

## 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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## Needs List:

PTL, the following items have been donated: weed whipper, freezer, skates, cross country skis, paper shredder, pickle keeper, strainer, and salad spinner. Thank you so much! We still need...

### 15 Passenger Van

#### FOR THE OFFICE:

- Filing cabinet

#### FOR THE YARD:

- Ride on Mower or 2010 tractor with mower and rotor tiller
- Green house
- Hand Operated Rear Tine Rotor-tiller
- Garden Shed

#### FOR THE HOUSE:

- Beef, Pork, Chicken, Fish

#### ACTIVITIES:

- Bean bag game
- Ladder ball game
- Croquet set
- Skates (more sizes needed)
- Sports Equipment (basketball, basketball hoop, soft-balls and ball gloves).

#### FOR YARD IMPROVEMENT:

- Gazebo
- Fire pit
- Gas barbeque
- Patio Panels for wind protection for barbecue area
- Picnic Tables and other Outdoor Furniture



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**AMAZING  
OPPORTUNITIES!**

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## Highlights of 2019



2019 was a fantastic year, full of adventures and opportunities to learn and grow. We are amazed by what God is doing through Choose Life Ministry. Many lives have been changed. Hope has been restored.

This year, we had five young women graduate from the program. It is so wonderful to see the transformation in these girls' lives. The Choose Life program has given them the assurance that they are valued and loved by God, and that their lives have worth and purpose.



On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Choose Life Ministry hosted the Canada Day Celebration in Carnduff, SK. It was a great success, and we were very encouraged by the community's response. The day was filled with great music, delicious food, several games and activities for kids and adults alike. The day concluded with a grand display of fireworks.

Summer brought along great opportunities for the girls at Choose Life to enjoy some time at camp. Camp is an important part of our program, and we are thankful for the privilege we had to attend Trossachs Family Camp and Kenosee Lake Bible Camp.



This autumn, we tried something new. We hosted Dessert Night Fundraisers in Carnduff, Estevan, and Weyburn. The evenings included a testimony from one of our graduates, music by the Szakacs Family, live and silent auctions, and lots of tasty desserts.

We look back at 2019 feeling so thankful for all that God has done. Yes, there have been challenges, but God is always faithful. We are excited to see what 2020 will bring!

## Upcoming Events:

Coldest Night of the Year  
February 22, 2020  
Brandon, MB

Property Transformation Weekend  
May 22-24, 2020  
Homestead for Hope Property

Canada Day Celebration  
July 1, 2020  
Centennial Park, Carnduff, SK



## Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donate online at [www.chooselifeministry.ca/donate](http://www.chooselifeministry.ca/donate)

Detach and Mail to: PO Box 176 Glen Ewen, SK S0C 1C0  
All Donations Are Tax Deductible

☐ I would like to make a one-time donation of:  
\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I would like to become a monthly partner:  
\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.  
Withdrawn on the ☐ 1st or ☐ 15th of the month.

☐ A Cheque is Enclosed (Monthly Partners may enclose a VOID Cheque)

OR

☐ Credit Card Information:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meet

### Board Member Mark Custance

Mark describes himself as a Christian, Husband, and Father to four amazing children 4,6,8,and 10 years old. He grew up in Alberta and enjoyed working with computers at a young age. His parents were entrepreneurs, and owned several small businesses. Mark now has his own business, helping people solve their computer issues. After their first two children were born, he and his wife, Kendra, decided to move back to the place where she grew up. They are enjoying a slower pace, and have spent their free time building up a sustainable farmstead. They've since had two more children to fill up their house. Mark says there is never a dull moment around their place and each day is a blessing.



"I heard about Choose Life through friends, and after meeting Shelley at an event and coming to a service at the Homestead for Hope. It was not without its struggles, but I am happy to say by the grace of God I have been sober for 14 years. [Therefore], I had been familiar with places that helped people who suffered from addictions and hurts, but I had never found a place like the Homestead for Hope. I really felt God calling me to help in any way I could. The transformations of the ladies I have seen at the house overflowed my heart, and the impact to the people and communities around them is undeniable. I have welcomed my position on the board to work with a truly amazing group of people that care so deeply.

