

CHOOSE LIFE

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Newsletter Fall 2017



**“Oh what a night, late September
back in '17.**

**What a very special time for me, As I
remember what a night”**



These song lyrics (modified just a bit) accurately describe the sixth annual CHOOSE LIFE RED CARPET BANQUET. It was a memorable night as 130 attendees gathered at Living Hope Community Church to celebrate Choose Life Ministry, be entertained, hear updates, and raise funds for our stone house project. MC, William Sinclair, welcomed everyone and the evening began with a delicious roast beef and turkey meal. Guest speaker, Linette McLean then told her story and how Mercy Ministries, a program similar to Choose Life, was pivotal in saving her life. Director, Shelley Boyes, shared with the crowd, the current status of the Ministry. The news that, “After more than 5 years of work and preparation, the program is operating, and we have residents in a temporary location”, met with loud cheers and applause. Shelley went on to communicate that the financial goal for the evening was \$60,000 and that all funds raised would go toward finishing the stone house.





A lively auction facilitated by Mason Richaud brought many laughs from the participants. Banquet guests were treated to more laughter with the comedy duo "Don't Mind Us", an improv team who did an excellent job of involving the audience in their antics. As the evening was drawing to a close, the following comments were heard, "That was the best banquet yet!" "My cheeks hurt from laughing!" AND, when the final count was complete, a total of \$66,057 was raised. PRAISE GOD! It is now full steam ahead with the stone house which will be completed early in 2018. THANK YOU to everyone who blessed us September 22, 2017 and made it a very memorable night! OH WHAT A NIGHT...

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 25th we are having an information night at LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH in Estevan for anyone who might like to join the BOARD of DIRECTORS. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with supper, followed by information about Choose Life ministry and guest speaker, Dallas Block, Director of Rock Solid Refuge, speaking about the role of board members in non-profit ministries. All are welcome to attend!! Please RSVP to [306-485-7590](tel:306-485-7590) so we know how much food to prepare.

Volunteers Are Needed

**For 3 Hour Shifts
At Second Chance Stores in
Estevan 306-634-7410
And Carlyle 306-453-5557**

Training will be provided. Please contact the stores directly or Joanne at 306-575-0245

**Volunteers are needed Saturday,
October 28th to move recycle. If
you are available please let us
know at 306-458-7258**

OTHER NEEDS: A 5 passenger vehicle. A single bed and frame.

Choose Life Ministry was founded to provide hope and healing to young women between the ages of 18-29 who are seeking freedom from life-controlling issues such as: Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Depression, Eating Disorders, Unplanned Pregnancy, Physical & Sexual Abuse, and Self-Harm.

Learn more about our mission at:

www.chooselifeministry.ca

Speaking Engagements

*Sunday, October 22

Estevan Gospel Chapel,
Estevan, SK

*Wednesday, November 8

Carnduff, SK

*Sunday, November 26

Free Methodist Church, Weyburn, SK

Shelley is Available to share with your group.

Please call 306-458-7258 to book a date and time.

CONTENTMENT

From the Director, Shelley Boyes

It seems to be part of our nature to always be looking forward, longing for the day when...we graduate, we move out on our own, we have a good job, we get married, we have children, we get that new car or new house, the children grow up, we can retire. I find myself looking forward to the day when the stone house renovations are complete and our Choose Life program is operating on 160 wide open beautiful acres.

Always looking forward and always being a little dissatisfied with where we are robs us of the beauty of our current situation. In Philippians 4:11 & 12, Paul says, "Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need." NASB

Being content is not something that comes naturally, Paul says he has learned to be content. So how do we learn to be content?

STOP COMPARING. Sometimes we get caught up in other people's lives and what they have (or don't have). "I wish I had a nice furniture like so and so; I wish I could go on vacation like so and so; I'm glad I don't have to drive a junk car like so and so; I wish my kids were good like so and so's..." Comparing ourselves with others is unhealthy because one of two things will happen, either you will think you are better than they are or worse than they are and both of those are harmful. Your situation is unique, and if you trust God's plan for your life then, you are exactly where you need to be at this point in time.

STOP AND THINK CREATIVELY. Maybe you are not able to go on the type of vacation you would like, but you probably can pack up a picnic basket, take a blanket and a soccer ball and go out to a local park with your family. Having less causes you to be more creative and resourceful with what you do have. If your furniture is not quite what you would like, how can you refurbish it? Perhaps a coat of paint or a piece of fabric will give something old a new look.

STOP HURRYING. Our culture seems to be in such a hurry to get to the next thing that we fail to stop and be thankful for where we are. Have you noticed that small children seldom seem to be in a rush. "Mommy, look at that flower. What kind of bird is that? Come see this cool spider web!" If we take the time to appreciate the ordinary everyday things in life, we will tend to be more content.

It's important to point out that we do need to set goals and be working toward them. Just remember that God's ways and timing are not always the same as ours, therefore we need to be content where we are on the way to where we're going.

And, thanks to all of our faithful supporters, we have the funds to complete the stone house! But in the meantime, we are thrilled to have our program operating, and content to see God transforming lives in our current location. Be blessed and be content!



We Are Hiring Direct Contact Staff

If you are interested in Supervising our Residents while promoting our Values of love, trust, excellence, accountability and freedom.

We want you to Join Our Team
Check out Our Website for all the Details at www.chooselifeministry.ca

Resumes may be faxed to:

306-925-4808 or Emailed, Attention Shelley: slboyes@sasktel.net

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