



# FALL 2019 Rossbrook



# House Circle

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

## A blessing since the day I walked through the doors!

The Rossbrook House annual Open House is an opportunity for visitors to meet the students from the school programs who are in attendance, selling crafts and baking to raise funds that go toward their school programs. The Open House is also an event that, quite frankly, is unforgettable.

Since 1985, Rossbrook House has been awarding financial support to former or current participants for a variety of learning opportunities. Thanks to generous donors like the Sister Bernadette O'Reilly family, the Henderson family, and Christine Skene and her husband Nick Logan, as well as many others, Rossbrook has the great privilege of providing scholarships each year to several students who are continuing their education.

Sharing the gift of education with all ages is a big part of what Rossbrook House is all about. From helping children with their school work in the after-school program and partnering with Winnipeg One in the three alternative school programs, to providing education support to those pursuing post-secondary education, **Rossbrook House believes in the power of education and applauds and encourages all participants and staff to invest in their futures.**



**Chantel St. Germaine**, a long-time participant and former staff, received scholarships from Rossbrook that helped her to graduate with her Bachelor of Arts degree. She is now an Indigenous culture instructor with Marymount.

Chantel describes Rossbrook as a blessing. "If it was not for Rossbrook House, I don't know if I would have been able to get the proper education that I needed to be successful in life," she says. "Getting the scholarships were so helpful, in many ways. The funds helped with textbooks, tuition and the purchase of a laptop."

You can read about other students who have shared their inspiring education stories on [rossbrookhouse.ca](http://rossbrookhouse.ca).

Join us at the Open House Thursday, November 7, to share in the celebration of this year's deserving scholarship recipients. It's a heart-warming and humbling experience that you won't soon forget.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Open House & School Craft Sale

Thursday, November 7  
11am-1:30pm  
Education Awards Presentation begins at 12:30pm

### Rossbrook House Foundation: Ladies Luncheon

Friday, October 25  
11:30am  
Theme: Growing up at Rossbrook

### Rossbrook House Foundation: Paint Night Fundraiser

January 30, 2020 - 6:30pm  
more details coming soon

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**BACK:** Tom Dooley (Past Chair), Leslie Galloway, Denis Bracken, Jennefer Nepinak, Jeff Coleman (Secretary) **FRONT:** Bruce Henderson (Treasurer), Ron Bailey (Chair), Jane Quinton (Vice Chair) **MISSING:** Steve Chipman, Katie Krahn

## FROM THE FOUNDATION

You may have noticed various materials referencing Rossbrook House Foundation, instead of Rossbrook House, and have wondered what's going on.

Rossbrook House Foundation was created in 2006, with the sole purpose of financially supporting Rossbrook House. The Foundation is made up of volunteer board, and committee, members who, like you, believe in the mission and vision of Rossbrook House.

Recently, the Foundation's focus has shifted from fund stewardship and investment to include fundraising. This frees up Rossbrook House staff and board to more fully focus on the daily operations of, and youth served by, Rossbrook House. The Foundation provides supporters of Rossbrook with a vehicle to support Rossbrook House, through donations, events, planned gifts and more! All support received by the Foundation goes to financially supporting the day to day activities and programs for Rossbrook House participants.

Additional information on Rossbrook House Foundation can be found online at [rossbrookhouse.ca/foundation](http://rossbrookhouse.ca/foundation).

**Celebrate Philanthropy this fall. Giving Tuesday is December 3.**

## HAPPY CAMPERS

Camp Maskwa has been a **summer tradition at Rossbrook House since the 70s**. For a glorious week, twice each summer, participants (ages 12 and up) enjoy a getaway that is beyond compare. Each year, some are attending for their first time, while others are going back year after year- looking forward to another unforgettable experience!

One first-time camper was eager to *finally* be old enough to join the other campers, after hearing how much fun her mom had as a teenager at Camp. Sky, age 12, made her own memories this past July.

*"I can't wait to go back again next year,"* she said.

The campers spend a lot of time during the daylight hours in and on the water. They're either swimming, driving the peddle boat or taking a kayak out for a quick excursion. A big part of the Camp experience is going out on the lake in the boat with Operations Manager, Warren Goulet. The campers go for rides, fishing expeditions, or are pulled around the lake behind the boat in the inner tube. Tubing and fishing are highlights for many of the campers.



Benson, age 15, said going fishing is what he liked the most about his first Camp experience this past July.

The campers take turns preparing the meals that they share together in the main cabin. In the evenings, if they're not inside playing cards or board games, they are outdoors playing a tag-like game called **manhunt** - a decades old favourite and camp tradition!

Tyson, age 12, said his favourite activities were playing manhunt and going tubing. When asked what he enjoyed the most about camp, he said;

*"The friends you make."*

Eating tacos and jumping off the dock are what Nathan, age 14, noted as his favourite things to do. He also loved going tubing and playing manhunt with the other campers. It was Nathan's first time going to Camp Maskwa also, and said; *"Everything, minus the poison ivy, was amazing!"*



## WHAT SUMMER LOOKS LIKE AT ROSSBROOK HOUSE

Summer 2019 was all about laughter, new experiences, making memories, and going on adventures and fabulously fun outings!



Thank you to **Assiniboine Park Conservancy** for making "Wildest Dreams" come true for many participants and their families who enjoyed a special evening at the zoo.



The **Rotary Leadership Circle** participants enjoyed meeting community leaders, taking tours and had many other fun learning experiences this past summer. They also raised money for the **United Way Winnipeg** with a bake sale.



The summer break was capped off by a fun week of competition filled with laughter and cheering during the annual **Summer Games**.



The first day of school was celebrated with the **Across Cultures Community BBQ**, hosted with our neighbours from **IRCOM**.