

SOUTH NIAGARA LIFE MINISTRIES INC.

33 Years

1992-2025



Annual General Meeting Report

2024-2025

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South Niagara Life Ministries (SNLM's) lifesaving mission is committed to free services-offering and Helping People Resolve Life Crisis, Issues, and Problems.

Visit SNLM'S website, call us for services, or schedule an onsite tour and learn more about opportunities to make a difference.

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143 Gilmore Road



139 Gilmore Road



Committed to...

Providing a safe, nurturing environment; one that's rooted in demonstrating and teaching the mercy, grace and overwhelming love of Jesus Christ.

Committed to...

Offering free services, information, resources, counsel, support, hope, and compassion to individuals, couples, families, teens, youth-confidentiality and without discrimination- men and women who are in life altering crisis situations, and/or facing conflicts-seeking options.

Committed to...

Working together with area partners to sustain SNLM's availability and free services; and grow our resources, group and counsel programs.

MISSION STATEMENT

- ♥ Our mission as a Christian charity is to offer free and timely help, resources, and counsel to individuals and families in life altering crises, distress, and circumstances.
- ♥ We are concerned for the physical, social, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of those we serve.
- ♥ Reaching, Rescuing, and Renewing Lives continues to be the essence of our mission.

Council services are free; confidential; sustained by donor support.

VISION STATEMENT

- ♥ Helping People Resolve LIFE Crises, Issues, and Problems

No problem stands alone, and often requires help with practical resources, and community advocacy, alongside a plan of counsel.



SOUTH NIAGARA LIFE MINISTRIES
HELPING PEOPLE RESOLVE LIFE CRISES, ISSUES, AND PROBLEMS

SNLM

Board of Directors (2025)

Bob Kerr, Chair (founding director 2010)

Kathy Klune (2020)

Bernie McGale, Executive Director (Nov 11, 2025)

Susan Mueller, (2023)

Darryl Stapleton, Treasurer (2023)

Sandy Ruegg, Secretary (2024)

Sandy Ruegg, Interim Executive Director (Nov 12, 2025)

Board of Directors (2026):

Bob Kerr, Chair (founding director 2010)

Kathy Klune, Secretary (2020)

Sandy Ruegg, Interim Executive Director (2025)

Darryl Stapleton, Treasurer (2023)

Staff - 2025

Debbie Annunziata, Reception & Admin. Assistant

Jodie Bengert, Executive Assistant and Child & Youth Counselor

Leighton Bengert, Office Administrator

Natalie Ciacchi, Reception & Office Help

Heleen Fokkens, Counselor

Larry Hart, Counselor

Elaine Kah, Bookkeeping & Finances

Jen Lown, Reception & Office Help

Helen McCreddie, Admin & Fundraising

Bernie McGale, Executive Director/Counselor (Nov 11, 2025)

Marilyn McGale, Stats & Operations

Sandy Ruegg Interim Executive Director (Nov 12, 2025)

Cindy Teabo, Support

Staff – 2026

Debbie Annunziata, Reception, Admin. Assistant, & Health & Safety Officer

Heleen Fokkens, Counselor

Larry Hart, Counselor

Elaine Kah, Financial & Office Manager

Jen Lown, Reception & Office Help

Helen McCreddie, Marketing and Events Coordinator

Cindy Teabo, Support

Sandy Ruegg Interim Executive Director

Yaryk Tehza, Counselor

Volunteers -2026

Evert & Anesta, Van Beusekom, event volunteers

Volunteer at large (men's group)

Martin Durksen, Mennonite Disaster Services

Bob Stapleton

Terry Marr

Cindy Teabo, Support

Tori-Ellen Kaye



Message from the Interim Executive Director:

Over the past two years there have been several changes. We've had a change in leadership as Martha retired in December 2024 after 33 years of service. We appreciate all the many years of service she has graciously given to this ministry. SNLM wouldn't be what it is today without her. Martha's passion in serving the Lord, vision, and her heart for this ministry has been a blessing to clients, as well as the staff and board members. In 2025, Bernie, one of our Biblical Counselors, stepped into the role of Executive Director from January to November of 2025, and returned to ministry as a pastor at a local church. We pray for God's direction and guidance in his pastoral role. We've had changes in staff & Board members as well. Susan Mueller, board member, retired in November 2025 and moved away to be closer to family. We will truly miss her and are thankful she served on the board of SNLM. We want to thank the staff who are no longer serving at SNLM as well. We appreciate all they have done for the ministry and for their service over the years.

