



ANN CROSS

A Lifelong Commitment to Caring
and Giving



In 2019, Ann Cross was looking for the right supports for her grandson, Scott McKay, when she came across PHSS. What began as a search for care and support quickly grew into a meaningful connection, one that would spark both the start of our supports and services in Ottawa and Ann's lasting commitment to helping people with complex needs.



One of the most meaningful parts of Ann's generosity is the Ann Cross Creative Arts & Wellness Place. Nestled on the shores of Lowney Lake near Ottawa, this space is envisioned as a one-of-a-kind retreat where individuals, family, and friends can stay overnight, spend time together, and enjoy all the beauty that nature has to offer. Ann's vision is to build a space where people can explore creativity, connect with nature, build relationships, and discover new opportunities. Over time, the Creative Arts & Wellness Place will grow into a hub for recreation and accessible family getaways, bringing to life an environment that truly welcomes everyone.



Thanks to Ann's ongoing commitment, the project continues to move forward. We are now beginning Phase 2 of development, which will focus on building the exterior of an addition to the current building, laying the groundwork for what's to come. Future phases will complete the interior and introduce accessibility features that make the entire property accessible. Plans include lifts throughout the building, wheelchair-friendly pathways, including one leading directly to a dock so everyone can enjoy the lake as easily as the building itself, and a fully accessible kitchen and bathroom, ensuring that families can prepare meals, gather, and experience the serenity to its fullest. These long-term plans will help bring Ann's vision to life: a space where creativity, wellness, and belonging are at the heart of every visit.

For Ann, it's about more than her grandson. It's about creating a space where people can come together, connect, and thrive. Her generosity reminds us that when people care deeply and consistently, real change can happen. Thank you Ann!





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