



Room to *Grow*.

Capital Campaign Case For Support



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Expanding Possibilities for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

This year, Beyond 21 is expanding its building to meet the growing demand for inclusive programming for adults with developmental disabilities in our community.

This expansion will create a dedicated STEM lab, art studio, and sensory space, while building a second floor to house staff offices and administrative areas. These improvements will transform the main floor into a larger, even more welcoming environment for participants to learn, socialize, and thrive.

CAMPAIGN GOAL & KEY DATES

- **Campaign Goal:** \$650,000
- **Campaign Dates:** April 2026 – June 2026
- **Construction Dates:** July 2026 – September 2026



80 participants engage in Beyond 21's program each week.



2,560+ hours of participant learning delivered per week.



7 program areas: life and home skills, literacy, art, physical education, STEM and community engagement



'Room to Grow' will help us welcome **30** new participants.





A Growing Community with Limited Space

Over the past several years, Beyond 21 has experienced tremendous growth. What began as a small grassroots initiative has evolved into one of the region's most important support programs for adults with developmental disabilities.

In 2023, Beyond 21 served 45 participants. Today, that number has grown to over 80 individuals, with demand continuing to rise as more adults age out of the traditional school system. While our programs have expanded significantly, our building has not.

78% *more families served in the last 3 years.*

126% *revenue growth since 2021 — now \$1.4M annually.*

Participants and staff are now navigating:

- Limited program rooms
- Overcrowded activity spaces
- A sensory room that can only accommodate one participant at a time (competing with an increase in complex needs of the participants we serve)
- An art space too small to support the number of participants who wish to create
- No dedicated STEM lab

Without additional space, Beyond 21 will be unable to welcome new participants or expand the programs that so many families rely on.



Our Story

Beyond 21 began with a simple but powerful question:
What happens when students with developmental disabilities graduate from high school?

When Emma Humphries was born with a rare chromosome disorder called Mosaic Trisomy 9, her mother, our Founder, Tish Humphries, began to think about that very question. As Emma approached adulthood, Tish discovered that very few services existed for adults with developmental disabilities.

In **2010**, a town hall meeting was held with over 100 community members, educators, and families. The message was clear: support for adults with developmental disabilities was urgently needed.

Beyond 21 was officially incorporated as a nonprofit organization in **2011**, with Tish Humphries serving as Board Chair.

In the years that followed, the organization grew rapidly thanks to passionate volunteers, donors, and community partners.

In **2018**, Beyond 21 launched its first capital campaign to purchase and renovate a permanent home.

By **2020**, the campaign had raised over \$1.3 million, allowing the organization to open its current 8,000-square-foot accessible facility in Cornwall.

Today, in **2026**, with participation growing rapidly and demand continuing to rise, Beyond 21 has reached capacity once again.

The 'Room to Grow' capital campaign will ensure Beyond 21 can expand its facility and meet the urgent need for services in the years ahead.

*2010 –
Community
town hall
takes place*

*2011 –
Beyond 21
becomes a
non-profit*

*2018 –
Capital
campaign
launched*

*2020 –
New building
opens its
doors*

*2026 –
'Room to Grow'
campaign
begins*





Architectural rendering of the two-storey addition.

The vision

Room to Grow is a \$650,000 project that will expand the current Beyond 21 facility, allowing the organization to grow from serving **80 participants today to more than 110 adults with developmental disabilities**. This expansion will help meet the growing demand for participants and their families across Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, and Akwesasne.

The project will add a **two-storey building extension (approximately 56' x 15')**, creating dedicated space for new programming while also relocating administrative offices upstairs to improve the flow and capacity of the main program areas.

Expansion Highlights

Ground Floor

- Art Studio for 10–12 participants
- STEM Lab with workstations
- Multi-participant Sensory Room
- Additional storage and improved flow

Second Floor

- Four staff offices
- Boardroom / conference space
- Staff washroom

Building Improvements

- Participant store showcasing goods
- Security camera & door entry system
- Accessible pick-up/drop-off parking space

Program Enhancements

- 30 new participants
- Expanded program offerings
- More efficient environments for both staff and participants

*“I never dreamed how much Beyond 21 would grow or how many lives it would touch. Today, **our program is full** and more families are looking for the same opportunities that have changed countless lives. The **Room to Grow campaign is our chance to expand that dream**, and we invite our community to help us make it possible.” — Tish Humphries, Founder & Board Chair*



Meet Katrina

Katrina has always had a love for the arts.

Born with Down syndrome, she faced serious health challenges early in life, including a heart defect that required life-saving surgery as an infant. As Katrina grew, her family focused on helping her live a full and meaningful life while navigating the limited supports available for adults with developmental disabilities.

