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It feels like yesterday since a group of us decided to do something to help the forgotten casualties of drug abuse, the children left behind. When I reflect on that time, I feel so privileged to have met the many extraordinary people who've been involved with Mirabel over the past 25 years. I know that together we have made a difference although more often than not, I think of what else can be done. There is always more to do.

Every year has challenges, particularly in an unstable world where people are concerned about their own future. But overwhelmingly, this year has been one of joy as more and more Mirabel young adults make their way into the world, confidently leaving the nest. I love seeing them engaged in life; their lives enhanced by their connection to Mirabel and sharing their wisdom with younger children. Nothing is as powerful as listening to those who have walked in your shoes.

My eternal gratitude to everybody who is a part of the Mirabel community, including our team, donors, corporate supporters, patrons and magnificent volunteers, not just this year, but across 25 years. It's because of you that we're able to care for these children and carers. You give us that vital sense of belonging and community that we hope to instil in every Mirabel child.

At 25 years old, Mirabel is in solid shape, run by passionate and talented staff and board members. We're brimming with the same determination that we felt all those years ago and optimistic as to what Mirabel will achieve in the next quarter century.

