

Memory Lane

Tansi, Anin, Bonjour

It is hard to stick to minimal memories at Rossbrook house, as Rossbrook House has been a big part of my life. I can write a whole book on my life growing up at Rossbrook House, but here are some core memories I have.

Rossbrook House has been a part of my life for over 25 years. I started attending Rossbrook House at the young age of 7, along with my 3 other siblings. Rossbrook had given us many opportunities growing up, it gave us a safe place to go when we felt we didn't have that at home. It gave us a hot meal every day after school. It gave us space to be kids again, because being at home we found ourselves in constant survival mode.

I can remember different occasions where we would have these fun, exciting outings to look forward to every single day, whether it was 'Lighthouse Day' or 'Pizza Pool' or 'Girls Night', every day was something fun to look forward to after school.

My fondest memory would be having the Winter Games. The Winter Games, back in the day, were so fun. So much laughter and competition, but the best part of the Winter Games was the last day. The competition was tough, and everyone pushed so hard to place in the games. After the awards were done and our hot Chicken Delight meal was devoured, all the kids would make our way outside to the vans to head out to a Sleigh Ride! I can remember my feet being so cold as we would fight to not fall off and having to chase the sleigh to get back on, with our friends alongside us. It's an experience I will never forget. From that year on, we all looked forward to the Winter Games and an awesome sleigh ride afterwards.

Scholarships

There was a time in my life where I felt defeated, I knew I wanted to chase my dreams but the process of chasing my dreams fell out of reach. I expressed my frustration with Sister Bernadette O'Reilly and she immediately wanted to help. After getting accepted into the University of Winnipeg, I knew eventually I'd come across some barriers during my studies, only living on student loans. It was quite a struggle. Also not having transportation to and from school was hard, especially on those cold winter days. I was then told to apply for a scholarship through Rossbrook House that would help me in many ways. Receiving these scholarships during my studies was huge, I was able to transport my kids to and from school, it helped me with daycare fees and took a lot off my shoulders. **I am forever grateful for the many opportunities that were offered to me from Rossbrook House.**

--Chantel St. Germaine, Former Participant/Staff, Scholarship Recipient