



**THIS IS
THE TRENT CAMPAIGN FOR
MOMENTOUS
CHANGE**

**SYMONS CAMPUS
TRENT LANDS AND NATURE AREAS**

Case for support

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of great importance or significance, especially in its bearing on the future.



A TIME FOR MOMENTOUS CHANGE

From the health of our planet to the sustainability of our economies to the strength of communities, momentous change is happening right now, all around us.

Built on a history of progress, at Trent University we are driven to **understand**, **activate**, and **steer** change for good. Central to this are the Symons campus lands. Here learning and discovery thrive, the natural and built environment inspire, and Indigenous ways of knowing underpin our understanding of the world through the land.

When space is infused with purpose and given meaning, it becomes place. And when communities create place, momentous change becomes possible.

The Campaign for Momentous Change will support Trent's efforts to transform our spaces into places of learning, community impact, and global environmental leadership under the framework of the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan.

With your support, we can ensure a sustainable, resilient campus that enhances learning, drives innovation, and puts what we teach into practice.



“ At a time when most of us are talking about recovery, the Lands Plan is focused on **renewal and **regeneration**. Our vision is to use our campus lands as a place where ideas and innovation flourish, where we learn together from the land, and where we put what we teach in the classroom into practice. **It’s bold, ambitious, and absolutely vital to achieving our full potential.**”**

Julie Davis

Vice President of External Relations & Development



THE PILLARS OF MOMENTOUS CHANGE

Trent University's most ambitious and comprehensive philanthropic campaign is built on three consequential pillars.

SPARKING DISCOVERY

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

REIMAGINING PLACES

A BOLD VISION FOR THE TRENT OF TOMORROW

Through the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan, Trent envisions an inspiring, sustainable, and complete community to learn, live, innovate, and be active.

A place where learning on and from the land is central to education. Where Indigenous ways of knowing are celebrated and respected, and where our active stewardship of the natural environment puts what we teach in the classroom into practice.

This vision is bold and ambitious. It imagines possibilities that reflect the priorities and aspirations of the University's diverse communities and will allow our talented community of scholars and researchers to test and prove leadership on issues that matter around the globe.

Our vision for the future is underpinned by four guiding principles:

Learning & Discovery

With your help, we will ensure that the Symons Campus is a place where learning and discovery thrive, where teaching and research on the land brings classroom lessons to life, and where land-based learning weaves together western science and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

Environmental Resilience & Integrity

Together, we will protect and steward 60% of Trent's campus lands as natural green spaces, enhance biodiversity and ecosystem function, and demonstrate leadership in environmental and Indigenous education through restoration efforts and a landscape-led, systems-based approach to development.

Economic Resilience, Leadership & Innovation

With your support, we will enhance Trent's reputation and introduce sustainable funding sources by targeting critical issues facing our communities and applying best and emerging practices in development.

Social Resilience, Community & Inclusivity

We will enhance belonging and well-being by providing inclusive social infrastructure that connects the campus to the community and to nature, and establish engaging partnerships with the campus, local and Michi Saagiig communities.



“ Indigenous spaces at Trent University are crucial because community and culture are major parts of who we are as Indigenous peoples and having appropriate spaces for us to freely exercise our identities and connect with each other is essential to our success.”

Zhaawnong Webb
Indigenous Studies student

CREATING SPACES OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Momentous change happens when meaningful partnership with local First Nations communities leads to best practices around Indigenous engagement, land use planning, and learning on the land.

Building on our 50+ year legacy of leadership in Indigenous education and incorporating traditional teachings and perspectives into curricular and extra-curricular programming, Trent's campus planning is guided by Anishinaabeg Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom) and underpinned by respectful engagement with and learning from local Michi Saagiig First Nations and Elders.



With your support, we can amplify our legacy in creating spaces where Indigenous ceremony and cultural protocols are accessible and respected – creating a place of belonging for Indigenous students and faculty and bringing the community to our campus to play their part in reconciliation. Your investment will create new spaces such as a contemporary roundhouse, a traditional teaching lodge, and traditional medicine and food gardens.

To achieve true reconciliation, we need to deepen our understanding of the land, value the importance of Indigenous teachings and learnings, and amplify Indigenous voices across our campus, through our communities, and around the world.

