

MOMS Newsletter

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"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same."
Author Unknown

MOMS Purpose Statements

To provide a network that encourages and equips moms to be the best mothers they can be.

To provide mothers the opportunity for personal growth through developing their skills and talents.

To provide a safe place for women to share their struggles and concerns related to raising a family.

To provide experienced women the opportunity to mentor other mothers.



A Mom's Footprints By Marni Brechin

A few weeks ago, my girlfriend and I took a day and went "Poke around" shopping. We didn't buy anything; we just had fun poking around in stores. In one store, I found "Wedding gift flip flops". On the bottom of each shoe was a cut-out word. One said "Just" and the other said "Married". It took me a bit to realize that as you walked along the sand, you would be leaving your footprints to say "Just Married". How inventive is that?!

As I reflected back on this a little later, I realized that each of us moms leaves footprints in the sand of our children's' lives. We imprint them with our values and our principles as we bring them through the growing years. We leave our traces on them as we walk through the shifting sands of motherhood.

It made me think about the kinds of imprints I want to leave on my children. One is the imprint of Hope and Love. We live in a world where very little hope lingers and love is in short supply. As I walk with my children through the years of growing, I want to imprint them with a healthy dose of hope, and awareness of my unconditional love. They need to know that they are terrific and their potential to accomplish great things is unlimited. Who better to impress that on them, than their mother?

An even greater imprint that I aspire to leave on my children is a love for God and others. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind", and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Luke 10:27) I see these two commands as hands-on orders. I am free to love God with abandon; and I am going to be deliberate about making sure others in the community are recipients of the expression of that love. Whether that means being involved in the school community, the sports community or the church community, as a mom I have daily, opportunities to show my children the outcome of God's imprinting my life with His love.

Unlike those sandy flip-flop messages, the imprints I will leave on our kids can have a lasting impression. I hope that one day, my kids will look back and grasp the lifelong memories of Hope, Joy, Uninhibited Love of God and Practical Faith that I have endeavored to impress on their growing years.

No Promise Crew Cookies

CREAM ALL THIS TOGETHER:

1 c. soft margarine
3/4c. white sugar
3/4c. brown sugar
2 eggs
A capful (and the rest of it that spilled over the cap) vanilla

ADD (in no particular order, except that at some point you'll have to mix by hand)

2 c. flour
1/2 teaspoon baking Soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 c leftover cereal (Grapenuts, Rice Krispies, tortilla chips....just kidding.....) Add more if there's some left at the bottom of the bag)
2 handfuls (or so..) of raisins

Mix well, drop by scoopfuls, say a little prayer for grace and put them in the oven - I tried 375' and it seemed to work o.k. About 8 minutes...or longer if you've forgotten them. (just not an hour)

Submitted by Marni Brechin

MOMS is Looking for a Program Director

For a full job description for this important ministry position please visit www.canadianchristianity.com under "Jobs" , "Ministry" and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

For specific questions contact:
moms.ca@telus.net

MOMS is looking to Grow:

Do you know moms in another community that would consider starting a MOMS Chapter for women in their local community?

Please have them contact Kelly at moms.ca@telus.net and we'd be happy to help them get started.

Upcoming MOMS Events

All moms are invited to our MOMS AGM – Tues. May 27, 7 - 9 pm is our Annual General Meeting which will be held at ABC Restaurant in Abbotsford just off the Clearbrook Rd. (exit #87 off Highway #1) at the Best Western Regency Inn. You can Google for directions. The address is 32080 Marshall Rd.

This is going to be an AGM (Amazing, Great Meeting) that is more than business as usual. It will be a celebration of our Moms, our MOMS stories and how your MOMS program has made a difference in lives of moms.

You may have a story of how MOMS has touched your life and we would love to hear it. You can invite other moms to come even if they are not yet connected to MOMS. It is going to be a great night of fun, food, building friendships and some fantastic surprises for everyone.

This is also a night to honor Kelly, who is not only MOMS founder, but also our tireless Program Director and visionary for the past 5 years.

So gather your girlfriends together-----the more the merrier. Please let us know if you are coming by **Friday, May 23.**

RSVP to: moms.ca@telus.net or call: 604-855-5766 to reserve your spot.

Coffee and dessert will be served free of charge.

We look forward to meeting each one of you special women and sharing a night together that will build us strong as a community of women investing in the lives of MOMS.