

MOMS Newsletter

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For Sale

One gently used Audiovox pocket PC (and phone) complete with accessories. Please contact Kelly Rader. All proceeds will be donated to MOMS. Call Kelly 604-855-5766 or moms.ca@telus.net

From a Mother's Heart

Every fall it happens. The children go off to school for another year and the house gets extremely quiet. It's an emotional time for me as my children wander out of the nest again and start a new year of adventure and learning at school. All three of my children really enjoy school, so I must willingly loosen my apron strings and pray that they will be protected from harm and any harshness, teasing, and everything else that comes with being around other children.

When the house gets quiet I stop and think about how fast time is going. The toddler years seem like just yesterday. I thought potty training and temper tantrums would never end. There were many days during that time I begged my husband to stay home and I'd go to work. How quickly time flies in the business we're caught up in.

Every year I see my role evolving. I'm in the coaching stage of parenting now, guiding the children through the many choices they make each day. I seem to do a lot more listening now than talking, and I appreciate the fact that the kids feel safe talking to me. With two children in middle school and just one left in elementary the world of body changes and hormones is here. I'm thankful for my husband Dave who keeps the waters calm when even I get caught up in the emotional waves that threaten to overtake our home.

Every new school year I treasure the fact that I've been home with the children all these years. This is a privilege I wasn't afforded growing up. It's been a financial sacrifice for us, but I could never put a price tag on the memories I've been privileged to be a part of. We've never had much extra, financially, but we've never gone without what we actually need.

As the children arrive home after school and the house is filled again with noise and activity and even chaos at times, I can smile knowing this means my children still live at home©.

One day I'll be sending them off to college or to start their own careers or families. My role will change once again. I hope our home will have been a place to give them roots, wings and the moral guidance and Christian faith they'll need to make a difference in their world.

Motherhood can be exhausting, emotional and stretching beyond anything else I've experienced but I wouldn't trade it for anything.

God bless you moms as you pour out your lives for your families every day!

MOMS Chapter News

MOMS Purpose Statement

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.

Sevenoaks Chapter – Unfortunately the Sevenoaks Chapter of MOMS will not be running this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. All ladies are welcome to attend the Northview Chapter of MOMS which meets Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 beginning September 19th.

Northview Chapter begins September 19th 9:30-11:30.

Cloverdale Chapter begins Wednesday September 20th 9:30-11:30.

Chilliwack Chapter fundraiser “**Scrap N Craft**” September 30th. See ad below.

Yarrow Chapter and Nelson Chapters begin in October.

MOMS Second Annual Silent Auction Upcoming MOMS Corporate Event

Please join us Friday November 3rd at Abbotsford Christian Assembly 6:30-10:00.

Features include hors d'oeuvres dessert buffet, great items to bid on (**Think Christmas Shopping**), door prizes, entertainment, a fun date night or girl's night out, and more.

Tickets available:

In Abbotsford:

Northview Community Church (weekdays 9-4)

Abbotsford Christian Assembly (weekdays 9-4)

In Chilliwack:

Yarrow Alliance Church

And all local MOMS Chapters

Tickets only \$15.00

If you would like to donate an item or buy a table please contact Kelly Rader moms.ca@telus.net or 604-855-5766. Tax receipts available.

We need your participation to make this event a success!

MOMS ...
Strengthening
Canadian
families, one
Mom at a time

Recipe of the Month

Pumpkin Cake

1 cup vegetable oil
 2 cups white sugar
 4 eggs
 2 cups flour
 1 tsp. baking soda
 2 tsp. baking powder
 ½ tsp. salt
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. nutmeg
 1 tsp. cloves
 2 cups canned pumpkin

Icing:

4 ounces cream cheese
 ½ cup margarine or butter (soft)
 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat together sugar, oil and eggs.
 Mix dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients a bit at a time alternating with pumpkin to wet ingredients. Mix well. Pour into a greased 9x13" pan. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Ice when cooled.

Icing: Beat all ingredients together until smooth.

This recipe is a similar texture to carrot cake. Everyone I've served it to loves it.

Taken from MOMS recipe book.

To order your own MOMS cookbook or to sell as a fundraiser for your child's school contact Kelly Rader.

Chilliwack Chapter Scrap N Craft Day

When: September 30th 9am to 9pm!

Cost: Tickets \$15 (Sorry, our costs have gone up)

Highlights Include:

- Panago Pizza supper and Norma's Bakery cookies
- Concession
- Shopping (Creative Memories, Close to My Heart, Top Line Creations and more)
- Door prizes
- Free Decade's coffee and tea
- Music
- Classes

Come and bring a friend. All crafts/crafters welcome. Tickets available at the Chilliwack Alliance Church Office Monday to Friday 9am-4pm until September 26th or contact **Jocelyn Dekker (604) 795-7532.**

MOMS Corporate Vision

MOMS hope to continue to spread Chapters across Canada in order to strengthen Canadian families.

MOMS projected corporate budget for June 2006-June 2007 is \$28,200.00. MOMS is a registered charity and therefore all donations to MOMS are tax deductible.

How can you help?

- Would you consider helping on a fundraising team?
- Are you a business owner who could use a tax break?
- Can you donate some time to help with corporate events?
- Could you put in a good word for MOMS in your community?
- Do you know anyone who would make a good Board Member for MOMS (2 required)?
- Would you pray for MOMS ministry?

If you answered yes to any of the questions please contact Kelly Rader moms.ca@telus.net

Thanks for helping MOMS help others.