

MEMORIES & MILESTONES



THIRTY YEARS

- 1988 - Niagara Life Welland Centre was opened.
- 1994 - Dedication was held for the opening of "Elisha House" at 48 Burgar St.
- 2003 - 54 Burgar St. was purchased.

Thank You From Elisha House

A big thank you to those who attended and donated funds at our Valentine's Day Trivia Night! We would also like to formally thank both our donors and our volunteers! Without you this ministry would not have the impact that it does in our community. God is at work here and we are praying for continued support as we strive to fulfill our call to minister to both our pregnancy and counselling clients.



Elisha House was birthed out of Niagara Life Centre. Donna Beckett started it in 1985, in a small facility in Beamsville. She prayed, "I'll begin this work, but you'll have to send me the workers to continue on". After years of God's leading and a vision to help those who were "pregnant and scared", Elisha House has continued to support families and women in crisis with a growing passion to show God's love, equipping and educating families in the city of Welland.

PREGNANCY OPTIONS UPDATE

NIKKI BAKKER

It has been quite a memorable year within the Pregnancy Ministry. For those of you who attended the banquet, you might recall the difficulties we experienced with infant loss. Always, God was faithful. We now eagerly anticipate the arrival of a few little ones in the near future, as our Young and Pregnant in Niagara "YPN" prenatal group is busting at the seams. We have a full room of eager young mothers and their partners. Under the faithful eye of staff, our girls are able to receive education from a Public Health nurse and prepare for labour & delivery and parenthood.

Elisha House has been running YPN since 2015. Over the years we have transitioned through many different courses, including life skills, parenting, healthy relationships, discipline, etc.. Elisha House has been a beacon of hope for many people. It doesn't matter if a client needs a helping hand through her challenging pregnancy or needs to talk through her options, we have been an open door in the community of Welland. As we look upon the last thirty years, many things have changed. Whether a client walked through the door in 1988 or walks through it today, each client, regardless of their circumstances, is able to come in and receive support, guidance and hope.

Thirty years is a big victory. Despite changes in politics and culture Elisha House has remained open. There have been times of financial difficulty, times of few clients and times of many. With Christ as our Cornerstone and through our faithful donors and ministry partners, we have been able to withstand it all.

Thank you for your prayers, donations, and for offering your time and talent. We would not be able to succeed and make an impact on those in unexpected pregnancies without it. It truly is a partnership. On behalf of the staff in the Pregnancy Options Ministry, it is an honour to serve our clients on behalf of the Christian community. To share with them resources, education and most importantly, the redeeming and transforming love of Jesus Christ is our mission.

Looking back and reflecting on the past also encourages us to look forward to the future. It is with mixed emotions that in the next season, I will be stepping away from Elisha House and transitioning into a new position at Haldimand Pregnancy Care & Family Centre. I will always look back on my years at Elisha House with gratitude as this position allowed me to grow spiritually, emotionally and professionally. I hope you will prayerfully join me as we look forward to the next thirty years at both Elisha House and Haldimand Pregnancy Care & Family Centre.



FAREWELL NIKKI

For the last four years Nikki has worked in the Pregnancy Options Ministry at Elisha House. She has a passion for people and the pro-life movement.

Thank you Nikki for serving at Elisha House and for meeting the needs of clients. You will be missed. We wish you well in your future endeavors.



MONUMENTS

GLEN SLINGERLAND

“...these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever” (Joshua 4:7).

Perhaps you have been witness to God’s miraculous and gracious intervention as the people of Israel did when crossing the Jordan River. Most likely, if you are a Christian, you can recount times when God spoke to your heart through a passage of Scripture you read or through a faithful friend. Certainly, you encounter God’s providential grace on a daily basis. In all likelihood, you have had experiences of monumental proportions, whether you’ve recognized them or not.

Do you recall ever wanting to speak harshly, but the Spirit restrained you? Have you had someone ask you for forgiveness for some way they sinned against you? Ever pray about a conversation you thought would turn out badly- and it went well? Has your pastor or small group leader admitted to certain sin struggles and asked for prayer? If so, you have experienced the miracle of resurrection power!

Many times in Scripture we are called to remember the mercy, goodness, and power of God. At really significant moments, God’s people have created monuments as reminders of these events. What monuments can you set up today as a reminder of God’s gracious intervention in your life? Perhaps a photograph, a special anniversary, a vow renewal ceremony...or just a bowl of river rock on your coffee table with special dates or Scripture verses written on them? Remember when God...

11 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Eleven years ago Denise Weiss started volunteering at Elisha House. One year later Denise accepted a paid position. She has been serving on staff for ten years, and retired on March 14th.

Thank you Denise for all of your hard work and your love for the ministry at Elisha House. Your faithful service has not gone unnoticed. We are grateful for your dedication and your heart.

Blessings to you in this new chapter.

Bonne retraite!



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BRENT THOMAS

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psalm 37:25)

The above portion of Psalm 37 reminds me of God's faithful provision. We have a God who is utterly trustworthy and who encourages us to *walk by faith* as He provides. In the thirty years that we have been ministering to Welland here at Elisha House, God has always provided for our needs.

As I review documents that have been saved over the years, many years before I joined the team, I am amazed by the faithful determination of the staff and Christian community to keep this ministry going. At times God supplied just enough to keep the lights on, and at other times He supplied in abundance. As with Paul in Phillipians 4:12-13, we have learned both how to be abased and how to abound and that we can truly do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

No matter what our immediate financial situation was over the years we have never stopped the life-saving work of our Crisis Pregnancy Ministry, or the life-changing work of Biblical Counselling. With heart-felt thanks to our faithful donors and supporting churches we are looking forward to what is in store for the next thirty years!

We are on track so far in 2018 to impact the lives of as many young women as we did last year, and our Biblical Counselling client list continues to grow. February-April are tough financial months for us at Elisha House, so this would be a great time to make a donation and especially to remember us in prayer.

Thank you for being a part of this ministry, and for your faithful support. We truly could not continue this vital mission without you!

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- in the power of healing through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- that all humankind has value from conception to natural death.
- in God's design for relationships and sexuality.
- in serving our clients and community with excellence.