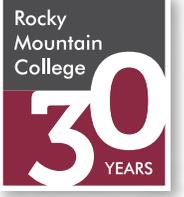


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## Celebrating 30 Years of Generosity

By Gaileen Gillies, VP Advancement, RMC



**Gaileen Gillies**  
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Rocky Mountain College (RMC) is celebrating 30 years of generous donors who, through prayer and financial contributions, play a pivotal role in helping the RMC team develop Christian leaders all around the world.

As a private Christian institution, student tuition only covers 55% of the operating budget. Without our donors, it would be impossible for students to receive the Biblical education they seek and desire at RMC. Many donors have not only supported Rocky Mountain College; some have also invested in the lives of students at Mountain View College and Hillcrest Christian College.

Thank you for selflessly sharing what you have with others. Because of your faithful giving, you have offered students the opportunity to learn and build

God's Kingdom. I was one of many recipients of this provision as you can see in the photo above and have now served at RMC for over 22 years. Read on throughout the newsletter about how other alumni, encouraged by their time at RMC, have been using their education to serve. Your giving has resulted in changed lives and transformed communities.

Each donation was an extension of compassion, kindness, and a choice that touched a student's life. Thank you for helping to sustain the RMC community as we walk alongside our students. You make their life better through their education and spreading the love of Christ.

**From what we get, we can make a living;  
What we give, however, makes a life. – Arthur Ashe**

The RMC team continues to pray for God to provide for and sustain each of our donors as each one blesses others.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### Darlene Hyatt

attended RMC from 1993 to 1998 studying Religious Studies, and serves as an adjunct professor for Pathways, RMC's distributed learning platform. She is currently serving as Senior Pastor at Hope Point Church of the Nazarene in Olds, AB. She is a fierce advocate for reducing domestic and sexual abuse and is offering programming through her church for those affected by violence in the community. Darlene was honored with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for her contribution to ending sexual violence in Alberta in November of 2022. We are so proud of the way Darlene has stepped into the gap for so many hurting individuals, bringing the love and hope of Christ with her.



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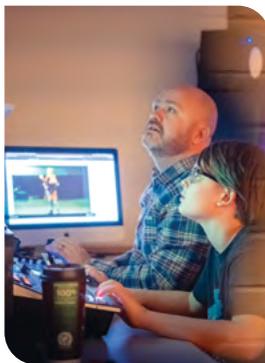
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## Brody Jespersen

graduated with a BA in Youth Leadership Development in 2007.

Since then, he's spent time as a youth pastor in western Canada, currently serving as a Senior Associate Pastor at Sherwood Park Alliance Church. His time in ministry birthed his vision to create "PRAXiS", a Biblical, practical, relevant, and engaging training resource for local churches. It's designed as a free video curriculum available to anyone and everyone trying to reach teenagers with the Gospel. The heart of PRAXiS is a well produced curriculum, by people in youth ministry, for people in youth ministry. A recent social media post gives a further glimpse into Brody's heart: *I don't know what I'm doing 90% of the time. I wasn't "ready" to volunteer with my son as a video tech. But church involvement can't be passive. It's all hands on deck, a willingness to say "yes." In God's Kingdom faithfulness will always be more important than expertise or experience. I wanted my guy to see that church is a place for him to contribute, not just consume.* Brody's Kingdom heart is to see leaders, whether those in youth ministry, or his own son, provided with the resources needed so they can say "yes!" to the call of ministry!



## Joel Pippus

graduated from RMC in 2012 with a Bachelor of Religious Studies. Working with youth has always been a passion of his. In recent years he has

been able to marry that passion and his passion for skateboarding through his work with Hull Services — an organization committed to helping child and youth mental health. Through his work at Hull, Joel is the project lead for a project called *Push to Heal* which highlights the connection between Dr. Bruce Perry's Neurosequential Model (NM) and how kids who use skateparks can experience therapeutic intervention on many levels. Joel has seen first-hand how time spent in the skatepark has a direct positive impact on the work happening with kids in crisis. In the past several months, Joel has taken *Push to Heal* to the next level, joining Pathways to Prevention: A Centre for Developmental Trauma as a Training and Education Facilitator and continuing as the project lead for *Push To Heal*, bringing his training in NM and its connection to skateboarding and passing it along to others who work with children with childhood trauma.



## Liesel Reimer

graduated with a Diploma in Compassionate Ministries in 2004 and a BA in Human Services in Child and Youth Care in 2012. Since her first years at RMC she has had many meaningful career opportunities,

including 12 years experience in community development and leadership development in Dublin, Ireland with EMCC World Partners. These experiences with complex community dynamics inspired her to complete her Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Management when she returned to Canada. She has since worked with The Canadian Mental Health Association and the provincial government in BC, where she is now the Director of People Development for the Ministry of Citizens' Services. Her combined education and experience leading to today have enabled her to develop strategies and implement programs that impact

many in the province as someone who lays down her power and privilege, just as Jesus did, to love and serve with justice, mercy, and discernment. Her current role enables her to do this in the context of learning and development and leadership development oversight for the ministry, and in mental health programs for the entire BC Public Service.

## PRAYER MATTERS

**Jesus taught us that prayer furthers His Kingdom on earth. Please pray with us for the following:**

- For our students and alumni as they pursue God's plan for them
- For our board of governors as they guide RMC
- For our faculty and staff as they support our students and partners
- For continued financial support as we near the end of our fiscal year on June 30

**Can we pray for you? Please send your prayer requests to Gaileen Gillies at [ggillies@rockymountaincollege.ca](mailto:ggillies@rockymountaincollege.ca)**

**Please find enclosed an envelope to make a donation, send a prayer request or ballot to RMC.**

With gratefulness,  
Kerry Belt, President



## RMC IS EXPANDING ITS TEAM!

**We are looking for faculty, administrative and financial personnel.**

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**Congratulations to Delvin and Val Welk, winners of the Winter 2023 ballot draw. They won a restaurant gift card.**



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