

# SUPPORTING WIN GARDNER PLACE'S STREAMLINED ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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**August 20, 2021** – Win Gardner Place brings together four local community pillars – Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata (MMW), YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg, S.P.L.A.S.H. Child Care Inc., and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) – under one welcoming roof in Winnipeg's North End.

This commitment to making community support accessible to those who need it most is just one of many reasons Payworks is proud to support Win Gardner Place with a \$500,000 donation in recognition of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Serving as “a beacon of hope, inspiration and opportunity for North End residents,” Win Gardner Place is easily reached on foot or by bus and provides a unified hub for:

- Adult, youth-only and family community drop-ins
- Licensed infant and preschool-aged childcare, including an outdoor play yard
- Walk-in health care, provided by Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners
- A community commons kitchen and café
- Family supplies – hot meals, Winnipeg Transit tickets, baby items and food kits for those in need
- Workshops on money management, parenting and more
- A skate park, indoor play structure, climbing wall and gym to keep youth active all year long
- Volunteer opportunities – a chance to give back

The goal of the team at Win Gardner Place is simple – “to continue offering a safe place where all people feel welcome and can improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being,” says Kent Paterson, President and Chief Executive Officer of YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg. “The impacts of the pandemic were severe, and the need for connection will be even greater coming out of this. We're very grateful to donors like Payworks that allow us to continue offering these life-changing supports!”

“All of us at Payworks are inspired by those at Win Gardner Place who offer critical resources where they're needed most,” says JP Perron, Payworks President and CEO. “We're grateful for their efforts to serve community members who were particularly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions, and proud to support them in re-establishing these supports as we all move into the new ‘new normal.’”

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