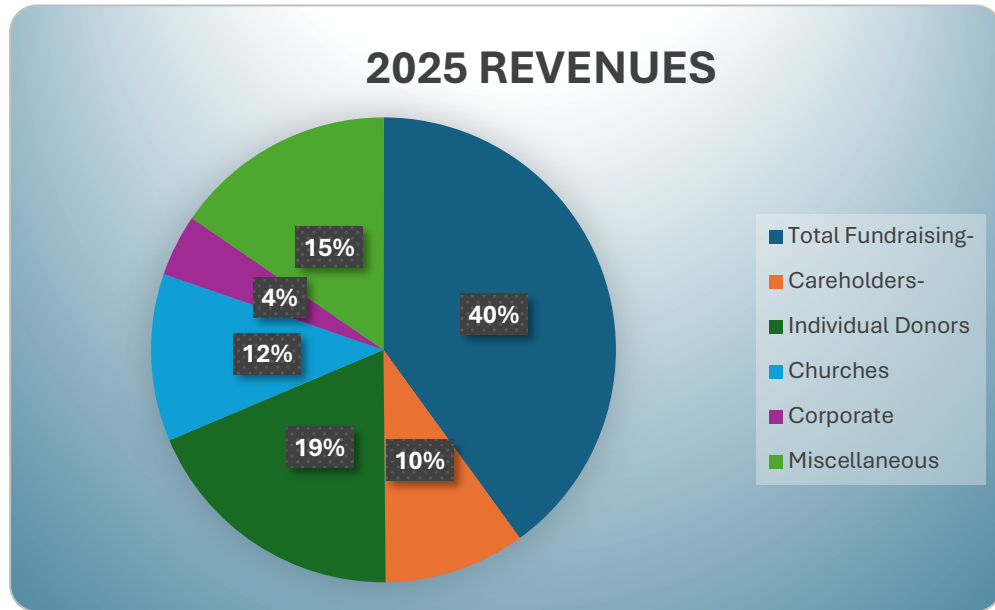
Thank you, Martin Durksen, (our rep from Mennonite central Disaster Committee), and his crew for the ongoing clean up at our new building next door. We are ever so grateful for them.

Looking Ahead as we move into 2026 our Goals Are:

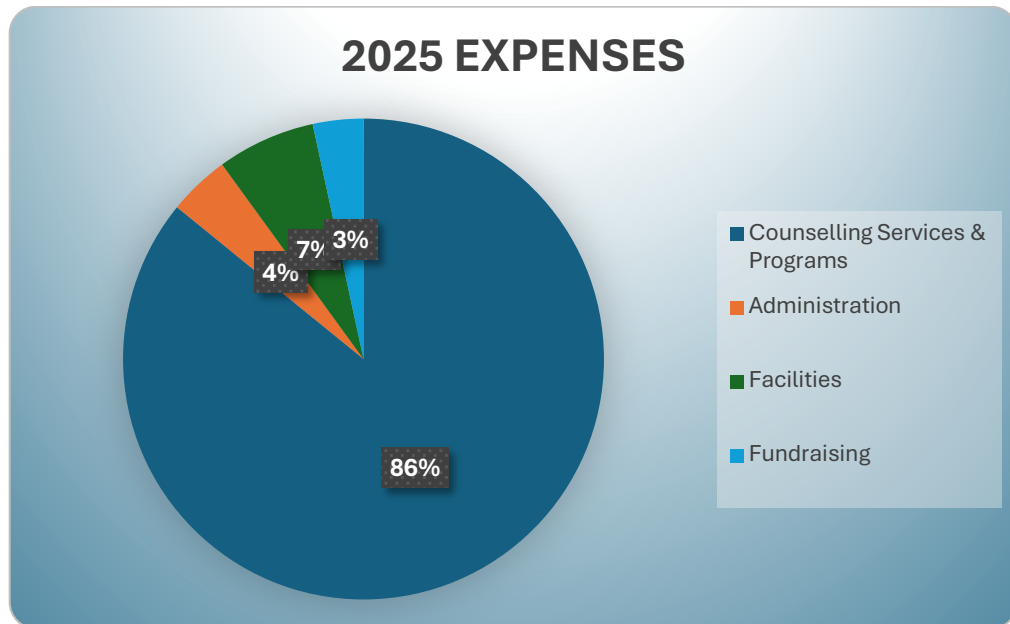
- To continue to offer; free; confidential services, programs, and resources to individuals and families in need to continue our mission of reaching, rescuing and renewing lives.
- To grow our funds in order that we will be able to hire another counselor and to continue offering our weekly men's fellowship group and our women's "Lord Heal My Hurts" group in our conference room next door. To offer other much needed groups, such as, "Griefshare" and with many who struggle with addictions our hope is to offer a support group.
- To grow our capital fund to continue in the renovations in our new building and the upkeep of our offices.
- Our funding plan to include endowments, estate benefactors and third-party initiatives to continue to carry out our mission.
- More donors, care-holders and sponsors
- More Volunteers: office help, group facilitators, events, etc.
- To improve our social media to reach out to those who are hurting and offer hope and healing and to bring awareness of our services to our community.
- To continue in renovations to our new building with the help of Martin Durksen and Bob Stapleton. Thank you, Bob, for volunteering to help us in 2026.