I know God is doing a great work. I have had ample opportunities to grow my faith and see miracles take place. Everyone who comes in contact with this ministry leaves changed!"

## New Second Chance Stores!!!



New Second Chance Thrift Store!  
Opened September 2019 in  
Whitewood, SK.

Coming soon! Our 5<sup>th</sup> Second Chance Store in Carnduff, SK. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve many communities through our stores.

## Lives Forever Changed

I'm grateful for many things that God has done in my life since entering the Choose Life home. God has literally given me a new start, my salvation has made me a new person. For the first time in my life I am able to have healthy relationships with others, I feel like I have a purpose in this world and I experience true happiness on a level I didn't know existed. My life was over for me before I came to God and I was severely depressed and couldn't make it through a day without using substances in an attempt just to escape reality. God has changed my life so I don't need to rely on substances and I have such a strong desire to live and experience the fullness of life that Jesus died to give me. My depression kept me in bed to the point where I could hardly hold down a job or nurture my relationships with friends or family. Today, I am able to work a full time job and am only in bed for 8 hours every night. I honestly can't explain everything God has given me but I do know he gave me LIFE. Choose life guided me in building a relationship with God and for that I will forever be grateful.

All glory be to our Father, Jesus Christ

-Jordyn, 2019 Graduate



# VISION, PLANNING, & DREAMING NEVER GETS OLD!

*From the Director*

Have you heard of a SWOT Analysis? I have to confess that I had never heard the term until I was back at the University of Regina in 2004. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. It is how an organization takes stock of their current situation in order to improve, set goals and move forward.

At our 2020 Vision Casting and Planning Meeting, the Board of Directors completed a SWOT analysis. We sited strengths: Strong Faith in God, Great People of Good Character, Passion, Volunteers, Biblical Foundation, Strong Work Ethic, Beautiful Modern Facility. We noted Weaknesses and Threats: Shortage of Staff, Lack of Technology and Training, Inadequate Funding, Low Number of Monthly Supporters.

But, when we got to Opportunities, the list was practically endless: Changed Lives, Providing Employment, Growing Personally and Professionally, Providing goods through Second Chance Stores, Raising Leaders, Spreading the Gospel, Restoring Families and Relationships, and too many more to list. The VISION for CHOOSE LIFE MINISTRY and the HOMESTEAD for HOPE for 2020 is huge. We are in awe of where God has directed us thus far, but we know that He is able to do above all we could ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20) this year and in the years to come!

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year (March 31, 2020).

Financial Snapshot:

**BUDGETED DONATIONS: \$210,060.**

**ACTUAL DONATIONS: \$165,080**

**TO BE RECEIVED: \$44,980** in the next few weeks in order to have a balanced budget.

Can you help? Help us balance our budget? Help us provide a top-notch program? Help a young woman find a new start in life?

**All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE and can be made via Cheque, Credit Card, or online at [www.chooselifeministry.ca/donate](http://www.chooselifeministry.ca/donate)**

CHANGED LIVES = PRICELESS (see testimony on page 2!)



Blessed to be a blessing!

Shelley



Choose Life Ministry is Hiring!

- Direct Contact Staff
- Director of Fundraising
- Program Manager
- Promotions Director

To find out more, please visit: [www.chooselifeministry.ca](http://www.chooselifeministry.ca)  
Or apply by sending your resume to Shelley: [slboyes@sasktel.net](mailto:slboyes@sasktel.net)

## Help Us Set a Goal for 2020!

One of the goals of the ministry this year is to increase our number of **MONTHLY PARTNERS** by 100. If you are currently a **Monthly Supporter**, we are very thankful for the stability that brings to our Ministry. As we launch into 2020, would you prayerfully consider becoming a **MONTHLY PARTNER** or increasing your current pledge?

