



Fall 2025

Warm greetings from Rockway,

Over the past ten months, we have witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of generosity from the Rockway community. Together, we raised an incredible \$2.2 million through our *Protect this Barn* campaign, an achievement that will have a lasting impact on every student who walks through our doors. Because of you, Rockway will soon have a revitalized gymnasium, a fully accessible washroom, upgraded change rooms, new washrooms, a new meeting space and fitness facility; spaces that reflect our commitment to nurturing mind, body, and spirit.

To say we are deeply grateful is a major understatement. Your support reminds us that Rockway is more than a school; it is a community bound by shared values, hope and purpose. You have helped us strengthen the foundation of our physical space and, for that, we want to offer a heartfelt *thank you*.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded that the heart of Rockway lies not in bricks and mortar, but in people; in the students who grow here, the teachers who inspire them, and the community that believes in their potential. With our major capital work starting Spring 2026, it is now time to turn our attention back to the Annual Fund and our Tuition Assistance Program, which sustains the programming and experiences that make a Rockway education truly distinctive.

At Rockway, education is more than academics. Rooted in Mennonite values, we strive to nurture students who think critically, act compassionately, and engage the world with courage and integrity. Our approach invites students to see learning as a way to serve, to connect knowledge with responsibility, and to recognize the power they have to make a positive difference in their communities and beyond.

One example of this is the new pear orchard that was planted last Spring behind the parking lot in the corner of some green space. This orchard was a vision that emerged from the *Youth Leading Change: Community Peacebuilding Certificate* program and spearheaded by current grade 12 student, Julia Abicht. She was inspired by her learning in the Climate Action Simulation, one of the program's learning modules. During this module, Julia learned about a young woman who started a garden on her school property. Her vision was not just to plant trees, but to create food for the community to eat and a gathering place for them to rest and connect. Julia was inspired and motivated to do the same at Rockway. She is now working to pass this vision, and work, on to younger students who will carry it forward after she graduates

in June. Julia's story is one of many where our students are inspired to take their learning into the world to make a difference.

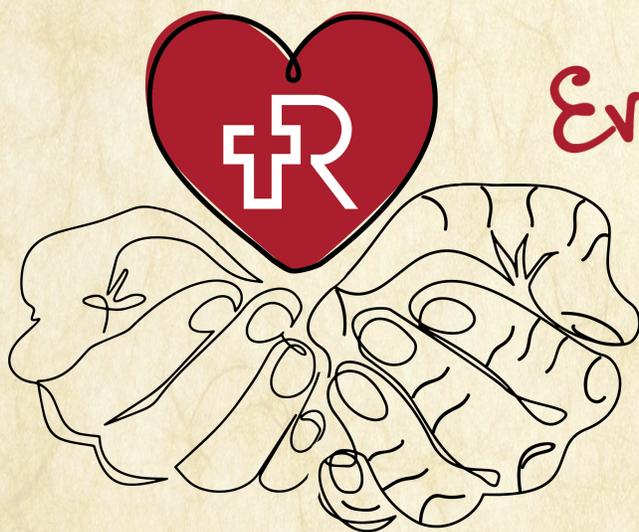
Your gift to the *Go Rockway!* Annual Fund and our Tuition Assistance Program helps make stories like Julia's possible. It sustains small class sizes that allow teachers to know each student's name and story. It provides opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities that would not be available to students at other schools. It supports financial assistance for families who value this kind of education but who need help to access it. It enables rich classroom experiences that shape students into thoughtful, engaged citizens of the world.

As we look ahead to the rest of the school year, we ask you to join us once again in supporting Rockway's mission. Your contribution, no matter the size, affirms your belief in an education that values compassion over competition, community over individualism and integrity over influence. Together, we can ensure that Rockway continues to be a place where young people learn not only what they can achieve, but who they are called to be.

Thank you for being part of this community of generosity and care. Because of your ongoing support, Rockway's light continues to shine brightly, illuminating a path of learning, service and hope for generations to come.

With deep gratitude,

Chris Ainsworth  
Director of Advancement



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