SNLM's Statistics for 2025

SNLM'S 2025 REVENUES \$307,517

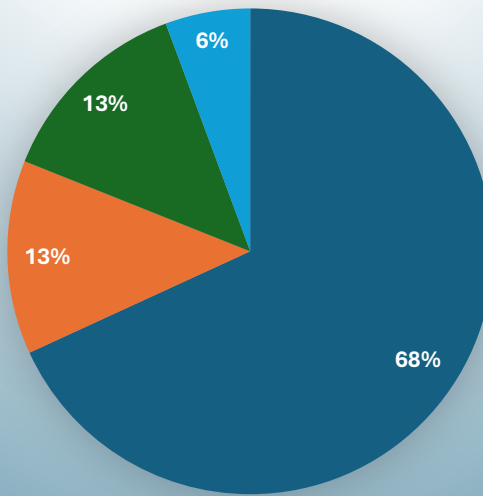


SNLM'S 2025 MISSION EXPENSES \$249,912



SNLM'S COUNSEL OVERVIEW

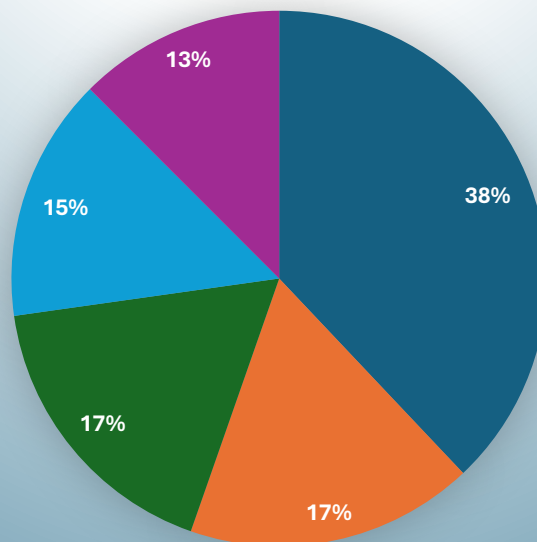
COUNSEL OVERVIEW



