



Rossbrook House Foundation

2024-2025 COMMUNITY REPORT



2024 NO CHILD ALONE DINNER

The No Child Alone Dinner was created to celebrate the first 40 years of Rossbrook House in 2016. Since then, the Foundation has held a few more fundraising dinners, including one in April 2024 at the Caboto Centre.

Autumn kept the evening on track as the emcee. Both she and Asher shared their inspiring experiences with Rossbrook House. *"Being a part of something like Rossbrook House gives me a purpose in life to continue doing what I know best, and that is trying to make a difference in the lives of children and youth. I've learned a lot, and the kids teach me something new every day. They're so smart and creative. They inspire me."* -Autumn

A group of participants made hand drums to play an honour song at the beginning of the evening. Thank you to honorary chair Phil Chiappetta and ED Patty Mainville for helping the guests to better understand what Rossbrook House is about.



"Where Rossbrook House is located is not the best area, but it is an area where there is the need for a place like Rossbrook House. It impacts the children and youth who need it most." -Asher

Thank You to our amazing volunteer committee!

Phil Chiappetta – Honorary Chair, Ron Bailey, Alicia Banville, Karleigh Banville, Shona Connelly, Leslie Galloway, Kim Keating, Christine Schollenberg, Colleen Simard, and Chantel St. Germaine.

Thank you to all who attended in support of Rossbrook House programs, and to the Dinner sponsors and corporate table purchasers. Sponsors included Wade Wealth Management, TD, Coughlin, Price, Royal Canadian Properties Limited, Pollard Family Foundation and in-kind sponsorships with Doowah Design, Expedia Cruises, and the Winnipeg Free Press.



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 gifts, totaling **over \$1,000,000 were received** in support of Rossbrook House programs & operations in 2024/25.

Thanks to you, children and youth had a safe place in 2024/25 to belong, play, learn and become....

The 2025 No Child Alone Dinner was held in April and will be reported on in the 25/26 report.

Board of Directors

The Rossbrook House Foundation is grateful for a dedicated volunteer board of directors.

Larry McIntosh • Chair
Shona Connelly • Secretary
Bruce Henderson • Treasurer
Karen Cook
Braeden Cornick
Joe Fiorentino
Leslie Galloway
Tracy Graham
Kim Keating
Robert Riel
Chantel St. Germaine



GREETINGS FROM ROSSBROOK HOUSE FOUNDATION CHAIR

Warm greetings from all of us at the Rossbrook House Foundation! I had the honour of being elected Chair of the Board in June 2023 and again in June 2024. I'm grateful for the trust and support from my fellow Directors.

Our Foundation is all about raising funds so Rossbrook House can keep doing its **amazing, often life-changing, work**. Every time I talk about what Rossbrook House does, I realize just how hard it is to boil it down into a quick pitch. The variety of programs and the safe space it provides for both participants and our community are simply too rich to summarize in just a few sentences.

This Community Report offers a look into some of the highlights from the past year at the Foundation. It's only a snapshot of the outstanding work our volunteer Directors, Committee Members, and Staff put in every day.

My wife Shelley and I always say, if you know Rossbrook House, you'll love it. Dive a bit deeper, and you'll fall in love with everything it does—so much so that you'll want to tell all your friends! Rossbrook House is a safe place for children and youth to belong, play, learn and become...

I want to give a big shoutout to all the Directors whose terms were wrapped up in June 2024—Jeff Coleman, Alexandre Mireault, and Christine Schollenberg. Your contributions mean the world to us. And a special thank you to Bruce Henderson, our Treasurer and Finance & Investment Committee Chair, who's been with the Foundation for nine years. Even though his term ends this June, Bruce is remaining on the Finance & Investment Committee for another year to help with the transition for our new Treasurer.

A huge thank you goes out to Stephanie Lambert, our former Donor Relations Officer who was with us for almost six years. As our very first staff member, she played a pivotal role in building the Foundation alongside our Volunteer Board. Although she started a new job in September, Stephanie still contributes on some

evenings and weekends to help us out during the transition. Thank you, Stephanie, for everything you have done for Rossbrook House Foundation, you are truly missed.

