



Five Oaks

FALL 2025

Sustaining the Seasons

Dear Friends & Supporters,

One of the things I discovered when I was privileged to be on staff at Five Oaks is just how beautiful it is every single day of the year. Each season brings its own highlights. I remember summers back in the days of the dam, when we tubed down Whitemans Creek! Only in winter can you see the sun sparkling on the Grand River from the Upper Room or its balcony. But you have to keep watch on the microclimate in case a snow storm appears suddenly and you end up having to stay overnight. As we head into autumn, I love the smells and crunch of leaves while walking the refurbished and extended trail system. What's your favourite season at the Centre?

There's so much to love: summer Day Campers and Counsellors

gaining new skills and confidence; Work Day Volunteers coming for the first time or returning after 40 years to get the Centre ready in spring; new Canadian teens tobogganing; retreat guests finding space to breathe and rest away from demanding lives of responding to the world's needs and injustice. What do you come to Five Oaks for?

The Board understands the responsibility we have to steward this land respectfully for you and generations yet-to-come to enjoy. You know that, along with income from rentals and grants, we need your support. Will you consider a donation today so that Five Oaks remains beautiful, nurturing, and nourishing in all seasons?

-Pegi Ridout, Board Chair

FIVE OAKS CENTRE

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How Your Gift Helps

JUST AS THE SEASONS CHANGE AT FIVE OAKS, YOUR GENEROSITY SUSTAINS THE RHYTHMS OF LIFE HERE – FROM SUMMER CAMPFIRES TO WINTER RETREATS, YOUR GIFT CAN:

- **\$50** - Help stock art supplies, games, and resources that spark joy and creativity at Acorn Adventure Camp.
- **\$100** - Contribute to the care of our gardens and grounds – plants, mulch, and fuel for the tractor – alongside our dedicated landscaping volunteers.
- **\$250** - Subsidize someone facing barriers to attending a Five Oaks program for much-needed renewal.
- **\$500** - Warm hearts and hands by helping heat the Main Building for a week in winter.
- **\$1,000** - Refresh a guest bedroom with updated items like a lamp, blinds, fan, and soft furnishings, providing guests comfort and care in every season.

Donations

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____



DONATE BY MAIL

I am enclosing a cheque **OR**

Please charge my credit card (circle)

VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

Card #: _____

Expiry (mm/yyyy): _____

CSC (3 or 4 digit code): _____

2025 Programs

Seniors Lunch & Learn Series

Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

Labyrinth Pilgrimage Series:

Walking the Seasons | Oct. 19

Weaving Our Stories: Interfaith

Women's+ Retreat | Nov. 21-23

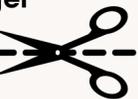
Breakfast with Santa Dec. 6

Owl Prowl for Families Dec. 13



“Every day I see how much care it takes to keep this place running – and how deeply it matters to the people who come here. That’s what inspires me to support Five Oaks every day.”

- Jeremy Stewart, Acting General Manager



I wish to make a ONE-TIME donation of:

\$_____ CAD

I wish to receive a tax receipt (circle): YES NO

I wish to be added to email list (circle): YES NO

Charity Registration Number: 107 389 108 RR0001

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