



South Niagara Life Ministries—Here Because We Care

Helping People Resolve Life Crises, Issues, & Problems
Reaching ♥ Rescuing ♥ Renewing Lives

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NEED HELP?
Free & Confidential Counselling

2023 –
NEWSLETTER
2nd QUARTER

Please pass
along—when
you have
finished
reading.
THANK YOU

ALL ARE WELCOME ~ INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES ~ PLEASE DON'T GO IT ALONE. CRACharity# 840686000RR0001

Greetings—from South Niagara Life Ministries.

We are often asked about SNLM's counsel processes. I hope, this quarter, to better inform referring parties, applicants, and the public in general, how one accesses SNLM, to get counseling underway.



Martha Beroud, E.D.

Please note SNLM's goal is to provide timely help. This, *by interviewing applicants ASAP*—rather than placing them pointlessly on a waiting list, only to later determine our counsel plan, or someone's scheduling isn't a good fit. If this occurs, we will advise on other resources, and offer any other assistance, as we are able.

Life counseling at SNLM begins with our *First Responders*. Whether contacting us via social media, stopping in, or by phone, each *present problem is assessed* for urgency and life threats. Pending none, a **Request for Services (R4S)** form is completed. Our process and procedures are explained and each one to be involved in counsel is requested to complete a **Personal Data Intake (PDI)**, in its entirety; either on premises, or at home. Once PDIs are completed and returned, assigned staff set *orientation* appointments; scheduled in for their next available time slot. Orientations are meant to clarify data, present problems, and counsel expectations. Once a plan of counsel—commitment—and a decision to move forward are made—then a second appointment is set. At this juncture, a short delay may occur, *i.e.* awaiting counselor and applicant schedule compatibility, for in-person or Zoom visits.

This process has worked for us, *for 31 years*, to eliminate pointlessly long waiting lists. When someone cancels, or forgets their appointment, we schedule in those who are ready and waiting. We are concerned for all life, from preborn, to seniors, and each life in between. On occasion we may need to accommodate a life emergency—and bump someone's scheduled appointment. We would do the same, in reverse, when a life threat warrants. Anxiety, depression, and mental health, are the most common issues of late, by those reaching out for our help. SNLM serves an average of 100-150 lives each month, many in conflict or crisis. Mission partnerships are welcome, with many thanks for God's grace for all choosing to help in these ever changing times. Many thanks for you.

COUNSEL QUESTION—How would you respond in hearing the following question? *i.e.* "Why does this always happen to me, **everywhere** I go?"

COUNSEL CONSIDERATION

Explore what "everywhere" means, and for commonalities. The key commonality may be the individual's own heart issues. Everything and everyone else is often not the problem. Encourage accepting responsibility—becoming the change.



Acknowledgement: Jan—April 2023 gifts in honor for Bob Kerr, and in memory for Richard Bisson (W-R We Care Fund), Bill Kamps, Glenn Criger, Leila Cushman, Lois Green, Ginny Frederick, Peter Janzen, Harold MacDougall, Ed Meyer, Alice Turner, & Jean Zimmerman; *investments in lives being served.*



Our prayers, love, and compassion for the families of these who have served, partnered with SNLM, sacrificed, and made an eternal difference. Thank you.

31st Annual BBBC

REACHING, RESCUING, And RENEWING LIVES

SNLMs Baby Bottle Benefit Campaign

Name: _____ My Gift \$ _____ etransfers@snlmcounsel.ca
 Address: _____ Credit Card: Visa MC AmEx Cash Cheque
 City/Prov/PC: _____ Card Number: _____
 Day Phone: _____ Expiry Date _____ CS# _____
 Email: _____ Signature: _____
 Participating with (Church/Group/Business): _____

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Investing in Lives!

Hope and Equip biblical counseling conference, happening May 11-13, 2023. Register with Faith Fellowship Church @ 11478 Main Street in Clarence, NY 14031 — register by visiting their website:

<https://faithfellowshipwny.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1732728>

Registration is free of charge and includes a free dinner Friday evening.