Lastly, a massive thank you to our stellar Rossbrook House staff. Your dedication and amazing work do not go unnoticed. Special thanks to Executive Director Patty Mainville, Communications & Marketing Manager Sherry Rasmussen, and Finance & Administration Manager Maureen Williamson—it's been an absolute pleasure working with you.

Looking forward to more exciting times ahead at Rossbrook House Foundation!

With much gratitude and thanks.

Larry McIntosh
Rossbrook House Foundation Chair



ORANGE SHIRTS



Another first for the Foundation this past year was selling orange shirts for September's Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. With a beautiful design created by Rossbrook House participant, Breanna Mink, the Foundation sold over 200 t-shirts online. Thank you to all who supported Rossbrook House programs through this initiative! Stay tuned to rossbrookhouse.ca and social media for news about the 2025 shirt later this summer.

OUR FIRST-EVER RADIOTHON!

We asked you to Show Your Heart- and you did!

We were thrilled to share wonderful memories, inspiring stories and information about Rossbrook House programs with listeners, many of whom had not heard about Rossbrook House before. **We're grateful to each and every donor.** Thank you for showing your heart to the children and youth.

On February 14, we took over the airwaves of 680 CJOB from 9am to 5pm (with cut ins on Country 99 and Power 97), making connections and sharing info about programs and opportunities that are on-going and have been for 49 years.

It was a wonderful day with volunteers answering phones and staff and participants sharing their stories. Like Tannis, who is the Energy Plus (ages 6-11) Coordinator. When Tannis and her cousins moved to Pinkham school in the Centennial neighbourhood of Winnipeg, she was introduced to Rossbrook House. When she

walked in to Rossbrook House on the very first day of grade 3 she saw that all her classmates were already there.



Justine being interviewed for the Radiothon.

"We ate snack and hung out and I got a ride home," she says. "I went there literally every day after that. I was at Rossbrook House more than I was at home."

Tannis would drop in to Rossbrook House until she was a teenager, to meet friends, have a meal, participate in programs. She sees herself in some of the kids today. "Especially the mischievous ones", she says.

And long-time staff, Terry, shared very touching memories from the early days, when pizza pool was a regular activity, and getting his first-ever birthday cake at the age of 13, thanks to Rossbrook House.

Thank you to all the organizations who supported the radiothon through sponsorships and donations. We are humbled by the generosity that this event inspired.

The small but mighty Radiothon Committee were responsible for getting the word out to the business community and helped to achieve many donations and sponsorships. Thank you, Larry McIntosh, Shelley McIntosh, Kim Keating, Scott McDonald, and Christine Schollenberg.

Thank you to supporting sponsors Birchwood, Cinch, Maxim, and Qualico. Thank you to hourly sponsors Quadrant, Shindico, The Fort Garry, Assiniboia Downs, Tr-Star, Patill / St. James Insurance, Manitoba Pork, and G.J. Andrews Food & Wine Shoppe.



ROSSBROOK HOUSE FOUNDATION LEGACY CIRCLE

The Rossbrook House Foundation Legacy Circle was established in 2015 to celebrate and acknowledge the generosity of those who choose to support the work of Rossbrook House through a Planned Gift and inform Rossbrook House or the Foundation of their plans.

LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS

Listing as of May 14, 2025

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| • Tammy Carlson & Vern Anderson | • Elizabeth Ruth Hastings | • Wilma & Wilson Parasiuk |
| • Ron Bailey | • Caroline Hunter | • Christine & Wes Schollenberg |
| • Patricia Bozyk | • Sara Iwan | • Claudette Toupin & Greg Selinger |
| • Susan Clubb & Tom Pundyk | • Ruth Swan & Ed Jerome | • Bert & Linda Smith |
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| • Mary Mathias & Barry Hammond | • James & Susan Millican | |
| • Gregg & Mary Hanson | • Jeffrey & Mary Morton | |