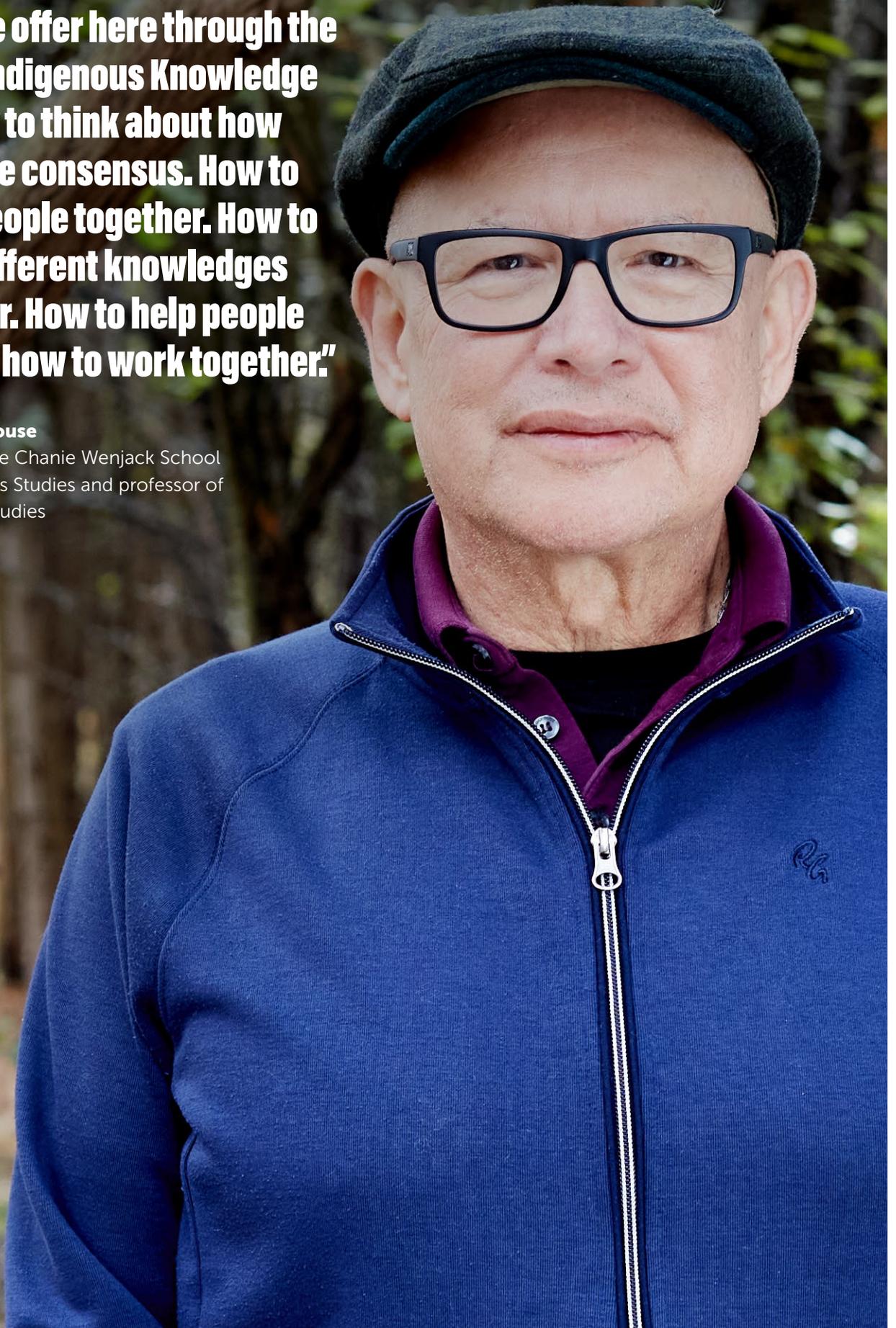
Learn more about the opportunities to foster Indigenous placemaking and belonging through the creation of unique spaces for learning, teaching, exchange, and cultural and spiritual expression at trentu.ca/momentous



“ What we offer here through the use of Indigenous Knowledge is a way to think about how to create consensus. How to bring people together. How to bring different knowledges together. How to help people to learn how to work together.”

David Newhouse

Director of the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies and professor of Indigenous Studies



PROTECTING AND STEWARDING TRENT'S NATURAL ASSETS

Momentous change happens when we place a priority on protecting and enhancing our natural environment to sustain current and future generations.

