

# Rossbrook House Foundation

## 2023-2024 COMMUNITY REPORT



Since 2006, Rossbrook House Foundation has provided supporters of the Rossbrook House mission with vehicles to make financial contributions, including monthly giving, one-time gifts, bequests and more.

The Foundation is humbled to share that **over 2,500 gifts, totalling over \$1,000,000 was received** in support of Rossbrook House programs & operations in 2023/24.

**Thanks to you**, children and youth had a safe place in 2023/24 to belong, play, learn and become....

Since the 2024 No Child Alone Dinner occurred in the 2024/25 fiscal year, we will share details and outcomes, including its list of supporters, in next year's Community Report.



The Foundation is comprised of a volunteer board, and committee members, who believe in the mission and vision of Rossbrook House, and are supported by a team including the Foundation's Donor Relations Officer, Stephanie Lambert and the Office of Executive Director, Patty Mainville. Thank you to the many volunteers who serve Rossbrook House Foundation!

## Board of Directors

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**Christine Schollenberg**

**Chantel St. Germaine**  
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**Shona Connelly**  
**Braeden Cornick**  
**Robert Riel**  
**Larry McIntosh**  
ex-officio

**2023 No Child Alone Dinner Committee**

**Harry Ethans** | Co-Chair  
**Jane Quinton** | Co-Chair  
**Ron Bailey**  
**Alicia Banville**  
**Karleigh Banville**  
**Leslie Galloway**  
**Brenda Hasiuk**  
**Susan Millican**  
**Annie Quinton**  
**Colleen Simard**

The Foundation is also grateful for support it receives from members of the Rossbrook House staff team, including Patty Mainville (Executive Director), Maureen Williamson (Finance & Administration Manager) and Sherry Rasmussen (Communications & Marketing Manager).

# GREETINGS FROM ROSSBROOK HOUSE FOUNDATION CHAIR

I was honoured and privileged to be elected Chair in June 2023 and I am pleased to bring greetings from my fellow Rossbrook House Foundation Directors.

I have always been impressed at what Rossbrook House does for the children and youth of our community. The doors are open 365 days a year and 24 hours on school holidays and weekends. This would not be possible without our many donors.

The challenge Rossbrook House has, as most people have, is the rising cost of just about everything. **Rossbrook House Foundation is here to help raise money to ensure Rossbrook House can continue its important, and in many cases, life-changing work.** I want to thank every person who has donated. **You are making a huge difference** in the lives of the children and youth of Rossbrook House by giving them a safe second home, a place to learn, and a chance for an even better future.

My wife Shelley and I give monthly donations to Rossbrook House Foundation. It is not a lot of money, as we are retired, but it is money that Rossbrook House can count on month in and month

out. Several donors recently converted their annual donations to monthly donations. Although the total annual donation could be the same, it gives Rossbrook House more predictable funding. I am thrilled to see the increasing number of people now donating monthly to Rossbrook House Foundation. Perhaps you may want to consider monthly donations as well.

I want to give a special thank you to Jeff Coleman, Secretary and Fund Development Committee Chair who is leaving the Board after 8 years of incredible service. Also, thank you to Bruce Henderson, Treasurer and Finance & Investment Committee Chair, who has been on the Foundation Board for 8 years and has agreed to stay for one more year to ensure a smooth transition. We are also saying goodbye to two Directors who have completed their elected term. Alexandre Mireault, Chair of our Nominating & Governance Committee and Christine Schollenberg who has been a driving force in our fundraising. While the Board is losing 3 great people, we are honoured to be joined by new Directors. Welcome to Kim Keating, Tracy Graham, Joe Fiorentino, and Chantel St. Germaine who just joined the Board.

A huge thank you to the Rossbrook House staff who are amazing and talented individuals and who are all deeply committed to helping the Foundation. Thank you, Executive Director Patty Mainville, Communications & Marketing Manager Sherry Rasmussen and Finance & Administration Manager Maureen Williamson. Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Stephanie Lambert. Stephanie is the only staff member for Rossbrook House Foundation. She does incredible work not only with donors and fundraising. Stephanie also keeps the Board informed and focused on the goal of ensuring **no child who does not want to be alone, should ever have to be.**

With much gratitude and thanks.



