

# A Moment of Decision

In 1940, Marion van Binsbergen was 20 years of age and living in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam when she saw the horror that changed her life.

Soldiers were herding a group of sobbing Jewish children, ages 2 to 8, into trucks to be taken away by the Nazis.



“I was shocked and in tears,” she said, “and after that I knew my rescue work was more important than anything else I might be doing.”

Despite danger and fear, she helped lead the attempt to save Jews. She estimates she helped perhaps 150 Jewish children pass through Holland. She hid them in her home and smuggled them to safe houses or escape routes.

She hid one family in her own home for several years and even killed a Nazi policeman who discovered them. In addition to protecting these people’s lives, she was imprisoned by the Nazis, and worked in collaboration with the Dutch resistance.

After the war, Binsbergen married an American soldier, Tony Pritchard, and moved to Vermont, where she continued helping others as a psychiatrist.

In 1981, the Israeli government declared her a national hero – something Binsbergen had been from that moment in 1940 when she saw what had to be done.

What about you? What was the moment when you discovered the most important thing you could do in your life’s work?

Did it launch you into a career of serving others – some who find themselves in desperate circumstance – within Life Care or Century Park?

We are created by God for a purpose and put on this earth to achieve it. Finding it and following it bring great personal satisfaction and eternal reward.

*The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138:8 ESV).*

– Beecher Hunter