Trent is known as Canada's green university. Our 1,400-acre Symons Campus is home to woodlands, wetlands, and an array of biodiversity. It is one of our most valuable assets – a space for learning and discovery and deepening our connection to Mother Earth. A space where we can demonstrate our leadership in environmental and Indigenous education. A place where the environmental stewards of the future come to learn, be inspired, and develop their skills to save our planet.

As the active caretaker of these lands, Trent is committed to maintaining and actively caring for 60% of the Symons Campus lands as a diverse network of Nature Areas and green spaces – known as the University Green Network.

Building on our leadership in Indigenous and Environmental education, we intend to develop new approaches to regenerative landscapes and ecologically sustainable agricultural practices, and to create nature-inclusive spaces across the campus. Stewardship of the land is underpinned by Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and guidance from Indigenous Elders on the best ways to monitor, protect and enhance wetlands, species, and habitats across the campus.

With your support, the Symons Campus will become a place where students and researchers develop and implement new approaches to enhance biodiversity, improve habitat quality, and establish new best practices in collaborative stewardship with Indigenous communities.

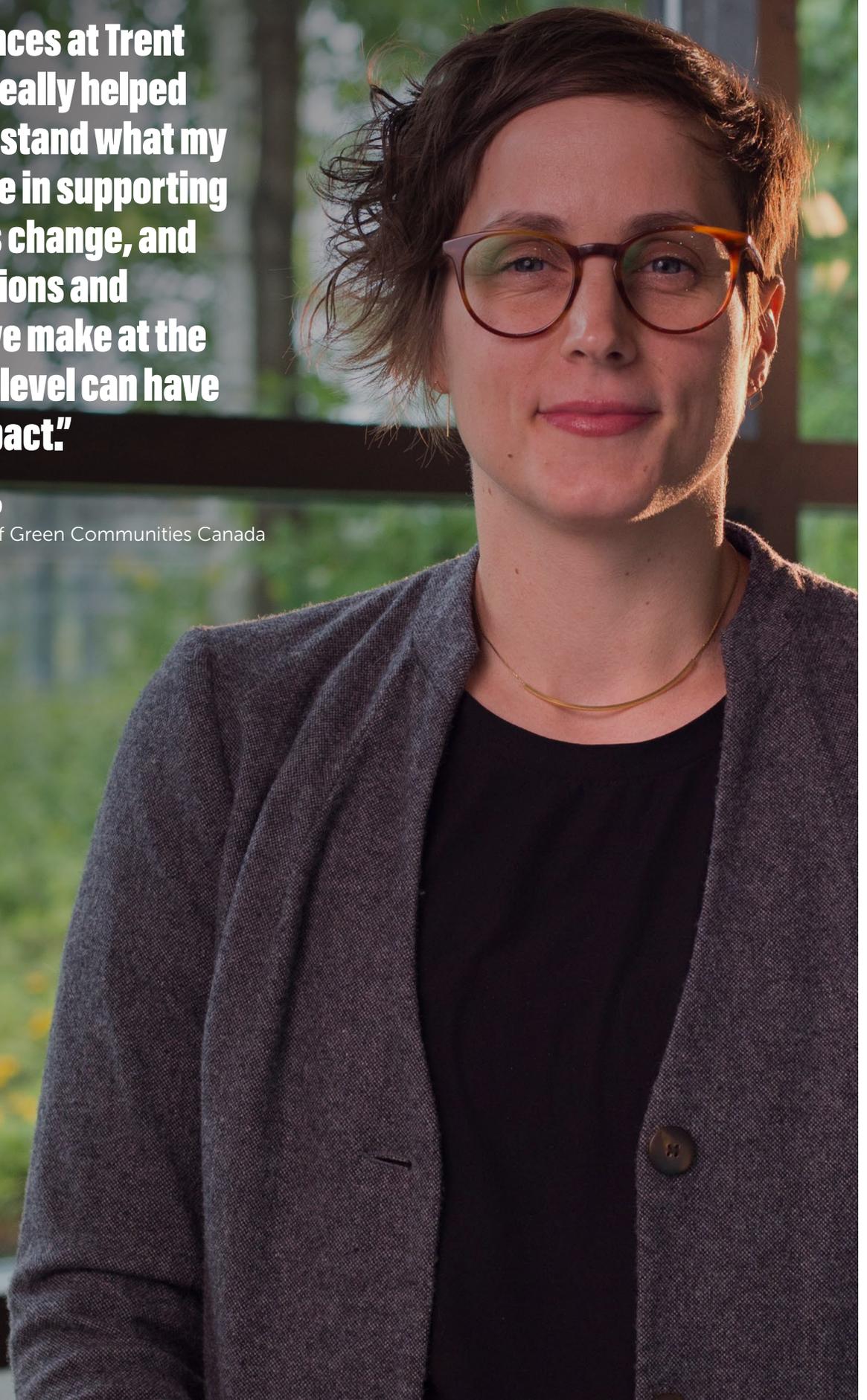
Learn more about the University Green Network and how you can support Trent's world-class (and world-saving) research at trentu.ca/momentous.



