



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It's no wonder that on any given day, dozens of community members invest their talent and their time at The Mount Community Centre. Our more than 200 volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization, and they contribute to everything from the construction crews to the committees. Volunteers from every corner of our city and county have come together to support this once-in-a-lifetime project because, quite simply, it has impact and influence – it will improve quality of life.

The Board has ambitious plans to fully repurpose the facility by 2020 and this will include working together to transform a century-old, 10-acre property in the west end of Peterborough. Developing on site – through preservation, restoration and renovation – is the infrastructure to support

a community centre that changes lives by creating opportunity and addressing community needs.

Once complete, The Mount Community Centre's significance will be greater than the sum of its parts and will build on the legacy of this one-of-a-kind space as well as begin a new chapter with increased access to affordable housing, food, and community services. On behalf of the Board, I invite you to join us on this exciting journey as we embark upon our \$4 million *Building Opportunity Campaign*. This important fundraising initiative will realize the dream of a fully functional property as a catalyst to addressing key needs in our community. – Stephen Kylie, Board Chair

Volunteers
are vital

Today...

Purchased in 2013 by the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network, the property was turned over to The Mount Community Centre after its incorporation as a non-profit charitable organization. The organization's Board of Directors kick-started the project and began the property's redevelopment in 2014 through community support and an innovative social finance plan.

Today, the organization offers apartment units at both affordable and market rate rents in the completed South Wing, office space for not-for-profit organizations and local businesses, as well as space for performing arts and other community gatherings.



Multi-use
facility



Tomorrow...

Once the building's redevelopment is complete, two-thirds of the facility will be dedicated to housing – an innovative array of unit sizes and types for individuals and families of all incomes. Much more than apartment spaces, the organization will offer its residents a soft place to land. Meanwhile, at the heart of this home, will be a food centre to promote food security as well as education and training opportunities.

The Mount Community Centre is also a workplace. On site, will be organizations that work toward the betterment of the broader community. They contribute to the organization's social fabric and many serve, and support quality of life for residents.

Unparalleled indoor and outdoor spaces will offer opportunities for the community to share in the riches of this place. The gardens, grounds, Austin Doran Hall (the former chapel) and auditorium are regularly rented for weddings, as well as corporate and social events. These infuse The Mount Community Centre with vitality.

Preservation
Restoration &
Renovation

Architectural rendering

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

The Building Opportunity Campaign will focus on four priority areas in need of funding. These priorities include the renovations of the remainder of the building (Centre and North Wings), Community Food Centre, Grounds and Gardens and a fund for organizational sustainability.

CENTRE AND NORTH WING RENOVATIONS: \$2,665,000

Centre and North Wings comprise about 65% of the building and will be transformed into a mix of residential apartments, non-residential tenants, beautiful historical rooms for community use and the magnificent Austin Doran Hall. With 38 residential units, a Shared Dreams for Independent Living space and additional spaces for non-residential tenants, these renovations will allow even more people to experience The Mount Community Centre.



COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: \$710,000

The kitchen is “the heart of the home” and this is the concept upon which the Community Food Centre is built. With a café, bakery and commercial kitchen, the Community Food Centre will be a gathering place for not only tenants, but the community as a whole. As it addresses issues of food security, it will also become a centre for employment and training opportunities.

GROUND AND GARDENS: \$125,000

The rich legacy of the 10 acres of land is integral to this campaign as they will provide infrastructure that will allow The Mount Community Centre to meet an array of community needs. The plans for the grounds and gardens include the cultivation of identified portions of the land and several flat roof tops for accessible community gardens that will allow for community involvement and learning opportunities.

SUSTAINABILITY FUND: \$500,000

Recognizing that this is a significant undertaking, The Mount Community Centre, through its infancy is including a Sustainability Fund as a part of the Campaign to ensure that the organization has a strong foundation upon which to build.



Community helpers



Make a Difference

With your support, we can continue and amplify our work as stewards of this one-of-a-kind community space. The Building Opportunity Campaign will shape the infrastructure that will allow our organization to grow, and to do more of its much-needed work. In partnership, we can contribute to well-being by increasing access to housing, food and community services.

Join us in creating a cornerstone in our community. As many volunteers will be needed for the campaign ahead, we ask that you consider how you can take part in *Building Opportunity*.

Join us



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