



The Bolo Family (L-R Lyndon, Danielle, wife Nora, Chantelle)

# Thanking Front-Line Staff

## SIMKIN AWARD LIGHTENS FAMILY'S LOAD

In 2008, Sheila and David Brodovsky, their brother Harvey Brodovsky, and friends Catherine (Kady) and Maurice<sup>z</sup> Tauber launched the Saul & Claribel Simkin Centre Family Education Fund. Their parents – Nellie Brodovsky<sup>z</sup>, Ethel Pierce<sup>z</sup>, Dr. Maurice (Moe) Pierce<sup>z</sup>, and Samuel Tauber<sup>z</sup> – were all residents of the Sharon Home and then the Simkin Centre for varying periods between 1997 and 2009.

Through hundreds of visits over many years, the Fund's founders were moved by the hard work and tender care offered by so many front-line nurses and aides.

"We wanted to do something special for the people who work at the Centre,"

says David Brodovsky, "so we set up this scholarship program as a way to express our gratitude for the kindnesses extended to our parents and to us."

Since the Fund opened, a number of other donors have stepped forward and the Fund now sits at close to \$70,000 and provides an award of about \$2,250 annually.

The Fund awards the children of long-service employees the opportunities to pursue post-secondary education. The award is based on financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement.

In 2016, the award was presented to Danielle Bolo, a dental hygiene student at the University of Manitoba. In 2014, her sister Chantelle received the same award to advance her microbiology studies. The sisters are the daughters of Lyndon Bolo, a

healthcare aide with the Simkin Centre for nearly 10 years.

"I'm very proud of my daughters," says Bolo. "The awards have been helpful financially, and they have also been a great honour for my family. I feel like part of the family at the Simkin Centre and I'm grateful that this award is available."

"I'm very happy that this fund has grown," says Brodovsky. "I'd encourage all Jewish organizations in the city to set up similar funds to recognize long-serving staff. The key is to promote it well to inspire donors and applicants."

To learn more about the Simkin Centre Family Education Award, visit [www.jewishfoundation.org](http://www.jewishfoundation.org).

# Planning for the Long Term

## BB CAMP CAMPAIGN AIMS TO ENHANCE CAMPSITE AND GROW ENDOWMENT FUND

Rory Paul's parents were counsellors at BB Camp in the late 1940s, even before the camp moved to its current site near Kenora. Paul, a current BB Board member, became a camper, counsellor, resource person, Program Director, and offsite director. His kids were campers and counsellors, too.

"Outside of my immediate family, BB is the one thing that has had the most profound impact on my life," says Paul, the former Head of School of Gray Academy of Jewish Education. "BB influenced my decision to build a career in education."

When BB Camp launched its capital campaign in the fall of 2016, Paul did not hesitate to contribute to the existing Rory Barb Paul and Family Fund at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

"I've been blessed with three healthy grandchildren. My late wife Barb and I always wanted to support BB in a way that would ensure that the camp endured for them and for other children in the community," says Paul. "The endowment piece of the campaign was most attractive to me because the gift would live on in perpetuity. Our goal was always to make it easier for kids to attend camp."

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For BB Camp Executive Director Brenda Tessler-Donen, the endowment portion of the \$6-8 million campaign is an essential component.

"A successful endowment fund allows us to strategize for the future while we operate effectively today," says Tessler-Donen, who also has an endowment fund in support of BB Camp. "The endowment fund will help BB remain financially stable and ensures a stronger future."

The endowment element of the campaign has been especially attractive to camp alumni who no longer live in Winnipeg, she adds: "They see it as a way to reconnect with the community."



For more information about the BB Camp capital campaign, visit [growbbcampovernight.com](http://growbbcampovernight.com).



*"One of the most exciting things about serving on the Foundation's Board is that we're never complacent. I think as an organization, we see the growing importance of our role and we are always evolving deliberately and wisely as our assets grow and our community's needs change. I'm also so impressed by the skill and devotion I have seen around our Board and committee tables. Our Presidents have inspired me as have my fellow committee members – past and present. Our staff is outstanding as they keep us volunteers motivated and focused. As a proud Jew, I feel blessed to work with the Foundation's dedicated team of professionals and volunteers to make life better in our Jewish community and beyond. Above all, though, the best thing about being on this Board is seeing the results of our work. There are successful people in our community today – representing a broad cross-section of fields – who benefitted greatly from the JFM grants and scholarships they received years ago and who enrich our community today. That makes me proud."*

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