“ My experiences at Trent University really helped me to understand what my role could be in supporting momentous change, and how the actions and decisions we make at the community level can have a global impact.”

Brianna Salmon '10

Executive director of Green Communities Canada



TRANSFORMING SPACES INTO PLACES OF WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Momentous change happens when campus lands and spaces are transformed into places of learning and discovery that address global challenges such as food insecurity, climate change and an aging society.

With your support, Trent's Symons Campus will become a hub for academic and environmental excellence. A place where land-based and Indigenous teaching and learning inspires bold thinking, exploration without limits, and community building.

Grow change on the Trent Farm

You can help plant the seeds for a sustainable campus community through investment in the Trent Farm, our largest productive landscape. Here students, faculty and researchers are not only implementing regenerative agricultural practices but are demonstrating and measuring the impact of these methods.

On the Trent Farm, we nurture land-based education and research while providing community networking spaces, employment, and volunteer opportunities for students and a source of fresh seasonal food for the Trent community. The Farm also offers opportunities for intergenerational and Indigenous knowledge exchange. This collaborative, interactive learning environment is a powerful incubator for new discoveries that will benefit all facets of society.



Advance intergenerational learning and living

Communities across the globe are experiencing rapid population aging. In fact, the number of older persons worldwide is projected to more than double over the next 30 years according to the United Nations. Our changing demographics require new ways of thinking and doing and leaders who can draw from a range of disciplines to address new challenges.

Trent attracts students and faculty who want to see and do things differently. Our expertise in fields such as nursing, psychology, kinesiology, and Indigenous Studies, as well as our expertise on aging in the Trent Centre for Aging & Society, culminates in globally significant research on aging, gaining Trent international recognition as an age-friendly university.

The envisioned University-Integrated Seniors Village is an opportunity to build on this reputation and train a future-ready generation of healthcare workers. It will be a truly integrated senior living community where older adults can stay engaged in life-long learning, multi-generational interaction, the arts, research opportunities, and life at Trent.

With your support, Trent can become a campus of care, bolster experiential learning opportunities, and attract world-class scholars to develop new best practices in senior care and respond to the opportunities and challenges of population aging.

Invest in green innovation

The climate crisis and other environmental challenges require investment in new ways of thinking. Your support of the Trent Enterprise Centre at Cleantech Commons, Trent's new research and innovation park, will drive creative academic and entrepreneurial collaboration, discovery, and innovation for a sustainable future.

The Enterprise Centre will provide an environment in which new ideas can flourish, student participation in the clean, green, low-carbon economy is supported, and students and entrepreneurs are guided in developing the skills they need to commercialize their research. This will bring new technologies and solutions to the market more quickly and will empower a new generation and pipeline of young scientists, researchers and changemakers to bring about momentous change where it is needed the most – in our communities.

Learn more about the opportunities to support the Trent Farm, University-Integrated Seniors Village, and Trent Enterprise Centre at trentu.ca/momentous



