

Message from CEO Robert Byers

This summer, Namerind celebrated its 40th anniversary and marked the occasion with our annual Family Day BBQ for tenant families, staff, board members and colleagues. It was a wonderful event and a testament to how far Namerind has come in 40 years. From our affordable housing units to The Resting Place, the Winnipeg Street Pharmacy, and many other projects, we have enjoyed wonderful successes over the years. All of these endeavours have allowed us to achieve our core mission and continue to provide safe, affordable housing to Regina families.

In this issue of Namerind News, we conclude our profile series on the members of our Board of Directors. We appreciate all of their hard work and are pleased to have their continued guidance and energy as we move forward with more new projects this fall.

As always, we welcome your ideas, questions and comments about this newsletter or any of Namerind's projects and properties. Call or stop by our office anytime to share your thoughts or to learn more about our activities.

Best,
Robert Byers



Family Day BBQ 2017

Namerind's annual tenant appreciation Family Day BBQ kicked off the summer on June 30, 2017. This year's event saw Namerind staff, board members, contractors, and tenants celebrating 40 years of providing affordable housing in Regina. The 40th anniversary was marked with a special appearance by Roughrider legends Matt Dominguez and Dan Farthing who signed memorabilia and posed for photos with guests.

"It was very heartwarming to see families together enjoying the day", said Dominguez. "You really got the sense that Namerind is a community



and it was wonderful to meet a group of people who contribute so much to our city."

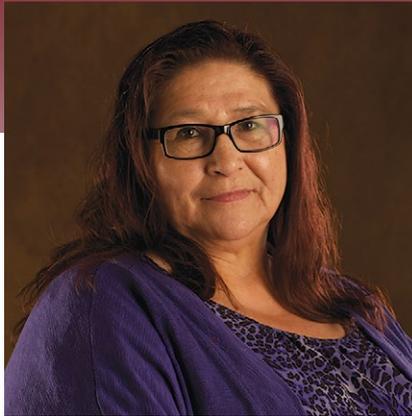
Approximately 300 people were on-hand to celebrate, and Namerind staff prepared a delicious lunch, grilling hamburgers and hot dogs while kids played games of badminton, jumped on bouncy blow-up castles and tested their throwing arm against their football heroes. Continuing with

an annual tradition, there were also toys for children to play with that they could later take home as a memory of the event. This event provides an opportunity each summer for Namerind to thank its tenant families and contractors while giving families a chance to enjoy a beautiful summer day while getting to know each other.

Happy Anniversary!



SPOTLIGHT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BRENDA BELLEGARDE



Brenda has spent her career in human resources and administrative support, which is also what brought her to the Namerind board. Initially tasked in 2009 with taking minutes at meetings,

Brenda officially joined as a board member in January of 2016. A mother of three children and grandmother to 9, Brenda is very involved in her family life and spends much of her time watching grandchildren perform in various sporting events across North America. Brenda has been involved in a number of community projects in Regina – from helping to establish 3 different women’s shelters to working in government, Brenda brings a wide range of community-based experience to the Namerind board.

“It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside the Namerind staff who have such a vision for this organization. There

are so many projects and events that have a positive effect on our community from the Family Day BBQ to the Holiday Hamper drive to The Resting Place and Raising Hope

– it is really a wonderful experience to be involved in these projects throughout the year. Everyone on our board has such great ideas and different perspectives, it’s been a very interesting and rewarding team to be a part of thus far.”

Brenda brings over 30 years of experience in affordable housing, having been a resident herself. Her work in government and human resources has given her a perspective on Namerind’s unique approach to fulfilling their mission to provide affordable housing in Regina while becoming a fully self-sustaining organization.



Namerind’s Resting Place Lodge is located at 925 12th Avenue in Regina. We provide accommodations for those in Regina for medical appointments or treatments. Visit us at www.namerindhousing.ca/resting-place for further information and nightly rates.

To reserve your room, please e-mail restingplace@namerind.com, or call 306-525-0147 during weekdays and 306-527-2193 evenings or weekends.

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Meet our Staff



Name:

Raylene Thompsom, Accounting Clerk and Resting Place Caretaker

Describe your new role at Namerind:

In addition to my duties as Accounting Clerk, I have taken on the responsibility of being Caretaker at The Resting Place, which is Namerind’s residence providing rooms for those who are visiting Regina for medical reasons. We have some families who are just with us for one night but others may stay for weeks or have repeat visits, depending on their medical needs and appointments. As Caretaker, I am responsible for ensuring that The Resting Place is running smoothly from day to day. Whether it’s getting people a clean set of towels, cleaning the common areas, or checking suites at check-out time, we want to always make sure that the families who stay with us feel supported and have what they need.

How has taking on this role at The Resting Place enhanced your experience at Namerind?

I moved into the caretaker suite at The Resting Place with my daughter so that I can be on hand whenever families need me. It’s given me a chance to see all aspects of our business as I focus more on the accounting (or technical) side of things at the office during the day and then on evenings and weekends, I am focused on these families often going through very hard times and the more people-facing side of what Namerind does. Recently, we had a couple staying for a month and on their return visit, the husband passed away. I was glad to be able to support his wife through an awful time as she was away from home and loved ones. It gives me a wonderful sense of accomplishment, whether hearing from the people who stay how much the facility helps them or seeing the garden flourish after I’m out tending to it – each activity really has an important result.

How do you balance the two busy roles?

During the day, I am at the Namerind office working on accounting projects and focusing on that role. People come by our office to pick up their key for a room at The Resting Place, so we meet them at that point, go over the house rules and answer their questions. When I go home, I’m entirely focused on The Resting Place – we have a system so that anyone staying there can let me know what they need by leaving a note or calling. When I am there, my job is really doing maintenance, inventory, cleaning and supporting the families. Being a part of the Namerind team is about having an opportunity to really help people and it’s not hard to go above and beyond when you’re doing such rewarding work.

Raylene has been a part of the Namerind team for 8 years.