



As we prepare for the holidays and the end of the year, our community partnerships strike a louder chord than usual. For example, we are so pleased to work with and support Raising Hope: Moving Families Forward, an organization in Regina that supports mothers and babies in need and helps to foster healthy families for years to come. In this issue, you'll learn about Namerind's role in the expansion of their facility, which can now host 15 families for up to 18 months as babies are getting their start in life.

You'll also learn in this issue of a recent fundraiser that Namerind organized for Raising Hope: Moving Families Forward. If you are looking for a worthy charity to support this holiday season and beyond, consider this wonderful organization. For more information, e-mail us at [reception@namerind.com](mailto:reception@namerind.com).

This time of year is often a time of reflection and I am once again so proud to look back on another successful year at Namerind. It is a pleasure to work with our dedicated, diverse and talented staff as well as our extended team of contractors, suppliers and partners. I'd like to thank them all for their hard work over the past year and look forward to another great year ahead in 2018.

Happy holidays,  
Robert Byers

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## Raising Funds to Support Our Community

On October 22nd, Namerind along with Jocelyne Lang and Danelle Bernakevich organized a Paint-Nite fundraiser at the



Sandman Hotel and Suites in Regina complete with painting activities, door prizes and a silent auction. The fundraiser was conceived to raise funds to support the purchase of basic items such as kitchenware, bed linens, towels and other necessities for the women, children and families who come to stay at the Raising Hope facility. The fundraiser was a wonderful success, thanks to many donors, raising much needed dollars while collecting household items from the community, as women arrive at the facility in a state of crisis, with few possessions of their own.

A special thanks to Living Hope Alliance Church for contributing \$1500 to furnish the apartments with the basic necessities.

For information on items to donate or how to give, please email [reception@namerind.com](mailto:reception@namerind.com).

# RAISING HOPE: Moving Families Forward

Raising Hope: Moving Families Forward is an organization in Regina that works with pregnant women and new mothers suffering from addiction issues. The facility provides 24/7 residential support and care for women who have an active addiction and are pregnant or have recently had a baby. Services include housing, prenatal and parenting support, with a focus on harm-reduction and healthy living, all taking place in a culturally sensitive and female-focused environment.

When a need was identified to expand the existing facility to 18 units, Namerind stepped in to purchase and retrofit a new building, which now houses eleven 2-bedroom apartments, four 1-bedroom apartments and three program spaces; an office, a programming suite for therapy and education, and a childcare facility providing childcare from 8am – 5pm for families living at the facility.

Karli Rasmussen, Program Support Worker at Raising Hope explains, “The largest impact of the move to the new facility and of Namerind’s renovation of the building is that we now have 2-bedroom units for some of our larger families as well as more suites overall. Many women who stay with us have multiple children and it was a challenge to house them with a newborn and older children in a 1-bedroom apartment at our old facility. This new building allows us to truly address the needs of the women and families who stay here while also having space to provide the critical programming needed to support women moving toward clean and healthy lifestyles.

We are lucky to be able to support these women in such an intimate way. Seeing kids take their first steps and healthy babies coming home from the hospital – we are truly invested in the long-term success of these families.”

Namerind has been a partner of Raising Hope since 2013, having provided renovation and maintenance services at their former space as well. “Raising Hope is a great example of Namerind’s social enterprise work in our community,” said Robert Byers, President and CEO of Namerind. “We feel privileged to play a role in helping these women and children, expanding our ability to help Regina families in need.”

Raising Hope welcomes both monetary and in-kind donations. For a list of most-needed items or more information on Raising Hope, please call 306-525-0147 or email [reception@namerind.com](mailto:reception@namerind.com).

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## Meet our Staff



**Name:**

Lyle Parisian, Maintenance Supervisor

### How has your role at Namerind evolved over time?

I’ve been at Namerind for almost 18 years so not only has my role evolved a lot, but the entire organization has really grown and changed. When I started, I was the maintenance man for Namerind and I was the only one doing that work. I worked on our tenant homes 7 days a week and was always on call. Over the years, we’ve built our maintenance team and we now have a great crew – many of whom I’ve had the pleasure of training and mentoring. My role now is to oversee all of our many projects – whether renovating a kitchen in one of our units, or remodeling an entire 18 unit building as in the case of our recent project with Raising Hope: Moving Families Forward. I manage our many sub trades on various projects and work with the staff in the office to ensure that all of our tenants’ maintenance needs are met.

### Can you describe the recent Raising Hope renovation project?

The building was older and needed to be upgraded, renovated and brought to the quality standards of Namerind construction. We had to reconfigure the existing units to make up the apartments and program spaces that Raising Hope required. All the suites have new bathrooms, drywall, flooring, paint – we wanted to make sure that everything was clean and hygienic for the mothers and babies moving in and that the facility would last for years to come. Though we were working up until the last minute before the building opened on October 2nd, we were determined to finish the project on time. In all these years we’ve never missed a deadline and I’m proud to say that this project was no exception.

### What continues to motivate you at Namerind after nearly two decades?

I love what I do and it’s really a pleasure to come to work. I always say that I love Mondays and hate Fridays. Each renovation is different and my work is always interesting, especially as we continue to add more projects as time goes on. Namerind is like a family and we’re able to be involved with so many families in our community. Not only our tenant families whom I’ve come to know over the years but community projects like Raising Hope – to see the reaction when the women moved into the new facility was incredibly rewarding. Some were in tears as it was the nicest place they had ever lived and the appreciation of the work we do is really felt all the time. It’s such a great feeling to be able to do my part in providing homes to Regina families in need.

*Lyle has been a part of the Namerind team for 18 years.*