

## Rising Above Ministry Welcomes:



Jane Wheeler came on board as staff with Rising Above in January 2018 as the Banquet Coordinator, she then agreed to join the amazing Rising Above team in the role of Development and Marketing. Jane is not a newcomer to Rising Above as she volunteered as the Banquet Coordinator from 2011-2013. Jane has been active in management and marketing over the past 20 years in various businesses and several not-for-profit agencies mainly around the Peace Country. Jane and her husband Brian, love to work in their woodshop. When Jane is not physically building something in the woodshop, you will probably find her building into God's kingdom, by teaching, writing, mentoring or hanging around Rising Above.



Amanda Guay is the newest member of our staff here at Rising Above Ministry. Amanda is excited and blessed to be back at Rising Above. Her journey with Rising Above started as a board member of the church but then stepped out in faith and with Mel's leadership began this wonderful ministry. She was on staff for a number of years and then took some time off to raise her daughter. Amanda is married to Conrad and has a wonderful daughter. Amanda is passionate about supporting people and in their journey to find freedom and healing. Her heart is to see people thrive in the life God has designed for them. Amanda is looking forward to what God has in store for her and her family in the years to come.



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# Spring 2018 Newsletter

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Does my support of Rising Above make a difference?

Because of your support of Rising Above "Cycles of Defeat" are being broken and people are finding Hope. These are good days for Rising Above. Our residential spaces have been consistently full with waiting lists for both men and women. Request for non-resident support has increased. This past month we have facilitated over 250 Inner Healing Appointments. We just completed a presentation on Understanding Anger to a full house (60 people) at our Park Campus location in Grande Prairie and had the privilege of doing that same presentation in Fort St John. The feedback from these presentations clearly tells us there is a need for what we do. A comment after the presentation, "I now can let go of my anger and the healing can begin". Thank you for helping us meet these needs.

One lady who has been coming for Inner Healing said, "I can now be a voice of inspiration instead of a cry of desperation". What a great way to say the cycle of defeat has been broken. As I write this, we are preparing to graduate a young lady who has come from a very abusive background resulting in deep rooted addictions. Today, she is employed, independent, and glows with hope. Does your support make a difference? Each person who comes through our doors looking for help would say "YES". Your ongoing support of Rising Above is being felt throughout the Peace region of Alberta and BC.

Thank You!

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## TESTIMONIALS

A gentleman came into the Rising Above program who was carrying a huge burden of guilt. In his first inner healing session, it was explained to him that Jesus died, exactly because of that guilt. Jesus' death covers absolutely every part, the height and width and depth of his guilt. So he accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour, the one who died for the forgiveness of his guilt. The next session he explained what had happened as a boy, and why he had been so very full of heavy guilt. But, he says, the guilt is now gone. After being questioned why it was gone, he exclaimed that when he received Jesus into his life the previous week, Jesus took all his guilt away. He said that now when he thinks about all the things he was guilty of, there is absolutely no guilt! That is why Jesus died and that is the freedom that He gives us when we receive His forgiveness for our sins. **Praise the Lord!**

Another gentleman came to Rising Above with a dark secret, a false accusation for which he spent years in jail. A lot of shame was heaped upon him from boyhood (because of his dad beating him and siblings watching but not helping) and up through his adult years. He said, "Where would you be in those shoes? How would you handle it?" Life is hard when carrying such shame so he gave his anger and huge shame to God and God took it ALL! He realizes that God has always been with him, and now walks closely with him. He is a free man now. **Free to LIVE!!**

## Around town and dates to mark down!!

### BBQ Time!!!

**When: June 7, 8, 9**

**Where: KMS Tools**

12102 101Ave. Across the highway from Peavy Mart

**Time: 11:00—3:00**



*Come have lunch – smokies and pop by donation, with all the proceeds going to Rising Above*

### Father's Day!!

June 17 – more info to follow on our website



## CANADA DAY PARADE

July 1, 2018

**Watch for the Rising Above Float in the Parade**



Mel and Liz Siggelkow were honored at the 2018 Rising Above Hope Lives Banquet with 550 of their friends, staff, participants and community supporters present.

The Rising Above Staff presented Mel and Liz, each with a walking stick. These sticks are hand crafted from Diamond Willow tree wood and each carved with a Bible verse. John 10:10, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, have come that they may have life, and life abundantly."*

Genesis 2:18 *"The Lord God said, 'it is not good for the man to be alone, I will make a helper for him' "*

Mel and Liz have helped hundreds of people as they tirelessly give of themselves to help other people break cycles of defeat. Mel's words to live by: "Everyone has a story."

"Behind every addiction, or other destructive behavior pattern, there is a story of pain. When you hear the story it's a lot easier to practice love, acceptance and forgiveness."



The **2018 Hope Lives Banquet** was a huge success raising \$132,670 and we are so thankful for the huge support poured out to us by our many wonderful supporters, sponsors and community businesses. The Peace Country is famous for their generous and compassionate hearts and again it showed. Thank you!

To put on a large event takes a lot of work and the Banquet Committee that served this year was one of the best ever. They put a lot of time and energy into making the Banquet a wonderful event. Hat's off to: Leslie Giesbecht, Ashley Flavelle, Colleen Doerksen, Rhonda Short, Amanda Guay, Pauline Paradis, and Anita Doerksen. You ladies are amazing!