This is part of the "He is Greater Than" series, exploring how God's word gives hope and equips—for facing any life challenges. This year, the theme focuses on marriage issues and relationship struggles. Whether struggling in your marriage or simply seeking to deepen your understanding of biblical relationships, please register online and join with Faith Fellowship church for this weekend.

Questions?

For more details, call (716) 759-0591 or email ffc@faithfellowship.us.

Many thanks to all who graciously support SNLM's mission and availability—Helping People Resolve Life Crisis, Issues, and Problems.

1ST (SPRING) INITIATIVE—raised \$23,846.51; \$11,153.49 short of budget projections (target goal was \$50,000).

In 2022—funding initiatives raised 67% in revenues to cover SNLM's responsibilities for reaching, rescuing renewing lives.

2023 Partner Opportunities

SNLMs Annual Key-2-Hope Initiatives:

2nd Initiative : May 14th—June 18th

Baby Bottle Benefit Campaign

3rd Initiative : July 1—Sept 16, 2023

Walk & Roll & Match Challenge

4th Initiative : Friday—October 27, 2023

SNLMs 31st Anniversary Benefit Dinner

5th Initiative : Christmas Benevolence Community Partners—Client Adoption.

**Board approved

July 2023 **SCHEDULE** August 2023
<https://churchonthebeach.ca/2023-schedule/>

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| Sunday, July 9 | Speaker | Sunday, August 13 |
| Sunday, July 16 | Details | Sunday, August 20 |
| Sunday, July 23 | Online | Sunday, August 27 |
| Sunday, July 30 | | |

Coming Up **July 1 - Sept 16**
 South Niagara Life Ministries Since 1992
Thank You! SNLM's **Walk & Roll**
 Annual Match Challenge
HELPING PEOPLE RESOLVE LIFE CRISIS ISSUES & PROBLEMS
 Many Hands Make Light Work Call 905-871-0236 To Register



South Niagara Life Ministries ~ 2022 Impact Overview

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Counselees in 2022: 315 [85% (267) Biblical Counsel]

Ttl People = 1540
Impacted in 2022
Ttl to Date: 25,559

Counsel Issues in 2022:

Total # of
Issues = 1229

- Newborns (0-8/2-G) 2
- 12 and under 13
- Ages 13-19 27
- Ages 20-29 33
- Ages 30-39 67
- Ages 40-49 68
- Ages 50-59 48
- Ages 60+ 32
- Ages 70+ 17
- Undisclosed 8

14% - Tots,
Youth & Teens
10.5% - 20's
21% - 30's
21.5% - 40's
15% - 50's
10% - 60 plus
5.5% - 70 plus
2.5% - undisclosed

Counselees
Served:
2021: 290
2020: 327
2019: 339
2018: 346
2017: 437
2016: 414
2015: 409

Source Income:
49% Work/spouse
13% ODSP/W/SB
13% Govt Pen/El.
6% Ont. Wks.
11% Guardian
7% Othr or
Undisclosed
6% No Income

NO PROBLEM STANDS ALONE

- Abuse 133
- Addictions 19
- Anger/Behaviors 87
- Crisis Intervention/Conflict Resolution 274
- Crisis Pregnancy/Pregnancy Related 6
- Communication 17
- Depression/Anxiety 165
- Family/ Other Relationships 63
- Marriage Relationships 55
- Parenting 23
- Relationship End/Loss/Death/Grief 49
- Social/Mental Health 20
- Spiritual (Bib.Cnsl, Bible Studies & Groups) 267
- Other Counsel & calls for prayer 51

Adult: 240 Teens/Young Adults: 60 Youth: 15

2 Groups: 10 Male: 114 36% Male Female: 201 64% Female

2022 Reached, Served & Impacted:

• Number of Clients in 2022 267 BblCnsl / 315
+ Returning clients 153
Presents & Assemblies 1072
Total impact 1540
SNLM's You-Tube Views - new in 2022 = 1112

