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Dear <<Name>>,

Most kids who are stuck in homeless shelters can't wait to get out of there. But when it was my family's turn to leave, I was actually pretty torn.

Don't get me wrong, I was really happy my parents found us a better place to live. Problem was, we were moving to a different neighbourhood, further from my favourite place: Rossbrook House.

Rossbrook House is special. It's ALL about kids. It's a place we can get help with homework, go on fun outings, and eat dinner together (the sloppy Joes are the BEST). Plus, the staff are so friendly and there's always someone to talk to.

Ever since I was little, Rossbrook House has been a second home to me. It's where my siblings and I have grown up. So, I was devastated when I found out our new home was too far to walk there after school anymore (and believe me, we tried).

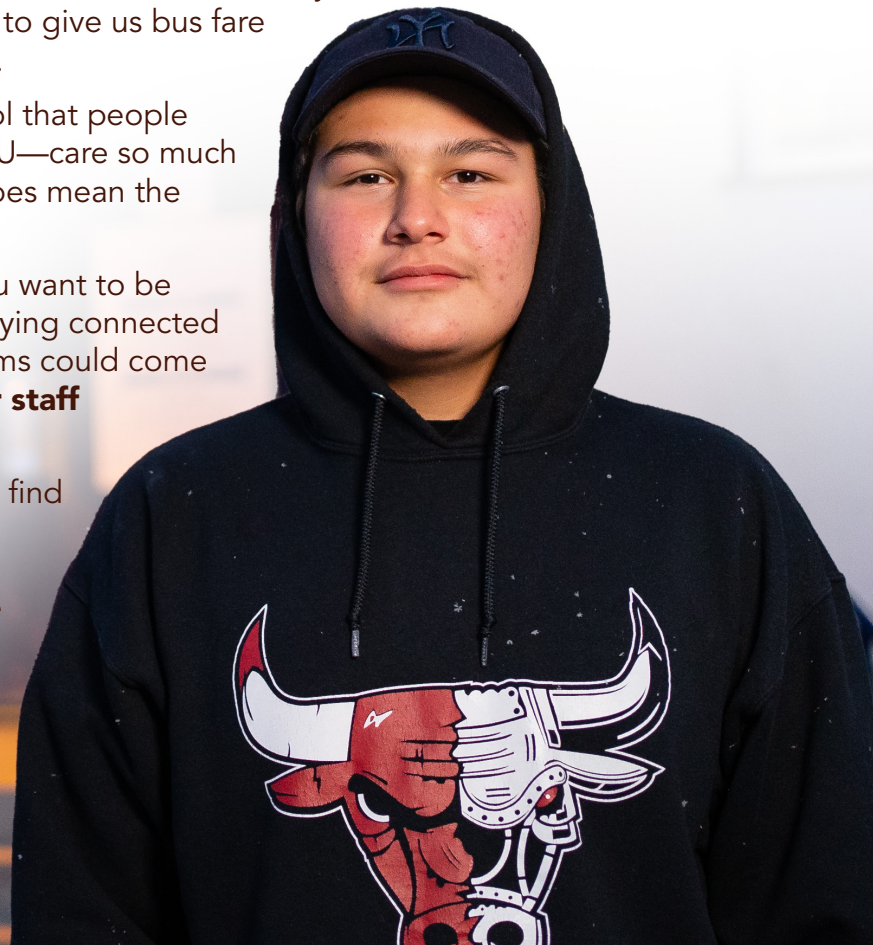
But then, something amazing happened.

You see, the reason we even have a place like Rossbrook House is because of regular people in our community who donate to United Way Winnipeg. And these donors wanted to give us bus fare so we always have a safe place to go.

I couldn't believe it. To me, it's so cool that people I've never even met—people like YOU—care so much about my siblings and me. It really does mean the world to us.

When you love a place this much, you want to be there as much as you can. And by staying connected to Rossbrook House, one of my dreams could come true: **getting my first job as a junior staff member!**

A job teaches you a lot of things. You find out how to open a bank account and apply for a SIN number. You become a leader and have responsibilities like looking out for others. And, you get to earn money!



I'll never forget the day I got my first paycheque. Man, was I pumped! One of the first things I did was buy some new clothes and treat my whole family to a take-out dinner. I'm 13 now, so it feels good to have that kind of independence.

Now that I'm a junior staff member, I'm also seeing how good this place is for other youth, too. Especially these days, there's a lot of stress and stuff going on with families at home—and that's not easy as a kid.

But just down the street, there's a place that helps distract us from the bad things in life. There's a place where we can just be kids. There's a place where, no matter who you are, you belong.

If you've read all this, I bet you're someone who cares a lot. Maybe you even want to help put even more kids on the path for success with a donation. All it takes is a few dollars to make a BIG difference in someone's life. I know it did for me.

Thanks,

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How can you help?

For only \$2 a week, a young Winnipeggers from a low-income household can receive a nutritious meal to eat together and build a sense of belonging and community.



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