**Larry McIntosh**  
Rossbrook House Foundation Chair



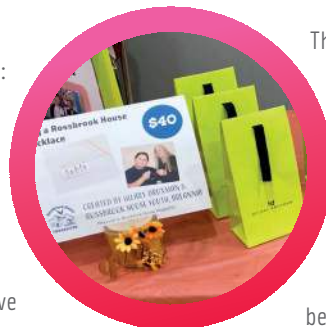
**Thank you to everyone who chose to support Rossbrook House over the past year. The Foundation is appreciative of your financial support and advocacy in the wider community.**

After a brief hiatus, the **No Child Alone Dinner** returned in support of Rossbrook House! A volunteer committee, led by co-chairs Harry Ethans & Jane Quinton, **welcomed close to 600 people** to the RBC Convention Centre for an evening in support of Rossbrook House programs and activities. Attendees were walked through the evening by emcees Colleen Simard & Dale Turcotte, heard from Kevin Chief about how we all need an advocate or safe space, and enjoyed a performance by Sierra Noble with guest musicians Savannah & Gertrude from the Wi Wabigooni music program. This evening raised over **\$170,000** in support of Rossbrook House! **Thank you** to everyone who supported through the No Child Alone Dinner, including ticket & corporate table

purchasers, auction donors and sponsors:

Rising Sun | Coughlin Insurance Brokers  
Eagles' Circle | Qualico Entertainment | Birchwood Automotive Group  
Learning Always | The Pollard Family Foundation  
Support | Cochrane Saxberg Barristers & Solicitors  
Video | APTN Media | NCI-FM and Winnipeg Free Press  
Audio-Visual | Encore Design | Doowah Design Inc.  
Print | Expedia Cruises

New this year, Rossbrook House Foundation facilitated two **We All Win!** online 50/50 raffles in support of Rossbrook House. With **combined sales of almost 10,000 tickets**, the Foundation is grateful for all who purchased, along with Early Bird Sponsor Patill / St. James Insurance. Congratulations to Winners Denise Gamey & Shirley Perreault, and Early Bird Winners Diana DeLaronde-Colombe & Catherine McKinnon!



The **partnership with Hilary Druyman** and her Good Works project continues.

In addition to being available for purchase

through Hilary Druyman, necklaces were also available for purchase at the 2023 No Child Alone Dinner (selling out!) and the Rossbrook House Open House. New this year, Hilary has adapted the necklace into a lapel pin, upon request, in support of Rossbrook House. These pins were sold at the Open House, selling out!

The Cleaner Air Safer Space campaign, in support of HVAC upgrades at 658 Ross, surpassed goals. More than **\$150,000 was raised for a new HVAC system**, mould remediation and ceiling/wall tile installation at Rossbrook House.

In October Rossbrook House opened their doors for the Foundation's **Fall Gathering.**

Previously known as the Ladies & Men's Luncheon, attendees spent their lunch hour hearing from current and past participants. Chantel St. Germaine, Valerie Henderson & Adam Mink shared about the **importance of Rossbrook House in their lives.** Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the Rossbrook House Kitchen and term 1 Culinary Arts Students from RRC Polytech.

The Foundation was happy to welcome back local artist Kisa Maclsaac for a **Paint Event** in support of Rossbrook House programs. **Fourteen individuals were introduced to Rossbrook House for the first time** at this event. They, along with 10 others enjoyed an afternoon of art, creating their own unique birch tree paintings.

New this year, Rossbrook House and the Foundation were the grateful recipients of fundraisers organized by others – September Yoga in the Park, along with various Karma Classes by Modo Yoga, and a February dinner, with silent auction, by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood.

## ROSSBROOK HOUSE FOUNDATION LEGACY CIRCLE

Created in 2015, the Rossbrook House Foundation Legacy Circle serves to acknowledge and celebrate the generosity of those who have made known their choice to support the work of Rossbrook House through a Planned Gift / their estate.

Legacy Circle member Caroline Hunter is a firm believer in providing youth with opportunities and giving back to the community. Her advice for those considering making a planned gift, *"Do it! Pick an organization that is meaningful to you and specify your wishes in your will so that they are met. Rossbrook House is a wonderful organization and I plan to continue to support it throughout my lifetime and beyond."*

## LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS

*Listing as of May 23, 2024*

· Tammy Carlson & Vern Anderson  
· Ron Bailey  
· Patricia Bozyk  
· Susan Clubb & Tom Pundyk  
· Marlene Coughlin  
· Tom Dooley  
· Michael & Brenda Evans  
· Denise Gamey  
· Mary Mathias & Barry Hammond  
· Gregg & Mary Hanson

· Ruth Hastings  
· Caroline Hunter  
· Sara Iwan  
· Ruth Swan  
· Dr Michael G Johnson  
· David & Judy Kidd  
· Mary Kuzmeniuk  
· Bruce Logie  
· Ray & Lynne- Anne McFeetors  
· Judith McGibbon  
· James & Susan Millican  
· Jeffrey & Mary Morton

· Wilma & Wilson Parasiuk  
· Christine Schollenberg  
· Claudette Toupin & Greg Selinger  
· Bert & Linda Smith  
· Hal & Marilyn Studholme  
· Terrina Taylor  
· William & Maureen Watchorn  
· 1 Anonymous