

It Takes a Village

Who We Are

Located in a unique setting in the Canadian Shield and nestled amongst the majestic pines on the shores of Dogtooth Lake sits Luther Village which exists *to give everyone the opportunity for growth and renewal of mind, body, and soul.*

The Luther Village experience transforms lives, develops leaders for tomorrow, and strengthens the bonds of family and community.

Our Mission

Under God's grace, Luther Village exists to provide Christian ministry in a harmonious outdoor setting to give everyone the opportunity for growth and renewal of mind, body, and soul.

Our Vision

Luther Village is God's sanctuary!
It is a vibrant Christian community where all are welcome.

Our Roots

More than fifty-five years ago, the founders of Luther Village recognized the site as truly exceptional for its pristine beauty. They felt in their hearts that the presence of God was tangible in this extraordinary setting.

The shared history of the thousands of people who have experienced Luther Village pays testimony to the dream of the founders. Each new generation builds on the joy and the memories of those before them who have grown in every way at this amazing camp.

The Situation

The Luther Village legacy is unmatched. The staff and volunteers of Luther Village consistently meet and exceed their annual goals to make each camping experience the best possible.

However, despite the best attempts to maintain the camp infrastructure at the highest levels, time and the increasing expectations of campers has led to a serious infrastructure deficit. Today's campers expect a level of electrical service as well as water and sewer facilities that can no longer be provided in a reliable manner. As well, despite a rigorous schedule of maintenance and repair, some buildings need to be replaced, others require refurbishment.

There is work to do.

The Solution

Volunteer board leadership has determined the next steps to a modern Luther Village.

A New Dining Hall. Attempts have been made in the past six years to remedy the aging framework of the existing dining hall, but time has taken its toll. Several attempts have been made to try and salvage the building, but it was beyond repair and had become an extreme danger, especially in the kitchen.

The good news is that Wolf's Ridge has been repurposed to become the new dining hall and kitchen. Everything about the new facility embraces the latest in professional standards and will serve the camp for many years to come. There has been great progress and it is expected to open in May 2023 in time for the camping season.

Another piece of *good news is that it is Fully Funded*. The initial donations to the It Takes A Village Capital Campaign will cover all the costs.

Electrical Service Upgrades. The level of electrical service available for campers and the camp facilities does not meet modern standards. Camping lots cannot always be provided adequate, reliable power. The power supply for camp buildings and support equipment also needs an upgrade.

Camp management is working with Ontario's Hydro One on a plan that will double the power supply at a cost of \$350,000. *About 40% of that total is in hand*. The next task of the capital campaign is to raise the funds to make this a reality.

Campground Expansion. With more power available and a renewal of important camp infrastructure, Luther Village will be able to welcome new campers, or campers who were reluctant to return because of the inconveniences.

This new "Upper Upper Campground" will not only attract more campers to the Luther Village experience it will contribute a significant revenue stream which will enhance long term viability and make new programming possible. The cost of the expansion is \$200,000.

Community Deck. Community and fellowship are organic to Luther Village. The vision is to build a deck on the former dining hall site. The estimated 90'X30' deck would overlook Dogtooth Lake and be a perfect place for family campfires by the firepit and a space for a variety of camper programming. Plans include a clay pizza oven and concession stand. The deck will cost \$150,000.

New Office and Washrooms. The current facilities are nearly 60 years old. Washrooms and showers need to be updated to modern standards and a new office is important for the proper on-site management of Luther Village. The concept would see all these functions within a two-story construction. These facilities will cost \$400,000.

Why?

This is about more than renewal and renovation. The result is not just restoring the luster to this camping jewel.

The enhanced revenue will provide programming options such welcoming disadvantaged and at-risk youth into a phenomenal camping experience. As well, Luther Village would have the resources to explore its relationship with the land on which it resides and the First Peoples of the region. The expanded facilities will also allow consideration of ecumenical camping opportunities.

Join the Village

Yes, It Takes A Village. It will take the efforts of everyone who has a heart to see the continued success of Luther Village and appreciates the importance of community and fellowship in the development of young minds and hearts.

This capital campaign will take many stages to complete in its entirety but the effort will change lives. It's worth it.

Many people have already recognized the importance of this vision. ***More than \$650,000 has been raised already!***

Be a part of this significant project.

Donate to Luther Village specifying "Capital Campaign" for your charitable object.

Make a pledge to Luther Village specifying "Capital Campaign" for your charitable object.

Make monthly donations by credit card or cheque to Luther Village specifying "Capital Campaign" for your charitable object. A small amount can add up to a significant gift over time.

Consider using financial assets such as retirement funds, life insurance policies, appreciated stocks, property, and bequests as a significant gift. Any of the capital campaign volunteers or your financial advisor can provide you more information.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Any of the capital campaign team would be delighted to discuss this with you in privacy and confidence.

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