

Message from CEO Robert Byers



We're slightly past the halfway point in 2013 and I'm pleased to say that this year has brought Namerind even more opportunities to partner with like-minded organizations and strengthen our position as we move towards becoming a self-sustaining organization. Our last newsletter highlighted a partnership with KidsFirst Regina, an organization designed to support children and families by enhancing parenting knowledge, providing support and building on family strengths. In this newsletter, you will see a further example of our support for our tenant families in the Recent Events section, where our annual Family Day is highlighted.

For copies of past newsletters or to find more information on our current projects and partnerships, please visit our website at www.namerindhousing.ca. As always, I encourage you to get in touch with us with questions, comments or to become involved in our community building efforts in Regina.

Recent Announcements

Namerind to Reopen Resting Place Following Extensive Renovations



Namerind Housing recently announced the reopening of The Resting Place, a home away from home for those in Regina for medical appointments and treatments. The Resting Place is meant not only to provide overnight accommodations for patients and families who must travel to Regina for medical reasons, but also to provide a

respite for families going through what is often a difficult experience.

"It is important to us that when individuals and families stay at The Resting Place, they have all the comforts of home," said Judith Langen, Housing and Tenant Relations Manager at Namerind. "We provide not only linens, towels and comfortable beds as a hotel would, but we also have equipped each suite with a full kitchen so that families can share meals together in an affordable way while away from home."

While the official re-opening event will not take place until September, The Resting Place has once again opened its doors after refurbishing all of its rooms and adding new outdoor landscaping, including a private, fenced-in courtyard where families and patients can relax and enjoy the gardens and ample outdoor seating. All suites include a fully outfitted bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and seating area. Kitchens are equipped with all dishes and cookware that families will need to cook meals during their stay.

"The Resting Place is an important part of Namerind's portfolio of community



building projects", said Namerind President and CEO Robert Byers, "All profits from the rental of these suites is reinvested into affordable housing."

Individuals and families may stay at The Resting Place for as long as they need to for the affordable nightly rate of \$105 (including taxes). To book your stay, or for more information, please call 306-525-0147.



Recent Events

Annual Namerind Family Day

Namerind's annual Family Day bar-b-que took place this year on June 28th, once again providing a great opportunity for friends, Namerind tenants and colleagues to come together to celebrate summer. This annual event was conceived by Namerind staff as a way to encourage a sense of community among tenant families, contractors and staff.

"This year's event once again gave everyone a wonderful opportunity to get together and also for all of us at Namerind to thank our tenants and the contractors who work with us year round," said Namerind President and CEO Robert Byers. "It's a good opportunity each year for our tenants, staff and Board members to get to know each other better and it helps us to strengthen the community that we serve."

Approximately 150 people attended this year's event, which included a bar-b-que lunch provided by Namerind as well as toys given out to all the children



who attended. Picnic activities went on throughout the day from face painting to swimming, and as Board members, tenants and staff headed home in the late afternoon, many new memories and friendships were forged.

Join us next June for Family Day 2014!



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Meet our Staff



Name:
Neil Worm

Position:
Maintenance Technician

Describe a typical day for you at Namerind:

It depends on the season, my job is to perform maintenance work on our properties, at this time of year, most of my work is outside. I do a lot of yard maintenance in the summer, and general property maintenance – cleaning out rain gutters and such. In the winter, I shovel snow and clean sidewalks and I also participate in demolition for a lot of our renovation projects.

What is your favourite thing about working at Namerind?

I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere at Namerind. It's nice to come to work and always feel welcome and needed. I feel part of a team here and I'm always given opportunities to improve my skills and learn new things. Namerind has standards for all of the tasks that we do, and our safety first approach has taught me important safety skills.

Outside of work, what are some of your favourite ways to spend time?

I have three daughters – they're 16, 12 and 6. My mother also lives with us. I often spend time during the day doing maintenance and renovation work on Namerind's properties and then go home to my girls.

When I'm not at work, I'm usually with my family.

Neil has been part of the Namerind team for one and a half years.