



## PROCLAIM AND PARTICIPATE

*Building the Way* is not primarily a need. It is a vision and a ministry.

As this campaign continues, Henri Nouwen (a prominent writer and theologian) reminds us that our work is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer others an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. "It is the opposite of begging," Nouwen says. We are declaring that we want to 'Inspire students to love, learn, and lead together in God's world' - that vision is so amazing and exciting that we want you to be a part of it through your energy, your prayers, and your financial contributions.

Committing to a vision and to supporting a vision is always a call to conversion. Whether we are asking for money or giving money, we are drawn together by God, who is about to do a new thing through our collaboration (Isaiah 43:19).

With a spiritual vision, we want our community to experience that we will all benefit through the direction of resources available to us. The money invested in *Building the Way* will enable us all to become richer as a result - 'You won't become poorer, you will become richer by giving.' (2 Corinthians 9:11)

When we join together as a school community and as donors/supporters, we see a central sign of new life in the Spirit of Christ, and together we are attaining a goal far greater than ourselves: We are helping the Kingdom of God come about!! As love grows through this campaign, it is funnelled into our schools, our staff, our students and will reach for years to come into the world!

PRAY

GIVE

VOLUNTEER

SUPPORT

GROW

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



As a former parent of Christian education, I am excited to see the growth and enthusiasm still happening at Cairn Christian School. Having children of our own attend Christian school was an easy decision for Jim and myself years ago. It was always something we wanted for our children. Was it easy financially? Definitely not! Would I do it again? Absolutely! There were tough times not

knowing where the money would come from, but God always provided. There were moments such as assemblies, school programs, fundraisers, community support, and so much more that reminded us that our children were where they needed to be. I felt they were loved, respected, and encouraged. The Christian values we try to teach at home were the same values the staff tried to instill in our children. I also believe it is important as parents to get involved with the school so that your children may also learn to lend a hand, to volunteer, and work to together as a community. To be educated on how we work hard together to build our schools to what they are today.

Being grandparents now, we can only pray that our grandchildren too may one day experience the education we valued and still do value. They are such little sponges, which is why it so important we try to teach them that God is present everywhere and in everything we do. It will be the bible verses they memorize and the songs they learn, that will be remembered for a lifetime. For I believe Christian education is one of those leaps to prepare our loved ones for the life God has in store for them!

Bernice Slappendal

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**I am excited for the future of Cairn Christian School and would like to support the campaign. When will I be contacted?**

We are excited to be able to invite all of our Cairn Community to help us reach this significant milestone for our schools. Our Cabinet members and Canvassers have made a significant number of visits already and continue to book visits with donors, working within their busy family and work schedules. The pandemic restrictions have impacted our ability to visit with everyone in person, as we would prefer, and so we are adjusting through video conferencing, outdoor visits and phone calls. We are blessed by the support we have already received.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the full generational and geographic cross section of each school's community is invited, including the key church communities that we serve. When we

reach 80% of our overall goal, we will extend beyond 'in-person' visits to a Phone and Mail campaign to ensure that all members of our community are invited to participate.

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