■ Individual ■ Couples ■ Family ■ Group/Prog

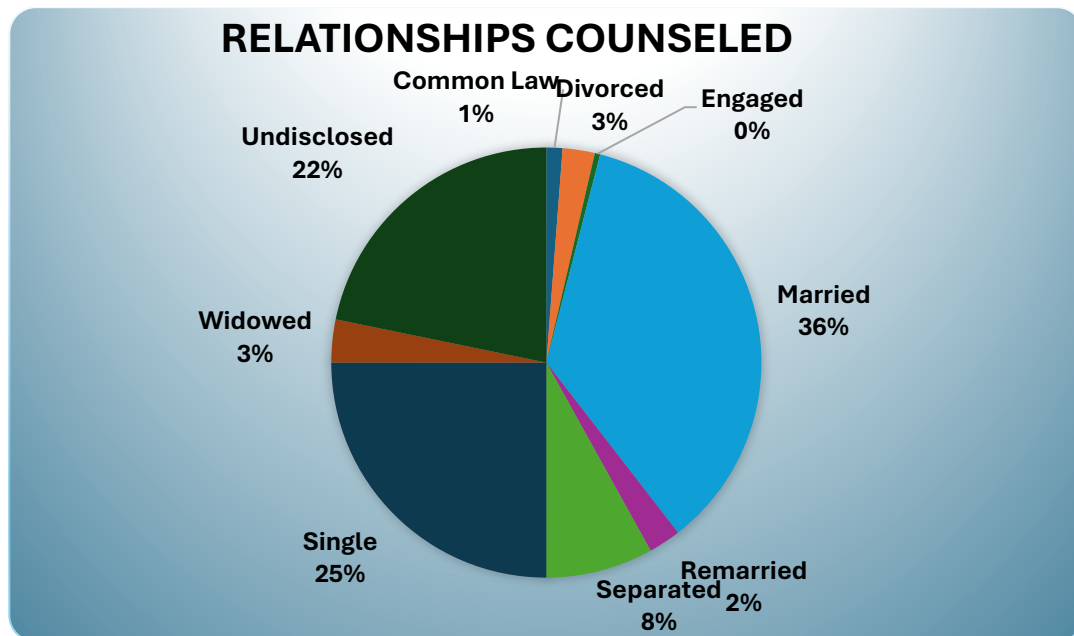
SNLM'S TOP 5 COUNSEL ISSUES

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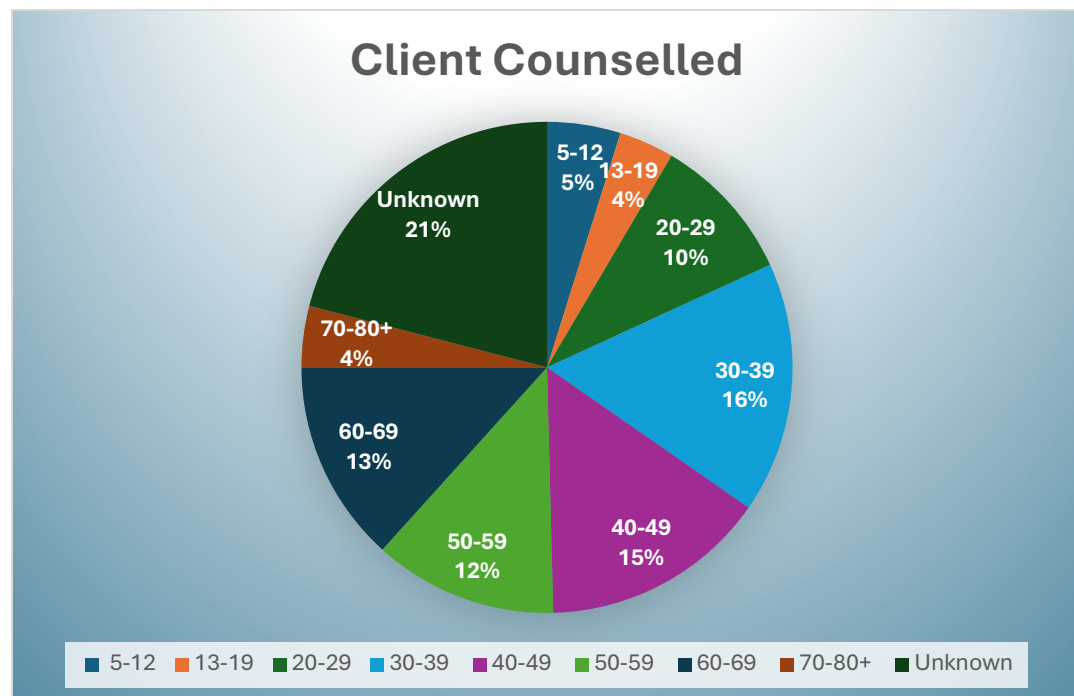