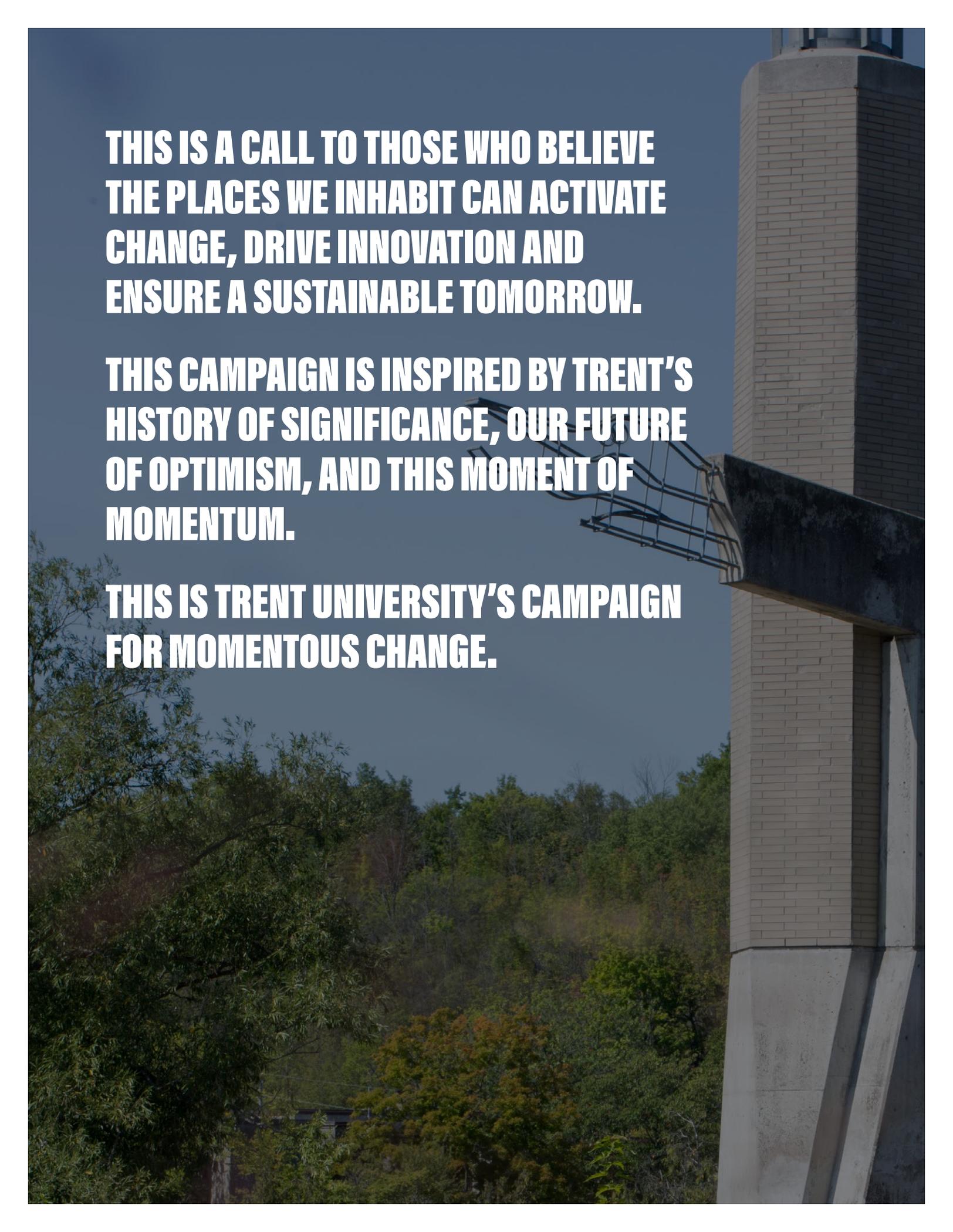
A portrait of Dr. Bharati Sethi, a woman with short, curly reddish-brown hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing a white button-down shirt with yellow grid patterns and a black necklace with colorful beads. The background is a blurred green foliage.

“ The University-Integrated Seniors Village initiative offers compelling evidence that Trent is keeping pace with the demographic changes that are occurring in Canada and globally with respect to the aging population.”

Dr. Bharati Sethi

Canada Research Chair in Care Work,
Ethnicity, Race and Aging





**THIS IS A CALL TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE
THE PLACES WE INHABIT CAN ACTIVATE
CHANGE, DRIVE INNOVATION AND
ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW.**

**THIS CAMPAIGN IS INSPIRED BY TRENT'S
HISTORY OF SIGNIFICANCE, OUR FUTURE
OF OPTIMISM, AND THIS MOMENT OF
MOMENTUM.**

**THIS IS TRENT UNIVERSITY'S CAMPAIGN
FOR MOMENTOUS CHANGE.**



Be part of the momentous change.
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