

## Message from CEO Robert Byers



Another year is drawing to a close and our team at Namerind feels lucky to be involved in so many interesting and rewarding projects. This past year has seen Namerind take on the management of additional housing units and make great progress on Namerind Place, our project to bring affordable housing and much-needed services to downtown Regina, while helping to revitalize the area. What began as an idea for a new model of affordable housing has taken great steps forward in 2016 as Namerind moves ever closer to becoming a fully self-sustained organization.

We also opened our new office this year and welcomed new tenants as well as familiar faces as we continued to work with our wonderful tenant families in providing homes to Regina families in need. It is this work that drives everything we do and inspires our volunteer Board of Directors to give generously of their time and talents. In this issue, we will continue to profile members of our Board and the important work that they do.

As always, we welcome your feedback and ideas. Please contact us or stop by our office anytime with questions or suggestions.

Best,  
Robert Byers

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## Spotlight on Board of Directors

### Phil Robertson

Phil Robertson brings over two and a half decades of experience in Regina real estate to Namerind's Board. He has been working with Namerind for over 9 years and as owner of his own Regina brokerage with Royal LePage, Phil has both commercial and residential real estate experience. Over the past four years that Phil has sat on Namerind's Board of Directors, he has helped guide Namerind through the transition that has led to their current thriving portfolio of affordable housing units, a contractor warehouse and the Winnipeg Street Mall, which houses Namerind's pharmacy.



*"Namerind has always been about helping others and I feel what goes around comes around. It*

*has been a real pleasure to work with an organization with such vision of leadership and to see the transformation as many new projects have created revenue streams to ensure Namerind's long-term sustainability. After all my years in real estate, it's a great feeling to help this organization provide quality housing and real homes to people who would not otherwise have them."*

Phil also sits on Namerind's Finance Committee and is a member of the Project Team for Namerind Place, Namerind's upcoming multi-use development planned for downtown Regina.

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### Dean Ast



Dean Ast became involved with Namerind in 2008, when he provided a business analysis and feasibility study for Namerind's Winnipeg Street Pharmacy, which operates under the PharmaChoice banner. A member of Namerind's Board of Directors since 2013, Dean brings his background as a pharmacist and healthcare consultant to this diverse group. Having sat on a number of government, industry and not-for-profit Boards, Dean is able to share his experience in governance and operations guidance along with his knowledge as a pharmacist, small business owner and consultant.

*"It has been truly enlightening and educational in lots of different ways to be part of Namerind's Board of Directors. I enjoy the opportunity to provide a sober second-thought on issues and provide financial guidance on how Namerind can ensure they are always moving toward the goal of being a self-sustaining organization. It's been a very personally rewarding*

*experience and I applaud the work that the staff does each day. I look forward to seeing all the work come to fruition on Namerind Place, it will be an exciting day when we see shovels in the ground. It's just one of the many projects I've enjoyed being a part of so far and I hope I can continue to play a part in Namerind's success."*

Dean also sits on Namerind's Finance Committee and works on a part-time and relief basis at Namerind's Winnipeg Street Pharmacy.



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## Meet our Staff



**Name:**

Jared Miller,  
Tenant Relations Assistant

**Describe a typical day for you at work:**

I work mostly on tenant accounts, so taking payments, dealing with arrears, and answering questions from tenants either via phone or in person if they come to the office. I also participate in move-in walk throughs for new tenants, writing up lease agreements, and working on rent calculations for properties that Namerind manages. I basically help out in all areas having to do with our tenants.

**What is your favourite thing about working at Namerind?**

There is so much that I like about working here. It's nice to be treated not only as an employee but a person. The entire management team is very open to ideas, they are all very respectful and really willing to listen which makes for a nice work environment. Also I like seeing what we do every day – to be able to offer a home to a family in need and see the look on their face or hear in their voice the difference that makes to them – there's nothing like it. I enjoy seeing families a couple of months after they've moved in if they come by the office, it's great to know that you've helped impact someone's life and family that way.

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

I like to spend time with my family. I was recently married in September – my wife actually works for Namerind's pharmacy. She is fluent in Japanese and has been teaching me the language, both in spoken and written form. We're planning a trip to Japan at the end of the year and I've really been enjoying learning their language and culture, which is so interesting and different from ours.

*Jared has been part of Namerind's team for just under a year.*

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