



# ROSSBROOK House Circle

SPRING 2018



"No child who does not want to be alone, should ever have to be" -Sister Geraldine MacNamara

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: LEARNING ALWAYS

### Cultural Component • New for 2018

The Learning Always team is bringing in guests from the Indigenous community to share their knowledge of Indigenous culture and traditions through story-telling, painting or crafting. Many of the Learning Always participants (ages 7-11) are Indigenous but unaware of their own heritage and culture. "Most of them don't understand where their parents come from", Coordinator Sheila Chippastance explained. "It's important for them to know who they are". The Seven Teachings, legends, smudging, drum making, beading... are just some of the lessons that are being included in the Learning Always program this year. The cultural program is available to Learning Always participants Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as to all of the drop-in participants on Thursdays.

Thank you to the Winnipeg Police Service Endowment Fund for providing support for this initiative.

To learn more about this program: [rossbrookhouse.ca/programming/learning-always/](http://rossbrookhouse.ca/programming/learning-always/)



Rossbrook House  
**POW WOW**  
May 17, 5:30pm

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# A Success Story: Tim Zaber

Tim Zaber is a young man who gives credit to Rossbrook House for where he is today. This bright, hard-working, polite, funny, former Rossbrook House employee spent the last 16 years hanging out at, going to school or working at Rossbrook. From participant at age 5 or 6, he says his sisters *"had to bring him"*, he found a place where he not only had fun but found support and encouragement. He was a junior staff, senior staff and finally the full-time Kitchen Supervisor. Tim said the older guys he has worked with are like uncles to him and from whom he learned that *"a full time job is a commitment"*. He set goals for himself and they have all been coming true. *"You get what you give, you put in hard work, you get results"*, he said. In November 2017 he received a scholarship from Rossbrook House and the support to pursue his dream of becoming a long haul truck driver. He took a 38 hour class 1 prep course with Buffalo Driver Training. At the end of February, he left Rossbrook to start working for Bison Transport. Before Tim said see ya later to Rossbrook House he said; *"It will be exciting to start a new journey. Rossbrook is my people. I will miss it here for sure."*

**BEST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE, TIM!**

Tim today



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Men's Lunch Monday, May 7**  
Call 204-949-4093 for more info

## SAVE THE DATE

**Rossbrook House  
Fundraising Dinner**

**Thursday,  
January 24, 2019**

More details to come!

## Thank You!

**The Music Program at Rossbrook is in good hands thanks to two new sponsors!**

In March, **Bruce and Ryan Henderson** of Henderson & Associates introduced a campaign in support of the music program called *Music For My Peers*. Supporters can leave their email address, on a special landing page on the Rossbrook website, and Henderson & Associates will make a donation to the music program.

In April, the **Johnston Family Foundation** (Dave & Diane Johnston & sons) announced their 3-year commitment to funding the Music Program at Rossbrook. After seeing some of the music students perform Diane, Dave & Will Johnston visited Rossbrook to learn more about the music program.



## Cold City, Warm Hearts 2018

FortWhyte Alive opened its doors to 40 school age children from Rossbrook and 40 children from IRCOM (Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization of Winnipeg) on the last Tuesday in February. FortWhyte's amazing volunteers and staff showed the kids a wonderful time enjoying outdoor activities. From the happy squeals heard near the toboggan run or the blanket toss, to learning how to snow show, or sitting around an open fire and baking bannock on a stick, the kids had a blast! It was the second year in a row for this wonderful event created to build friendships and a love of the outdoors. And FortWhyte has already expressed their interest in doing it all over again next winter. Rossbrook will happily be there with a bus-full of kids!

**THANK YOU TO PIZZA PIZZA FOR PROVIDING THE PIZZA!**



The Annual **Winter Games** run for a week every January with outdoor & indoor activities and end with medals & prizes!

Thank you to the volunteers & staff from HSC for the 3rd annual **Super Fun Fest!** A super fun event that focuses on healthy living activities.

Congratulations to Executive Director **Phil Chiappetta** on receiving the **Governor General's Awards for Outstanding Indigenous Leadership; Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.**