TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD

Endowing the Heart of Lakefield: OUR HOUSES, OUR COMMUNITY

A Lasting Legacy of Support For Every House

We are proud of our closely-knit houses, which are among the smallest within our peer boarding school group—each with its own personality, traditions, and sense of belonging. These small houses provide a unique advantage in fostering a strong sense of community as well as deep connections between boarding and day students, advisors, and residential staff. Our houses are a place where students share their lives and stories as one community, learning from each other and making friendships that last a lifetime.

To support our house communities, our **TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD** campaign has set a goal to build a dedicated endowed fund of at least $100,000 for each of our twelve houses. These endowed house funds will support our Heads of House each year, helping to fund meaningful activities, experiences, and initiatives. From house traditions and outdoor adventures to wellness programs and community celebrations, these funds will help ensure every student experiences the warmth, pride, and connection that define life in their house.

We are deeply committed to nurturing a strong sense of community and to upholding our Inclusive, Caring Community value—"We believe in the dignity and worth of all individuals. We embrace diversity, practice equity and foster connection. We lead with empathy to create a sense of belonging for all."

> My House has had a big impact on me. It taught me the values of being part of a house family and being there for the ones you live with. The chemistry which developed all through the year, between all of us, has made us stronger and better. My House experience will always be a part of my life and heart. ~LCS STUDENT

What is an Endowed Fund?

An endowed fund is a lasting source of financial support created through the generosity of donors. The principal is invested and continues to grow over time, while a portion of the investment income is used each year to fund the endowment's purpose. It is a gift that endures, supporting generations of Lakefield students long into the future.

How Do Endowed Funds Work at Lakefield?

At Lakefield, our endowed funds pay out at a rate of approximately 4% per year in perpetuity, while the principal continues to grow through investment gains. These funds have already made possible some of the experiences that make Lakefield unique, from tuition assistance to outdoor adventure programs like the Ondaatje Expedition, Irving Expedition, and GEO (Guest Expedition Ontario), as well as programs such as our Leadership, Character, Values initiative.

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Our Progress to Date

We are seeking to raise a minimum of $1.2 million in total to reach our goal of having a $100,000+ endowment for each of our twelve houses. To date, we have raised a total of $216,000, with a minimum of $984,000 remaining to reach our goal.

Investing in Our Houses

We are deeply committed to investing in our houses as the nucleus of community and relationship-building at Lakefield. Endowed house funds will provide a stable, perpetual source of support for our Heads of House to create memorable experiences and meaningful initiatives that support their house members and strengthen the fabric of each house family.

We hope you will consider making a gift in support of our House Endowments, and in doing so, help us sustain the joyful, caring community that defines life at Lakefield.

Examples of New House Initiatives to be Supported by House Endowments:

Outdoor recreation equipment – such as bikes, or toboggans that encourage wellbeing and outdoor fun

House dinners/cultural celebrations – fostering inclusion and belonging through shared traditions

Workshops and guest speakers – developing leadership, self-awareness, and positive life habits

House outings to sporting or cultural events – inspiring community spirit

Culinary experiences with guest chefs – nurturing creativity, collaboration, and joy in learning together

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Help Us TRANSFORM Young Lives

Our houses are at the heart of our Community First vision at Lakefield. We hope you will consider making a gift in support of the TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD campaign and our House Endowment priority in particular. Your support will profoundly impact the lives of young people, while also enhancing the broader fabric of our community.

> "I love many things about my House, but the first thing that comes to my mind is the community. I can really see how much everyone in the house cares. We may not have the best common room, but we do have the best house spirit, and I really appreciate having that in a house community. I also love how welcoming everyone is to new members of the community."
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