Executive Director*



I am often asked how things are—re acquiring next door at 139 Gilmore Road. Having prayed for several years for this space—what I can assuredly say is that prayer has brought the space available to us, with time from the owner to work things out—in progressing to acquire it. As good stewards we serve within our means—not wanting to overtax or jeopardize our mission and availability. There is much involved in planning—determining permits, finding a foreman, organizing a work force, acquiring revenues, paper work, etc. Our office team serves our daily mission work, as precedence—and it's a joy to see so much hope overflowing into the many hurting hearts being served here. *"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast . . . which enters the Presence behind the veil—Heb 6:19.* A good word for all to take to heart, facing fear re health issues across our nation—Amen.

On another note, we are at task with our 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 funding events—our Key-2-Hope Hors d'oeuvre Social March 27<sup>th</sup>—crucial to supplying our free services. We welcome you to register and attend, in support. It's a good way to cap off a week; released at 8:30. We have a new match challenge this year in hopes to quickly retire this first goal. Thank you.



#### *February 13, 2020 Workshop—a new partnership in aid to newcomers.*



By invitation from Martha Beroud for South Niagara Life Ministries, Lori Webster (Coordinator for the Welland Multicultural Centre' Niagara Foreign Credential Recognition Program) agreed to host a morning workshop with clients and their family connections seeking means to access and apply their professions in Canada.

Paola Mesa, as SNLM's rep, organized the date, registered individuals, and served as our Spanish translator. The process of accessing regulated professions in Canada is complex and requires ongoing support for those pursuing the process. Candidates (a physician, nurses, a graphic designer, an engineer, automotive technician, and an industrial chemist) received literature, access information to Canada's Govt funded Foreign Credential Recognition Program (available across Niagara), and next steps into applying their international education, credentials, and work experience, here in Canada as new residents. Our thanks to Lori for the refreshments, and we anticipate future workshops ahead.

#### **South Niagara Life Ministries 2019 Return on Investments**

#### **Revenue Analysis —**

**811** donors—of 4202 donors on file—a total of **2075** gifts in 2019  
- **169** were new contributors  
- **642** were repeat contributors with  
- **275** donors giving 2Xs or more

While the number of donors were down from 2018, the gift amounts in 2019 were graciously up—PTL

#### **Counsel Impact Statistics:**

**339** clients were served - having  
**857** various, complex issues  
**84** were carried over into 2020

#### **Client Breakdown:**

**110 MALE / 229 FEMALE**  
**13% CHILDREN & TEENS**  
**20% IN THEIR 20's**  
**22% IN THEIR 30's**  
**17% IN THEIR 40's**  
**16% IN THEIR 50's**  
**10% IN THEIR 60+**  
**AND 2% UNKNOWN**

**Key-2-Hope Tours - 22** guests  
**Assemblies, Classes and Area Presentations—to 1068** lives making a total impact of **1429** lives overall, in 2019.



**'Gifts In Commemoration'** recently received at SNLM for **Shirley Fidler**—with our prayers, and for the passing of **Belinda Souder's** sister; for all mourning loss—that they be comforted.



**Written in secret. EVERY hair Counted. Valued above rubies; a life known by GOD—Alex, Athena, Baby G, Brenda, Bryton, Cathy, Cindy, Dallas, Eli, Ethan, Hazel Henry, James, Jocelyn, Kevin, Linda, Paul, Rylan, Stephen, Steven—and still in need of prayer. Lives Reached, Rescued, Restored in 2019**

# Mark Your Calendars

## SNLM's 2020 Key-2-Hope Events:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Event:** March 27th  
Hors-D'oeuvres Social  
Buffalo Canoe Club
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Event:** May 10—June 21  
Baby Bottle Bank Campaign
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Event:** June 16  
Leap-Of-Faith Skydive
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Event:** September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Run, Walk & Roll-a-thon
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Event:** October 26<sup>th</sup>  
SNLMs 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Dinner Celebration
- Opportunities to join with SNLM—in partnership.



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

Hors D'oeuvres & Social  
Buffalo Canoe Club Friday, March 27, 2020  
4475 Erie Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14225  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. REFRESHMENTS  
(REGISTRATION BEGINS & ENDS AT 8:00 p.m.)  
(Welcome to stay & socialize until 8:30 p.m.)

**CANCELLED - But Guests Gave And Raised Our Goal**

An opportunity to introduce other SNLM members to socialize, and to support SNLM. The event might be led. Please call (905-871-0236, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri.) to sponsor our event or to register (you & your 8 table guests) for a REVENUE CHARITY # 84068 6000 RR0001

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 and resources through community support to area families, individuals; those who are alone, in distress, in need of help.



**SOUTH NIAGARA LIFE MINISTRIES**  
"Helping People Resolve Life Crises, Issues, & Problems"

# 2020 Annual Baby Bottle Bank Campaign

**'BANKERS' WANTED**  
Mother's Day (May 10<sup>th</sup>) - Father's Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Together—Reaching, Rescuing, and Reviving Lives.



Individuals, Families, Businesses, Churches, Groups: Welcome to pick up bottles and bring them to our KICK-OFF. Thank You!

**2020 BBBC Will Be Going On - Online**

Special Recognition - in Honor or Memory:  
We like to honor or remember loved ones with their gift. We will mail out a card of appreciation - once we are notified, and with accurate information - and where to mail it. Thank You.

Every filled Bottle makes a Life Changing Difference to those counting on help to come alongside them, in their time of need. Together—many hands make light work.