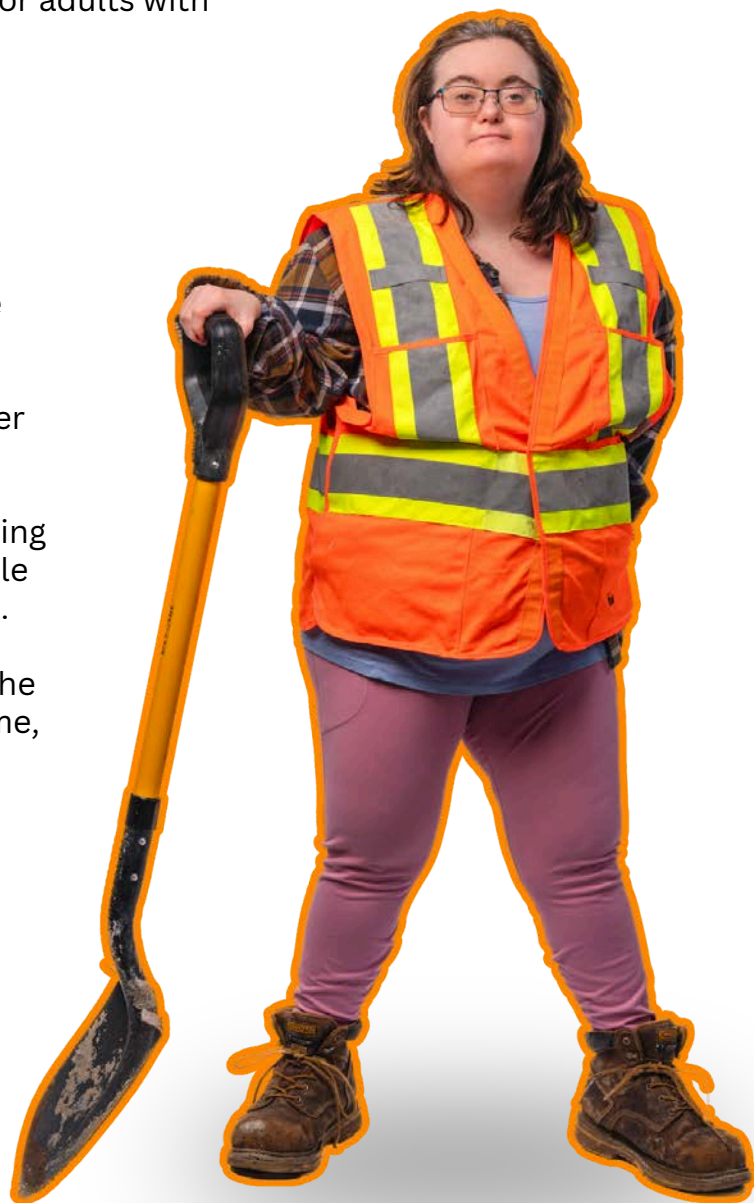
Ten years ago, Katrina's family made the decision to move from Toronto to Cornwall after learning about Beyond 21 and the opportunities it offered.

At Beyond 21, Katrina found a place where she could continue learning, building friendships, and exploring her interests. One of her greatest passions is art. Whether painting, drawing, or trying new materials, Katrina approaches every project with enthusiasm and pride. Creative programming has allowed her artistic talent to shine while helping her confidence and independence.

In recent years, Katrina also experienced the loss of her mother. During that difficult time, the Beyond 21 community remained a constant source of support, connection, and stability in her life, giving her father the respite he needs more than ever.

Today, Katrina continues to thrive in a program that celebrates her creativity and encourages her to express herself through art.

With the Room to Grow expansion, participants like Katrina will have access to a spaces designed to help their talents continue to flourish.



Recognition Opportunities

Donors who support the campaign will play a lasting role in shaping the future of Beyond 21. Below are the naming and recognition opportunities available to honour the generosity of individuals, families, and businesses who help make this possible.

Visionary Circle • \$50,000+

Wing Naming (1) • \$100,000

Full Room Naming (2) • \$50,000

Available rooms: Sensory Room or Art Studio. Recognition includes prominent signage, donor wall recognition, and special recognition at the expansion launch, including a plaque unveiling and post-construction impact tour.

Lasting Legacy • \$10,000–\$49,999

Sub-space naming opportunities • \$20,000 - \$49,999

Equipment or program station naming • \$10,000 - \$19,999

Examples may include sub-spaces such as the Robotics Station, Light Therapy Zone, Ceramics Area etc, and/or purchased equipment. Recognition includes signage, donor wall recognition, and recognition at the expansion launch, a plaque unveiling and post-construction impact tour.

Forever Friend • \$5,000 - \$9,999

Recognition includes physical donor wall recognition and invitation to the ribbon-cutting celebration and big cheque photo opportunity.

Local Leader • \$1,000 - \$4,999

Recognition includes digital donor wall recognition and invitation to the ribbon-cutting celebration and big cheque photo opportunity.

Community • \$1-999

Recognition includes digital donor wall recognition and invitation to the ribbon-cutting celebration.



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Ways to Give

Mail: Cheques can be made payable to 'Beyond 21 Foundation' and mailed to: 1924 Pitt Street, Cornwall, ON (K6J 5H3). Please include "Capital Campaign" in the memo line.

Online: Visit www.beyond21.org/roomtogrow to make a secure gift by credit card. For gifts of \$5,000 or more, we kindly ask that you contact us directly rather than donating by credit card.

Other ways to give: To discuss gifts of stock, services, or other contributions, please contact Amy at executivedirector@beyond21.org or call 613-935-3121 (Ext #4).