

A Lasting Legacy

A charter member of the Westmount Rotary Club, Gord Ferguson truly embraced the motto of “Service Above Self.” Through his ties with Rotary, Gord quickly became involved with KidsAbility. In fact, many of his favourite memories come from his visits to the K-W Rotary Children’s Centre and the many fundraising drives he was involved with.

“As Rotary members, we used to visit the original site by the KW Hospital,” states Gord. “We would go in to see what was happening with the children and help out however we could. That was really great. We spent quite a bit of time trying to get the kids healthy and well.”

The Rotarians’ volunteer efforts were greatly appreciated, as were their fundraising efforts. From rubber duck races at Kaufman Flats to running bingo nights at a local hall to approaching community leaders for donations, Gord and his fellow members did whatever they could to make a difference.

And what a difference they made! Together with other Rotary Clubs, Rotarians were instrumental in raising funds to build KidsAbility’s Waterloo site in 1995. As Gord recalls, “I had the very distinct honour of digging the dirt as part of the groundbreaking. They gave me a hard hat and a silver shovel. I was very proud of that moment.”

Yet Gord didn’t stop there. He decided to leave a legacy gift for KidsAbility as well. “I had KidsAbility in my will, but I worried about it,” explains Gord. “You come to retirement and you don’t anticipate any illness. With the added expense of taking care of my wife and myself, I wasn’t sure I would still be able to give to KidsAbility. So I made out a cheque and delivered it to KidsAbility in advance to ensure they’d get the money.”

Today, Gord looks back with fondness at his time as a Rotarian and a volunteer at KidsAbility. As he sums up, “As Rotarians, we had all kinds of good fun and we hope that we helped the kids.”

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