CAIRN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Building the Way Campaign

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

RICHARD HOITING, CAMPAIGN CABINET

Twenty-five years ago, Richard and Carla Hoiting enrolled their oldest son at John Knox Christian School (now Cairn Stoney Creek). Since then, all five of their children have graduated from JKCS and they are excited that their grandchildren are now also attending Cairn Christian School. "We have always felt our family was supported and we were a valued member of the school community. Being parentally governed, we can stay true to what scripture calls us to do...teach our children the ways of God...always!"

Richard joined the *Building the Way Campaign* Cabinet Team because he was inspired to see the larger community coming together to accomplish something bigger, "it is always exciting and a cause for celebration," he shares. Richard was Chair of the Board when JKCS turned 50, and he wants to know that there will be generational input when Cairn Christian School celebrates its 50th anniversary. "I feel the projects that the campaign supports are very important to ensure that it continues to grow and inspire more families for generations to come. I am honoured to be a part of that journey."

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT - SMITHVILLE CAMPUS

This year has shone a new light on our Smithville Campus. Although our enrollment has remained the same, the pandemic has required that we need to further distance students within classrooms – meaning we require more physical space for learning. Conservative projections for enrollment in 2021-2022 show us that we will be fuller than ever before which puts the need to build at an even more urgent level. This is the kind of urgency that we are excited about!

Our youngest learners are currently in a space that has been crafted together from rooms not meant for their style of learning, or today's educational environment. With the intentional planning and building of spaces for kindergarten learning, we will be able to better meet the needs of their growing minds, bodies and spirits!

As we look to accommodate the demand for Christian Education in our region, we are humbled by the responsibility and opportunity to build effective spaces for the inspiration of awe and wonder about God and the world around us! We can't wait to see how God will use these new learning spaces to His glory as he has used our buildings in the past.

Kevin Huinink
Executive Director

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A NEW START

Thank you to our community for the encouragement and support provided to our campaign team of volunteers during the recent restart of the *Building the Way Campaign*.

We recognize that restarting the campaign during a pandemic is a big step. The first few months of the school year showed us that all of the needs identified for Cairn Christian School are even more urgent now. As well, our original projected enrollment for the upcoming school year, remains true. We simply need to provide more functional and instructional space in and outdoors. We hope to count on your support as we continue to reach out – help us to Build the Way for more students to receive the blessing of Christ-centred education.

Our Campaign Consultants have been monitoring the fundraising industry throughout the pandemic. We have been encouraged to learn that, across the country, overall donor support is increasing – and, in many cases, donors are even more motivated to provide help in any way they can.

With everyone's health and safety in mind, our campaign team is providing flexibility and sensitivity by adjusting donor visits to include appropriate health and safety protocols. While the warmer weather allowed for in-person meetings outside to allow for physical distancing, we are now including video-conferencing as an option. Our volunteers are prepared to connect with you in the format that best suits your situation.

Please welcome our campaign volunteers when they reach out to share our exciting plans for the future and invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our students now and for years to come.

Continued blessings to you and your families.

Wayne Schilstra
Campaign Chair

On behalf of the *Building the Way Campaign* Cabinet, we want to wish you and your loved ones a very Blessed Christmas rooted in the hope and love that the gift of the Messiah provides.