



# South Niagara Life Ministries—Here Because We Care

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



**NEED HELP?**  
Free & Confidential Counselling

**2024—  
NEWSLETTER  
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Please pass  
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you have  
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**THANK YOU**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME ~ INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES ~ PLEASE DON'T GO IT ALONE. CRA Charity# 84068 6000 RR0001**

### Greetings from the Executive Director's Desk—Martha Beroud



**We are often asked** how things are progressing in our new wing next door, at 139 Gilmore Road. I am happy to say guests have opportunity to come see. *That is*, we've been organizing a Spring Reception that we might invite guests in for a new, onsite event. This year it is part of our funding plan, toward continuing SNLM's free community services. There are two seatings to register for, at 1:00p.m. and again at 6:30—Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration is still open for the 6:30 seating, and we trust all who attend will enjoy our

Grazing Table concept, by way of refreshments, and our short mission focused program. We will give an opportunity to support—though not compulsory to give. We do have a challenge of a \$10,000 match pool toward helping us raise funds; crucial to continue serving our neighbors and community families in need.

We give many thanks to Martin Durksen whose time and energy has been key in readying our community and conference room. His oversight over our new wing, his engagement of the Mennonite Disaster Committee, his locating supplies, and the many men he continues to enlist of their time and skills, is making the difference. Through their progress, we finally have groups happening—meetings, and events like this. Please join us. It may be a great way to cap off your week, while supporting a crucial charity, in need of partnerships rather than standing alone. Thank you.

**2023—Lives reached, rescued, & renewed—Andrew, Angela, Ava, Calvin, Catherine, Hailey, Hannah, Isaac, Josiah, Kiara, Krista, Larry, Michael, Mike, Sean, Susan, Susan, Susan, Tanya, and Tymen—often on our hearts and in our prayers.**

**EVERY hair Counted; written in secret. Lives known by GOD. Valued above rubies.**

## MORE IN 2024



**Gifts In Commemoration** were received at SNLM in memory for Dennis Adams, Sylvia Beard, Jonathan Beroud, John Furness, Ronald F. Gray, Edwin & Marlene Kent, Gordon Kralt, Irma Kentie Maher, Ed Meyer, Beulah Ruegg, Jean Marie Schoenthal, & Larry Wale. We prayerfully & gratefully appreciate these gifts as legacies being invested into each life our team is privileged to serve through SNLM's free counsel services and programs. **Our thanks and prayers** go out to each family and friend in their time of loss, for their commemoration toward helping others.

### MEN'S OPEN-DOOR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

South Niagara Life Ministries



Weekly, as you are able to come and Bring a friend or two—All Welcome.

**Thursdays @ 9:45-10:45**  
**MEN. ALL AGES WELCOME.**

**COME ENJOY  
REFRESHMENTS  
ENCOURAGEMENT,  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,  
& PRAYER SUPPORT.**

139-143 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie  
Stop In & Say Hello To Bernie, Jim, & Larry

**NEW** in 2024—Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>. SNLM's Spring Reception is on location, in our new Community Conference Room. **Please register** to attend and come greet our new and old team mates and board members.



**Last September**, Kelly Turonski joined our front desk team—training under Kathy Andrew's supervision, who has since retired. Kelly worked 20 years in the shipping industry, coming to us with experience in sales, admin, and customer service. Kelly says, she's been freed from trauma and addiction, through Jesus, and has a strong desire to help others get free. She's earned a HonBA from MAC in psychology, and shows an eager desire to learn and grow, through service with SNLM's team.

In January SNLM welcomed Bernie McGale to our counsel team part time; full time on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Bernie has 34 years Pastoral experience, holds a MDIV from UofT, a DipTh from Knox College T.O., a BA from UNB; a FMCIC certificate, and ministry associate with Freedom In Christ Canada. He sees "the church in action" at SNLM, where he sensed a calling to serve.



Biblical Counseling Conference

# HOPE & EQUIP

HE IS GREATER THAN DEPRESSION

"HE IS GREATER" CONFERENCE SERIES  
MAY 9-11, 2024 / FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH / U.S.

