



## As a supporter, you are changing lives for the better.

The best part of coming home each day is being surrounded by the comforts of home. Over the last year, your support transformed the home of 22 people at River Road Place (440 River Road) into a refuge to relax, visit, and share meals with family and friends.

Because of you, Mark has a place that looks and feels like home. From the warm décor and new furniture to overhead lift tracks in each room, these changes were made not only to improve personal spaces, but shared space for spending time with family and friends. New furniture like soft couches and a dining set were added to create a relaxing lounge area for visiting and fun.

When Mark's mom, Odette, comes to visit she feels like she's walking into Mark's own home.

"Every time I visit, Mark is beautiful and happy," she said. "When I walk in... it's the kind of feeling I had when Mark was living with me."

Mark wouldn't have a space that feels like home without you.



You are improving the places people live and play through your generous support – thank you!



## YOU MAKE PEOPLE SMILE.

It's not often that an opportunity of a lifetime comes around. What started as a plan to mark milestone birthdays for friends Gary & Allen turned into an experience they'll never forget.

Your generosity paved the way for Gary & Allen to embark on a road trip to see the Rocky Mountains. It was the first time either had left the province and their excitement lasted the whole trip. Each day was an adventure – from trying new food to riding a raft down the Athabasca River.

Through your support Gary & Allen had overnight accommodations and passes to different attractions like museums and gondola rides.

"Gary got to explore and see things I thought he never would, you could really see the enjoyment on his face," said his sister Gail. "We're nothing but grateful for this experience."

Thank you for being the reason Gary & Allen got to laugh, smile, and have new adventures.



# When Frank talks about his daughter Rhonda, his face glows.

Frank, and his wife Shan, describe Rhonda as a light, a leader, and are quick to share all the things she's accomplished like earning medals in swimming at Special Olympics National Games and finding employment in Winnipeg. 55-year-old Rhonda has been supported by St.Amant since she was two.

All Frank & Shan Hornby want for their daughter is to have a fun and fulfilling life. And because of St.Amant, Rhonda is living that life right now.

It's why in 2012 Frank & Shan donated in her honour toward a butterfly in the gardens at 440 River Road. The butterfly is a symbol of their connection to St.Amant through Rhonda, said Shan.



"We think about what St.Amant has done for us and Rhonda and we're forever grateful," said Frank.

A tribute gift is a lasting and meaningful way for family and friends to honour or commemorate someone special or a milestone.

Like Rhonda, many people with disabilities desire meaningful experiences that help them build social and emotional connections, and most importantly, to have fun! Tribute gifts are one way you're making that happen.



IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

2017-2018

# OVER \$1.8M RAISED

WHICH HELPED



RENOVATE

**22**

ROOMS AT RIVER ROAD PLACE



OFFER OVER

**25**

LEISURE GUIDE ACTIVITIES AT NO COST



PROVIDE

**500+**

TICKETS TO RECREATIONAL EVENTS



PURCHASE

**30**

PIECES OF MOBILITY EQUIPMENT



PROVIDE

**20**

PIECES OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

## YOU GIVE PEOPLE INDEPENDENCE.

Setting our own schedule is a freedom we often don't realize we have. Many adults with disabilities rely on transport that is unreliable and difficult to access. That was the case for Normand and his two roommates until an anonymous donor made a gift with only one requirement – purchase an accessible van for someone in need.

This generous donation is a life-changing gift for Normand and his two roommates.

“When we didn't have a van there were limited opportunities to go out,” said Melanie, their support staff.

An accessible van means the freedom to come and go on a whim, to meet friends without scheduling days or weeks in advance and, for Normand, having more flexibility to easily get to his bowling league or tee time.



**Thank you for providing independence to so many people!**

Having this van means a world of difference, said Melanie.

Normand and many other adults supported by St.Amant are spontaneously enjoying life in new ways – all because of you.

## You are helping families grow closer.

For Anne Fountain, whose son Troy is supported through St.Amant, being a part of the St.Amant community has left Anne with only the best parts of being a mother.

“St.Amant has given me the opportunity to lead the life that I deserve to lead while having the peace of mind that Troy is leading his life to the fullest.”

Troy is close with his three brothers, he's charming, likes sports and works with a miniature horse twice a week. He's also artistic and generously donated his talents for the benefit of the St.Amant Spirited Art Soirée. As a featured artist he and a guest were invited to the event and he chose to bring his mom.

“We had a great time! We made ourselves a little dance floor and we danced. Just him and I – it was the best evening of my life,” said Anne.

Your generous support creates opportunities for Troy and many others to follow their passions and share their skills. Thank you for supporting Anne and 1,600 other families to have moments like these!



## Shortly before Wyatt's fourth birthday he was diagnosed with autism.

For parents Laurent & Allison Chapdelaine, the diagnosis helped them understand what their young son was going through.

It's why they've launched the Autism Awareness Ride, a motorcycle charity ride to benefit children, youth, and adults with autism who are supported by St.Amant.

"Autism awareness is close to our hearts," said Allison. "We're very grateful for the community supports we've received and that's why it's important to us to give back."

It's because of passionate people like you and Laurent & Allison that children with autism and their families continue to thrive through community support.



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It takes community to make change. And that's why the Manitoba Moose partnered with St.Amant Foundation for their annual Autism Awareness campaign.

The campaign hits home for Jake Kulevich, defenseman for the Manitoba Moose. Jake has a sibling with autism.

"It's about helping people be more accepting of autism," said Jake. "It's unbelievable to see this event and what St.Amant does. It's incredible. You can't raise enough awareness about it."

The Autism Awareness campaign, presented by Red River Co-op, raises funds to support St.Amant's Autism Programs throughout the month of March. Thank you to everyone who bought autographed puzzles, bid on jerseys, and attended Moose games – your support made this campaign a huge success!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUN 7** **Frontier Toyota Charity Golf Classic**  
St. Boniface Golf Club

**JUN 9** **Autism Awareness Motorcycle Ride**  
Starts at 440 River Road, St.Amant

**JUN 14** **St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament**  
Oakwood Golf Course

**SEP 29** **Free the Spirit Festival**  
440 River Road, St.Amant

**NOV 14** **St.Amant Party – Camp for 100**  
Inn at the Forks

**DEC 1-24** **Gift Wrap and Coat Check**  
St.Vital Centre