Residential
Demographics:
Fort Erie 55%
Port Colborne
Wainfit/Dunn
Welland/Pelm. 22%
Misc Niagara
Regional Cities: 18%
Other: 20%
(NS, SASK, ON, US)

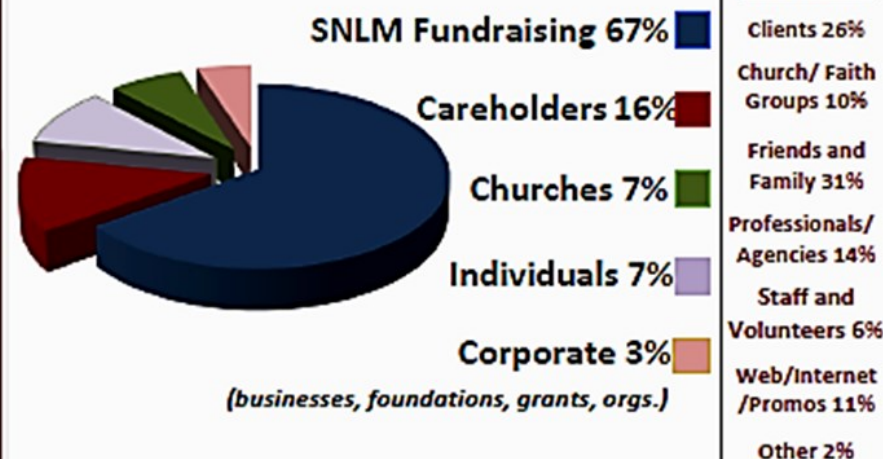
Material & Practical Assistance

- Practical/Food Asst/Supplies /Christmas 247
- Bibles Given 6
- Babies Birthed (To Date - since inception 333) 2
- Gospel shared with inquiring hearts 41
- Commitments (5) / Recommitments (6) 11
Since Oct 1992: 198 + 125 = Combined Total to date 323

2022: Full-Time Staff: 1 Part-time Staff: 10
Volunteer Hours: 2,706.5 = 1.5 F/T Staff

Expenses for 2022: \$261,066. 2022 actual cost per Client (315): Weekly \$16.5 / Monthly \$69 / Annually \$829.

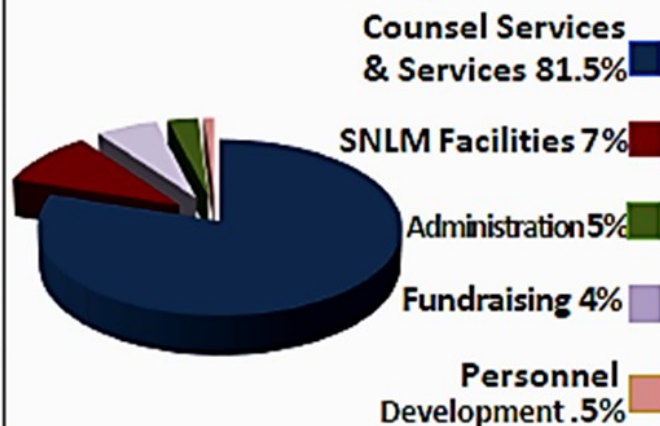
2022 Revenues



Referral Sources:

Clients 26%
Church/ Faith Groups 10%
Friends and Family 31%
Professionals/ Agencies 14%
Staff and Volunteers 6%
Web/Internet /Promos 11%
Other 2%

2022 Ministry Expenses



SNLM Budget for 2023: \$274,000 2023 projected cost per Client (300): Weekly \$18.25 / Monthly \$76 / Annually \$913

SNLM's "Key to Hope" donors assure our timely Help, Services, and Counsel to those in Life Crisis. How about You? We have ample opportunities to assist those in need of new hope. Please call us today.