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Rossbrook House



# Rossbrook House Circle

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

## Why We Do What We Do!

The guiding principle at Rossbrook House has always been to keep its doors open every day so that 'no child who does not want to be alone, should ever have to be'. As we move towards our 50th year (in 2026), we remain as dedicated to this as ever.

Our programming for children and youth includes engaging programs inviting participants to want to drop in every day, along with programs that will help them with their futures. We had our first ever Futures Fair Speakers Series for the off-campus school program students, and an evening Futures Fair for the drop-in program.

**"If we are able to make connections with kids and support them through making good decisions, they'll find their success."**

-Patty, Executive Director

Junior Staff took a First Aid/CPR training recently. And the Intermediates (ages 12-17) Leadership program partnered with Career Trek and learned about a variety of careers as well as how to write a resume. Participants have also walked alongside Mama Bear Youth Patrol handing out bagged lunches and water to community members.

**"I do know that one person can make a difference in a child's life."**

-Val, Former Participant/Senior Staff

Artist Ursula Neufeld worked with participants and Eagles' Circle students to create gorgeous mosaic tiles. Their inspiring designs are now decorating the front of Rossbrook House.

**"Rossbrook House provides a lot of opportunities, employment/volunteering, programs, outings/fun activities and video games. Rossbrook House also has a family-like environment, everyone is looked at as family."**

-Kody, Former Participant & Staff

As years go by, what remains the same is that children and youth still need a place to call their own, to feel safe, to be engaged and to have a meal. We asked them to share what Rossbrook House means to them.

**"It's my safe place to come and hang out. You can be healthy and respected here. You can play games and the staff are nice."**

-Madison, age 7

**"I'm here 4-5 times a week. I'm part of the Leadership program and I like to play video games. It's an amazing place, with snack every day and outings."**

-Lorenzo, age 10

**"I have friends for life at Rossbrook House."**

-John, age 14

We're proud to be making a difference in the lives of children and youth. Thank you for your support as we make plans for our future and theirs.



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Participants and students are learning how to make gorgeous mosaic tile artworks that will be proudly decorating the front of Rossbrook House for years to come!

Thank you to all who supported Rossbrook House programs at the No Child Alone Dinner on April 25. It was a wonderful night celebrating the children and youth.

Thank you to FortWhyte Alive for once again inviting Rossbrook House and IRCOM participants to celebrate winter at the annual Cold City, Warm Hearts event.

## Moving into 2024/25

As we move into the 2024/25 year, Rossbrook House Foundation reflects while looking forward. The Foundation has three strategic goals, broken into smaller projects.



the Rossbrook House Board and the Foundation Board. It allowed for the Board members to meet each other and learn about each organization. This meeting was such a success that there was consensus to implement it as an annual joint meeting moving forward.

Interested in learning more about the Boards? Interested in volunteering? contact Stephanie.

### Goal – Share the Vision & Stories of Rossbrook House

Looking forward to 2024/25, work has already begun on various **friend & fund-raising initiatives**, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Stay tuned to your inbox and social media for invitations and more info.

The easiest way is to **advocate** for Rossbrook House and the Foundation.

You can share this and other Rossbrook House newsletters with your friends and family. Past newsletters can be found at [rossbrookhouse.ca/publications](http://rossbrookhouse.ca/publications).

Talk about Rossbrook House and the Foundation with your friends & family, including why you support and feel they're important.

- Engage with us via social media. Every like, comment, and repost helps expand our audience.
- Ask friends & family to donate in support of Rossbrook House in lieu of purchasing you a birthday/ anniversary/holiday present.

Thanks in advance for your help in sharing information about Rossbrook House Foundation with others!



### Goal – Nurturing Donor Relationships

In 2023/24 Rossbrook House Foundation employed various **friend-raising initiatives**, including a Paint Day and Fall Gathering Luncheon, both in person at Rossbrook House. Thank you to all who joined us. Foundation staff also attended networking events, such as Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce luncheons, to spread the word about Rossbrook House.

Throughout 2023/24 the Foundation **created personalized connections with donors**, all while respecting their communicated contact preferences. One way this was done was through Board members calling 2023 donors throughout November just to say, "thank you".

Want to update your contact preferences? Visit [rossbrookhouse.ca/share-your-preferences](http://rossbrookhouse.ca/share-your-preferences) or contact Stephanie at [slambert@rossbrookhouse.ca](mailto:slambert@rossbrookhouse.ca) or 204.949.4092.

### Goal – Alignment & Cooperation with Rossbrook House

New in 2023, a fall joint meeting of the Boards of both Rossbrook House and Rossbrook House Foundation occurred. This meeting was a **new opportunity for more cooperation and collaboration** between



## 43RD ANNUAL ROSSBROOK HOUSE POW WOW JUNE 13 AT 5:30PM

We'd love to see you at the Rossbrook House Pow Wow! Look for the big white tent in the field across from Rossbrook House. Everyone is welcome!



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING JUNE 27 AT 8AM

You're invited to the Annual Community Meeting, Thursday, June 27 at 8am. Join us for breakfast, our annual reports to the community, and special awards! Rossbrook House, corner of Sherbrook and Ross.