## He is Greater Than Depression Th-F-Sat May 9-11, 2024

Location: 11478 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031

6:30—9:00 p.m. Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>

1:00—8:30 p.m. Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am.—1:00pm. Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>

Please note this year's conference is in person; not online.

REGISTER ONLINE: [www.faithfellowship.us](http://www.faithfellowship.us) OR  
PHONE: (716) 759-6632 OFFICE HOURS: M-F 9a.m-4p.m.

Registration is Free of Charge—Pre-Registration includes attending a free dinner on Friday evening, compliments of Faith Fellowship Church / Hosting.

## SNLM's Board of Directors / 2023- 2024

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The world *doesn't* really see and rather disbelieves the authenticity, the love, and authority of Jesus . . . *but Jesus says, "even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father."* (RSV)

## Coming Up in 2024



As a resource partner, SNLM's Larry Hart has again been asked to speak August 4. Save the date.

## CHURCH ON THE BEACH

We are so glad we have a place like this to come for help in dealing with our daughter's issues. Thanks for helping us to improve our parenting skills & learn how to support her to change her behaviour. **SNLM Client**

# What?

## "More in 2024" Refreshments Recap, Updates & Opportunities



**Executive  
Director**  
Martha Beroud

## 2023 - 2024 Mission

### Come Join Us

### Meet SNLMs Team Please Register



## 1st Qtr Sponsors



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Friends**

**Many Thanks Everyone.**

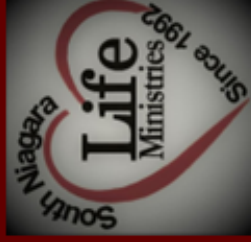
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## April 12, 2024 More in 2024

*You're Invited to*

## SNLM'S SPRING RECEPTION 2024

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

2 SEATINGS - 1:00 pm / 6:30 pm

Friday, April 12th - Call to Register

South Niagara Life Ministries

139 Gilmore Rd. - New Wing

PHONE: 905.871.0236 - ASAP

**Helping People Resolve LIFE  
Crises, Issues, and Problems.**

SNLM provides counsel & resources through donor partnerships and community support to area families, children, teens, marriages and various programs & services. *Thank you.*

CANADA REVENUE CHARITY #84068 6000 RR0001



## FROM THE BEGINNING

**South Niagara Life Ministries** first vision, and mission, was born out of the hearts of community men and women to provide *free* resources and practical life solutions to those facing hard life decisions – alone – in crisis – with an unplanned pregnancy. It is a vision, still today, that marks a significant part of their legacies. A legacy of Christian compassion for affirming and respecting human life at both ends of the life cycle, and in between. It is a legacy that SNLM is privileged to carry on, for as long as we have community support, partners, and a qualified team to do so.

**Today**, SNLM ministers within a wide array of **life altering crisis, issues, and problems**. Many come to SNLM by referral and because of the inaccessibility to go elsewhere. We continue to seek means for further advancing our team and abilities to fill community gaps for services, to better serve our neighbor's needs, and continue making healthy life changing differences for the benefit of all in our community. **Our many thanks** to all who share – who contribute time, skills, and resources.

# Where?

**139 Gilmore Road  
SNLM's New Wing**



## 2024 Mark Your Calendars

**SNLMs Annual Key-2-Hope Initiatives:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Initiative:** April 12 - 2024 Spring Reception

**2<sup>nd</sup> Initiative:** May 12<sup>th</sup>-June 16<sup>th</sup>

Baby Bottle Benefit Campaign

**3<sup>rd</sup> Initiative:** July 2—Sept 14, 2024

Walk & Roll & Match Challenge

**4<sup>th</sup> Initiative:** Friday—October 25, 2024

SNLMs 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Benefit Dinner

**5<sup>th</sup> Initiative:** Christmas Benevolence

South Niagara Life Ministries Client Adoption

# More In 2024



2405

**LIVES IMPACTED  
LAST YEAR - 2023**

(Includes Presents & Assemblies)

1494

**Counsel Issues Addressed  
NO PROBLEM STANDS ALONE**

348

154

**New & Return  
Counselors in 2023**