■ Anxiety/Stress ■ Depression ■ Communication ■ Behaviour ■ Anger

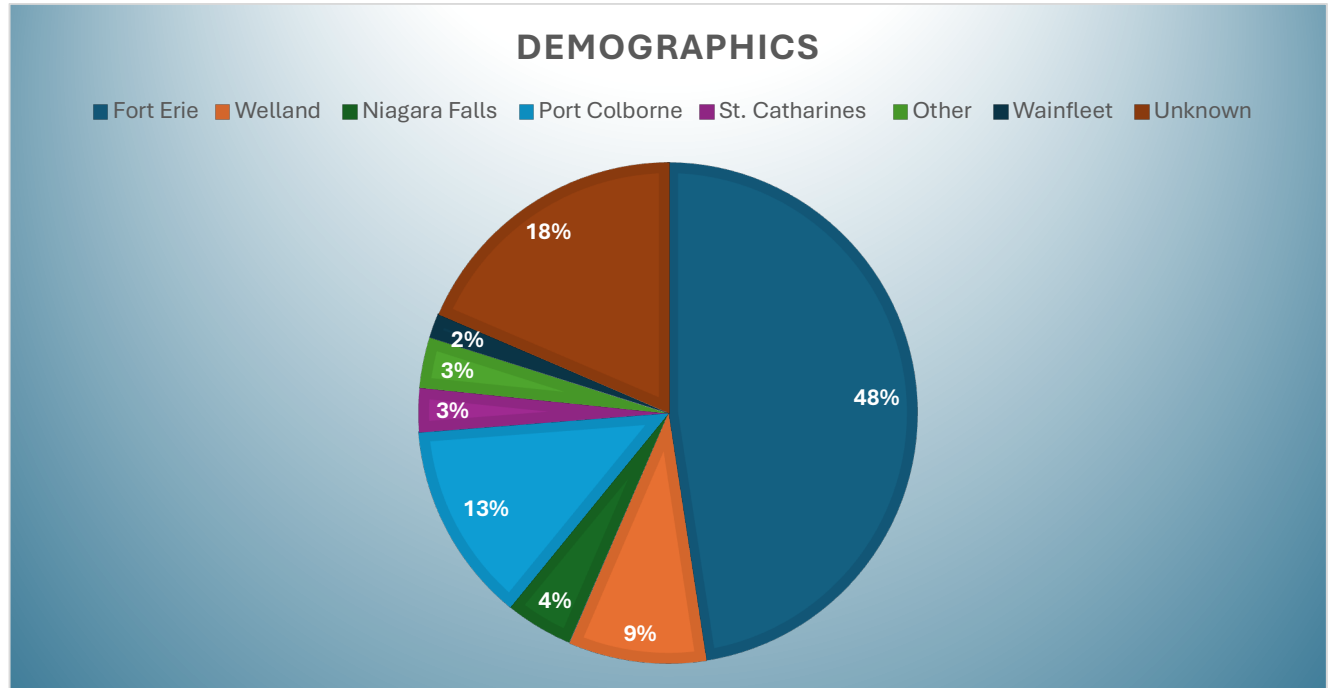
SNLM'S RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELED



SNLM'S CLIENTS COUNSELED



SNLM's CLIENTS RESIDENCIAL DEMOGRAPHICS



At The Close of 2025

28,212.00

LIVES REACHED/RESCUED/RENEWED

(SINCE SNLM's inception in Fort Erie - the fall of 1992)

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REACHING ♥ RESCUING ♥ AND ♥ RENEWING LIVES

South Niagara Life Ministries

2025 Match

Underwriters; Campaign
Prizes, Sponsors, &
Participants

SNLM WALK & ROLL



SNLM's Thanks To ALL PRIZE & MISSION SPONSORS



So Grateful for our Event Partners, Underwriters, & Mission Friends

Thank you to area businesses,
churches, foundations, groups, gifts
in kind - for your mission support.
Thanks to all who invest in lives, Gift
in Commemoration and other SNLM
friends preferring to remain
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SNLM 2025 Spring Reception

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SNLMs 33rd Anniversary Dinner October 2025 Underwriters



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