

Why Not

Youth Centres

A Why Not City Missions Initiative

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Oct. 2012

10th

Happy Anniversary

Why Not City Missions

Come Celebrate with us!

DINNER

at New Covenant Church
22 Holiday Dr., BTFD

7 - 9 pm (doors open at 6pm)

\$50 a ticket (\$30 tax receipt)

Guest Speaker
Alan Craig
Founder and
Executive Director
Living Rock
Hamilton, ON

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MELISSA'S STORY...

I was born in Brantford, Ontario on May 9th, 1991. Growing up for me was kind of tough. When I was young, my mom was diagnosed with Myotonic Dystrophy, which is a degenerative muscle disease. Looking back on it now, I have to say, it must have been tough on my dad to raise me and take care of my mother as well. Unfortunately, from time to time, my dad's temper would get the best of him.

Growing up, I had my best friend, Kourtney Steele. I remember spending a lot of time with the family, and went to church with them as well, which gave my dad a break from time to time. At the age of 15, I started to act out and just making bad decisions. I felt like my parents never had time for me, so I hung around with people that had time for me.

I came across Why Not because of my friend Kendall (Kourtney's older brother). I kept coming to the centre because it was a place to get away from things. Through Why Not, I've met some awesome people that have helped me change my life and have become true role models in my life. If I were to think of three people that have affected my life the most, I would have to say Amy Beecraft (Brantford Manager), Alisha Haugh (long time volunteer), and Becca Vandekemp (long time volunteer).



Becca, long time volunteer at Why Not, and Melissa

Matt Hutchinson

Winners Motorcycle Raffle Draw

1st Prize

Graham Fyfe
Motorcycle

2nd Prize

Randy Post
\$200 Gift
Certificate from
Hip's Cycle



3rd Prize

Les Schults
\$50 Gift
Certificate from
Hip's Cycle

Congratulations!

Needs and Requests

- We need willing men to put some volunteer time in at the Brantford drop-in for 2 to 3 hours once a week between Monday and Thursday. The male youth are in need of positive male role models.
- Our emergency food bank has been low on non-perishables, such as: Soup, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Kraft Dinner, Ravioli, Pasta, Sauce, Peanut Butter, Tuna, etc. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.
- We are reliant on your generosity to be able to provide the critical services for the at-risk youth of Brantford, Paris, Burford and St. George. We thank you for your continued financial support

If you are interested in supporting us in any way, please contact the Brantford Centre.

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