



FALL 2025

Rossbrook



House Circle

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



Summer

Summer went by in a blink! Children and youth who dropped in for a meal, to meet their friends, or take part in activities and outings, always had a safe place to be- while the doors were kept open 24 hours all summer.

We took weekly trips to the beach with both age groups. The youth spent time away from the city at Camp Maskwa. They also enjoyed making taco in a bag, playing bingo for prizes and playing virtual reality games. There was a trip to Assiniboine Park Zoo, a

day spent at the ballfield watching the Winnipeg Goldeyes, outings to roller-skate, and to Thunder Rapids to drive go karts, plus arcades, and walks through the Forks for ice cream.

The participants were also introduced to a game played with elastics called Yogi- something that was played years ago at Rossbrook House and brought back by staff member Rachel who is a former participant like so many of our staff.

Thank you to all of you who support Rossbrook House programming in the summer and all year long.



Celebrate With Us!

On January 20, 2026, Rossbrook House turns 50 and we are planning to celebrate all year long. There will be a birthday luncheon in January, a gala dinner in late spring and community barbecues. If you have stories, memories or photos about Rossbrook House that you would like to share so that we can post on social media, please email: rossbrookis50@rossbrookhouse.ca.



JOIN US FOR OUR BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, JANUARY 20, 11:30AM AT ROSSBROOK HOUSE.

Tickets are \$50 with a limited amount available. More details here: rossbrookhouse.ca/50th-birthday-luncheon/

Rossbrook House Foundation

2026 will be a busy year for the Foundation as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rossbrook House. There will be a gala/dinner in late spring, the birthday luncheon in January as detailed on the other side of this newsletter, and the Show Your Heart Radiothon on February 13 on Corus radio stations.

To help plan these events, the Foundation has a new Development Officer, Kaelin Antonishin.

"I'm a recent graduate of the University of British Columbia Okanagan, where I earned a BA in Philosophy and Political Science. From a young age, I've felt drawn to mission-oriented work—I began volunteering in middle school, and over the years, I've gained so much insight and fulfillment from supporting others. I carried this passion into my post-graduate studies; I really valued the opportunity to engage with peers, exchange ideas, and grow as forward-thinking individuals, together.

Since joining the Foundation in July, I've been busy getting to know Rossbrook Houser programs, connecting with our community (including our wonderful supporters), and witnessing firsthand what makes Rossbrook House such a remarkable place. My office is upstairs, so when the kids aren't on outings, my workdays are often filled with the sounds of laughter, music, and the energy of what's happening below.

This summer, I had the chance to join the youth for a sunny day at Camp Maskwa. I love sneaking a peek at their activities whenever I can. My favorite is when they have dance class. Their faces

are always beaming, and you can tell that they're completely in the moment and enjoying themselves, it brings me back to my beloved years as a dancer.

It's moments like these where the light of Rossbrook House really shines through. This is a place where children feel safe, supported, and free to be themselves.

Outside of work, I enjoy reading, writing, running, and spending time with friends and family. I'm passionate about education and community—I believe both really have the power to shape bright futures for young people.

We've got an especially exciting year ahead as we are preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rossbrook House! While we plan for this incredible milestone, we also reflect with deep gratitude on the community of supporters who've helped us get here. This year we want our events to celebrate not just Rossbrook House, but every one of you. We hope you'll join us in the celebrations!"

Thank you to all who support Rossbrook House children and youth. For inquiries about donations, Legacy Circle, or other Foundation matters, please contact Kaelin at 204.949.4092.



The Foundation sold orange shirts for the second year in a row to raise funds for children and youth. This year's design was created by Trinity, a recent Rising Sun graduate and Junior Staff. She called her design 'Nurturing the Child'. Thank you to all who supported Rossbrook House programs through this endeavour.



Rossbrook House youth have been going to Camp Maskwa for decades. It's a great way to relax, spend time with friends, go fishing, boating and jump off the dock. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who work so hard to make this happen each year.

Summer 2025 was non-stop activities, programs, camp, beach days, meals and more! The doors were open 24 hours all summer so that children & youth always had a safe place to be. Summer was capped off with the annual Summer Games!

Recent outings included trips to the Manito Ahbee Petroforms at Bannock Point in the Whiteshell. Indigenous Way of Life Coordinator, Mitch, took 2 groups with participants from Rossbrook House, IRCOM and the Boys & Girls Club.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE & SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

Thursday, November 6, beginning at 11am,
658 Ross Avenue.