Call ~ Heleen Fokkens ~ 905-871-0236 9:00-5:00

**Before Registering to Participate, and Leap - Call our Main Office for a Covid -19 Update - and again as SNLM Fall Events Come Due.**

South Niagara Life Ministries  
**11th Anniversary**

# LEAP OF FAITH

June 13, 2020 Burnaby Skydive



**Bucket List Opportunity**  
**Jump or Pledge Another**

Coming Up Annual Match Challenge



**SNLM's** 4<sup>th</sup> Of 5

# ANNUAL Walk & Roll

Saturday - Sept 26, 2020

HELPING PEOPLE RESOLVE LIFE CRISIS ISSUES & PROBLEMS

**Many Hands Make Light Work**  
Call 905-871-0236 To Register

## Saying Farewell



**David Stephenson** has served our mission and governance—first as our rep on NLC’s Board of Directors (Sept.2007 – July2012), ending just prior to SNLM’s full autonomy (left our area). SNLM is grateful, upon his return to FE, for serving Sept.2015 – Sept.2019 on SNLM’s Board. Many Thanks.



**Bev Fretz** has volunteered with our mission since 2005 at reception and in generating our monthly prayer calendar—performing other sundries as well, until her departure at the end of October 2019. Our thanks for her gifts in service and for a job well done. Bless You



First appearances are so important in representing our mission to all who enter. Our thanks to **Liliana Cardona** as we say goodbye, with our thanks, for volunteering a short part of this past year to tidy our offices, and to assist with our September Walk & Roll. *Gracias*

## WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



**Welcoming—on staff—Jodie Bengert**—Wednesday’s—to assist our Executive Director; with her many roles. Jodie is in training through SNLM’s processes and procedures. She has potential for much more—with her education, church ministry background experience, background and experience in teaching young people.

## Our Team is Grateful For New & Returning Office Volunteers

Welcome to the following:



**Lisa Thompson** (left) is new to our area, with a background in teaching, serving in Reception on Tuesday mornings, for now.



**Jeanette Frenette** (right) has a nursing background and serves Thursdays in reception while fulfilling the newly opened role for generating our monthly Prayer Calendars—thank you.



**Brenda Walsh** Office Volunteer Wednesday (Previously on Staff)



**Andrew Wann** Counsel Temp. Vol. Wednesday (counselor internship) -



**Kari Velemirovich** Monday Office Sundries we are grateful to have you.

## STI DATA - ABSTINENCE - HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



South Niagara Life Ministries’ Abstinence Curriculum (Empowered) is excellent for classroom presentations and public school assemblies. Presentations help walk young people through the im-

portance of abstinence to their emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual health; and in formulating healthy lasting relationships. Our prayer is about prevention re the magnitude in emotional scarring we are seeing young people come in with for counsel. We seek to empower young people to stop and think about what right choices are/mean to their future.

**GLOBAL NEWS BY ARTI PATEL:** Increasingly, STI rates among Canadian **seniors** has become a worrying trend.

To read the full story visit the following website address. <https://globalnews.ca/news/3802497/canada-sti-rates-seniors/>

According to Health Canada, national rates of STIs for people 60 and over are relatively low, but since the early 2000s, the number of cases of **syphilis**, **chlamydia** and **gonorrhea** have increased significantly **among seniors**. “Many seniors are dating again after losing a spouse or a late-life divorce, and in their last relationship, they didn’t use condoms,” she tells Global News. “Now that they can’t get pregnant, [seniors] think they don’t need to use them.”

In 2005, 359 cases of syphilis, 148 cases of chlamydia and 102 cases of gonorrhea were reported **in this age group**, the agency reports. By 2015, those numbers rose to 526, 507 and 267, respectively. They represent a five per cent increase in syphilis, a 142 per cent increase in chlamydia and an 87 per cent rise in gonorrhea.



Fellowship of  
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**2020**  
**CANCELLED**  
**CONFERENCE**  
MAY 7-9  
CLARENCE, NY

**Cost Free Biblical  
Conference Soon  
Coming in May at  
Faith Fellowship  
Church--Clarence  
NY---All Welcome  
to Register Online**

<https://fbcounselors.com/fbc-conferences/>

**2020**  
CHURCH ON THE BEACH SEASON



Sean Obergfell & One Church Worship



Wes Aarum & Aaron Boghossian



Kasey Van Norman & Brooke Nicholls



Calvin Smith & Nick Kish



Tom Martin & Andrew Thompson



Leroy Wiggins & Corey Coogan



Ken Nash & Keri Cardinale Schopp



Josh Hamlin & Moe Badger

**CHURCH ON THE BEACH**

**Will Church On The Beach celebrate its  
10th Anniversary?**

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Sundays 8:45-10:00 a.m. July 12 - Aug 30

**PRAYER WELCOME TO OVERCOME ANY NEED FOR A COVID-19 CANCELLATION**

Town F.E. approved Church-On-The-Beach's 2020 services.  
Town F.E. charges a \$5.00 beach access fee after 9:00 a.m.

**SNLM Thanks  
Down The Rabbit  
Hole Theatre Co.  
For Their Fall Production Of**



**& For Christmas Supplies To  
SNLM, Contributed by Attendees  
Thanks One & All**

**SNLM Thanks  
Church-On-The-Beach**



**For Annual Tee-Shirt Sales**



**Thanks To All Who Bought Them  
In Support of SNLM Free Services**