

Upcoming Events:

Red Barn Market	Property Transformation Weekend	SAVE THE DATE
May 23, June 30, and June 27	May 28, 29 and 30	July 1 st Canada Day
North of Kenosee Lake, SK	At the Homestead for Hope	Celebration
Information Booth	Yard work, gardening, fellowship, and Sunday Worship Service	Carnduff, SK
	Bring your campers/tents and stay on the property	Activities will depend on Government Regulations
		Fireworks for sure!

Hope Renewed Lives Transformed

I am most grateful to God that I have experienced a restoration and breakthrough with both my children and my family. I am thankful that I no longer hunger for substances to fill the void I had in my life. I now hunger for and devour the Word of God. It's such an amazing thing, waking each morning and being so very thankful for another blessed day. Since leaving Choose Life, I have been working with the local RCMP, doing public speaking engagements speaking out against the drug culture that is still rampant in the community. I also spoke at the drug strategy action committee luncheon sharing my story and speaking to community representatives giving them my best recommendations to try to come out on top of the drug problem here.

-Lanna

Our Mission

Choose Life Ministry was founded to establish a place for young women between the ages of 18-29 to find freedom from life-altering issues including substance abuse, depression and anxiety, unexpected pregnancy, the effects of physical and sexual abuse, and challenges such as eating disorders and self-harm behaviours.

NO DISTANCE TOO GREAT NO AUDIENCE TOO SMALL

Have Shelley and the girls share with your Group, Business, Organization, Church or Ministry. Call or email to set up a date.

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Homestead Wish List

If you feel led to provide the Ministry with a gift in kind donation, this list is a great place to get ideas. A tax receipt will be issued for gifts over \$20 value

- 7 Passenger Van
- Bedside/Study Tables are needed for resident's bedrooms
- A small tablet is needed to allow residents opportunity to Face Time children and family while in program
- Summer Recreation Items: Bicycles, Volley Ball Net, Outdoor Bocce
- Meat donations of beef, chicken, pork
- Tupperware Kitchen Storage Containers
- Board Games: Ticket to Ride, Codenames, Monopoly Deal, Quelf, Kingdomino, Happy Salmon, Exploding Kittens, The Chameleon, Spot it



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Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser

Choose Life Ministry is so honoured for the privilege we had of joining Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) this February. Every year, CNOY partners with Ministries from all over Canada to raise funds to help the hurting, hungry and homeless. Hundreds of individuals work together by walking to bring awareness and raise money through peer to peer fundraising.



This year, the CNOY walk was held on February 20th. Choose Life Ministry hosted their walk in Estevan, SK. The response was very encouraging. We had 9 individuals create teams of walkers and in total, we had over 50 people walking to raise funds for Choose Life Ministry. We also had many wonderful volunteers come to help out for the afternoon. They helped with the event set up and registration. They drove around the route,

making sure our walkers were safe. They served packaged lunches and hot drinks to our teams,

We are so thankful for each one of them and we wouldn't have been able to do it without them!

With everyone working so hard and diligently, we were able to raise over \$10,000 to help the hurting, homeless and hungry in our community. It was so good to have so many individuals come together and team up to help make a difference in the lives of hurting young women.

We look forward to participating in the Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser again come February 26, 2022. It is amazing what can happen when we work together!



1 Corinthians 1:3

*If I could speak all the languages of earth
and of angels, but didn't love others,
I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I
understood all of God's secret plans and
possessed all knowledge, and if I had such
faith that I could move mountains,
but didn't love others, I would be nothing.
If I gave everything I have to the poor and
even sacrificed my body, I could boast
about it; but if I didn't love others,
I would have gained nothing.*



Horsemanship with Rising Hooves Adventure



Cookie Decorating



Special Coffee Outing



Learning to Bake Buns!

Featured Board Member

Joanne Johnston

My name is Joanne Johnston. I live in Kisbey with my husband Jim, a Westie named Tucker and a Siamese cat named Griffin.

We have two children. Our son Michael, wife Kimberly and three wonderful grandchildren who live in Weyburn. Our Daughter Danielle, went home to be with the Lord in 2002.

I've worked at a few jobs, mostly in health care working with the elderly. First at Moose Mountain Lodge in Carlyle and co-owned a personal care home in Arcola. In the last few years I was working for an oil field company.

I'm retiring in May. I hope to spend more time sewing and I am learning to quilt. I have a love for animals and often take in strays and find them homes. I enjoy gardening and canning in the summer months.

I first met Shelley and heard about Choose Life when she spoke at our church. I've been a volunteer and supporter of the Second Chance Store in Carlyle since then.

I find Shelley to be an inspiration. It's awesome to see how God has taken the tragic death of her daughter and used it to help so many young women. I know how hard it is to go through such a loss as we have gone through a similar situation. We admire her resolve to work with God to take tragedy and turn it into the "Homestead for Hope".

My role at Choose Life is that of a board member. I joined the board in hope of contributing in any way I can to such a wonderful organization.

I find the board to be a group of people who work together selflessly, not only keep the ministry going, but have a real vision for its future. It's shown me what can take place when you seek God and follow His direction. Great thing can happen!

Foundations

Shelley Boyes, Choose Life Ministry Director

It's March! What does that mean in the life of Choose Life Ministry? **Year End!**

Our fiscal year is April 1 to March 31. We are in the last leg of the 2020-21 year, and we will finish strong. This has been an interesting year for the Ministry. This has been an interesting year for everyone. A lot of our normal routines were disrupted, a lot of the things we counted as normal were suddenly taken away, things like visiting family, going out in public without a mask, gathering at church. But one thing remains the same. One thing is constant and that is the Lord. Psalm 102:25-27 says, "Long ago **You laid the foundation** of the earth, and made the heavens with Your hands. They will perish, but **You remain forever**; they will wear out like old clothing. You will change them like a garment, and discard them, but **You are always the same, You will live forever.**"

Our ministry is built on this FOUNDATION – the Lord, Jesus Christ – and despite what is going on in the world, He is always the same and will remain forever. And this is the message that we bring to hurting young women. There is Hope and Healing in the ONE who never changes.

And while we are on the topic of FOUNDATIONS, I want to acknowledge our MONTHLY PARTNERS who form the financial foundation of Choose Life Ministry. Financially, 2020-21 was incredible! God provided for ALL of our needs. Our budget of \$769,000 was miraculously met. It is our goal, as a Ministry, to get to the place where we are self-sustaining, and each year we are working and making progress to that end. This year our plan is to focus on the support of our regular donors and the stability they provide. If you are currently a monthly donor – THANK YOU for your commitment to partner with us to see lives transformed by the love of God. I would ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your monthly gift. If you are not currently a monthly partner, likewise, please consider joining with us in this important work. We are blessed to be a blessing and God is faithful. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap..." Luke 6:38

Every NEW monthly partnership or INCREASED monthly partnership will receive a SPECIAL GIFT. Please contact the ministry through email: sboyes@sasktel.net Phone: 306-485-7590 OR complete the donor form below and email/mail it.



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