

9TH ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011
KANI KANI CHIHK INC.
 “THOSE WHO LEAD”

“LEADING THE WAY TO RESTORING THE GOOD LIFE”
 — MINO BIMAADIZIWIN

CO-CHAIR REPORT

It is once again the time of year to celebrate, with our incredible community and supportive funders, the empowering programs of Ka Ni Kanichihk. We send our heartfelt Chi Miigwetch to all, especially those who access Ka Ni Kanichihk’s programs and services. We acknowledge the financial support of government, foundations, and other funders that have once again shown their faith in Ka Ni Kanichihk’s vision of providing programs and services that focus on wholeness and wellness and build on the strengths and resilience of our peoples.

We are honoured to be a part of the governance of Ka Ni Kanichihk and we celebrate this year’s accomplishments as we prepare for another incredible year. Ekosi, Miigwetch.

— GWEN COOK AND JENNIFER RATTRAY, CO-CHAIRS

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Aboriginal Health and Wellness •
- Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce •
- Central Neighbourhood Development Corporation •
- Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development — Neeginan Institute of Technology •
- Gang Action Intervention Network •
- Gookomisag Odanokiitaanaawa •
- Mino Bimaadiziwin •
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata •
- Metis Child, Family and Community Services •
- National Anti Racism Coalition of Canada •
- National Day for Healing and Reconciliation •
- Red River College •
- Sexually Exploited Youth Community Coalition •
- University of Winnipeg — Global College; •
- MDP Indigenous Advisory Circle; •
- Women and Gender Studies •
- UNPAC: UN Platform for Action Committee MB •
- Youth Peacebuilding Project •

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2010/2011 COUNCIL

- Jessie Howell, Elder
- Gwen Cook & Jennifer Rattray, Co-Chairs
- Kimberley Puhach, Treasurer
- Cecil Sveinson, Secretary
- David Milward
- Coleen Rajotte
- Helen Robinson Settee
- Michelle Boivin (Resigned, May 31, 2011)
- Audrey Richard (Leave of Absence)

“OUR YOUTH COMING HOME”
 — BY NATASHA ACOBY

Let’s pretend there’s a place where everyone’s welcome where we have an identity and know where we come from embrace one another and teach the next generation leadership skills and don’t follow no one Support and share knowledge of our beautiful culture to keep the fires burning in our children’s future Loving everyone no matter what path they’re on to love in a good way, even when they’re gone Indigenous woman I am proud to be to not feel stuck and live so free Equality we receive at Ka Ni Kanichihk, no need to pretend couldn’t thank you enough for the knowledge you send



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

“Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, Indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programmes affecting them, and, as far as possible, to administer such programmes through their own institutions.”

— Article 23: UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

It is with a sense of profound gratitude that we have the opportunity every day at Ka Ni Kanichihk to put into practice the intent of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This decolonization project demands a firm spiritual foundation, a clear vision, courageous and committed leadership, determination, inspiration, competence and confidence. It also requires that we are led by our traditional knowledge embedded within the Midewiwin Seven Teachings:

- RESPECT:** Maanaji’iwin: to honor all of Creation is to have respect
- LOVE:** Zaagi’idiwin: to know love is to know peace
- WISDOM:** Gikendaasowin: to cherish knowledge is to know wisdom
- BRAVERY:** Zoongide’ewin: to face the foe with integrity
- HONESTY:** Gawegaatisiwin: to face a situation is to be brave
- HUMILITY:** Dabasenimowin: to know yourself as a sacred part of Creation
- TRUTH:** Debwemowin: to know all of these things

Reflecting on the past year gives us an opportunity to re-evaluate our contribution to the community. Have we made a difference in the lives of those we have worked with and those we serve? Are we achieving our vision and mandate? While we know that Ka Ni Kanichihk’s 13 programs and services have served more than 3,500 individuals in the past year, numbers alone cannot tell the whole story.

The story is expressed in myriad ways and is manifested in actions, big and small, in all of us. Today, we celebrate the achievements of our community, reaffirm our commitment, and reinforce our resolve to continue to move forward to create the “Good Life” — Mino Bimaadiziwin — with our families.

To all who walk with us — our spiritual leaders, our Council, our funders, our partners, our staff, our community and our allies: gitchi miigwetch, ekosani.

— LESLIE SPILLET, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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OUR FUNDERS

FEDERAL

- Department of Canadian Heritage
- Department of Justice Canada
- Health Canada
- National Crime Prevention Centre Canada
- Status of Women Canada
- Urban Aboriginal Strategy: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

PROVINCIAL

- Aboriginal and Northern Affairs
- Family Services and Consumer Affairs
- Manitoba Justice Lighthouses
- Neighbourhoods Alive!

MUNICIPAL

- City of Winnipeg

OTHER

- Canadian Women's Foundation
- Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development (ASSETS)
- Local Investment Towards Employment
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- United Way of Winnipeg
- Winnipeg Foundation

2010/11 REVENUE

Federal	26%
Provincial	38%
Municipal	4%
Other	32%

2010/11 EXPENSES

Personnel	59%
Program	29%
Operating	12%

OUR SERVICES

- Aboriginal Women Reclaiming Our Power
- Aboriginal Women Responding to the AIDS Crisis
- Aboriginal Youth Circle
- At Our Relatives' Place
- The Butterfly Club
- Circle of Courage/Turnabout
- Empowering Our Little Sisters
- Honouring Gifts
- Information and Office Administration
- Ki Ma Mina
- Medicine Children's Lodge (Child Care Centre)
- MYTEAM — Manitoba Youth Transition
- Employment and Mentorship
- Restoring the Sacred
- Self Employment Program for Aboriginal Women

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

Steady growth over the past five years has required Ka Ni Kanichik to lease office space to accommodate new staff and participants. Recognizing challenges caused by space issues, Ka Ni Kanichik's Council has embarked on a capital expansion project that will significantly increase the space at 455 McDermot Avenue.

Ka Ni Kanichik's Council has now assembled a Project Management team comprised of committed individuals in various professions. Discussions are underway to purchase additional property to accommodate new construction.

11TH ANNUAL KEEPING THE FIRES BURNING THURS. JUNE 14 2012 THE SAVE DATE!

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

June 17th, 2011 marked the 10th Anniversary of Keeping the Fires Burning by honouring eight First Nations, Inuit and Métis grandmothers for their commitment to protect and pass on Traditional Knowledge and Practices. Ka Ni Kanichik, along with its partner, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, selected Melissa Brown as the 2011 recipient of the Oscar Lathlin Memorial Award for "following in the footsteps of her grandmothers."



A RIGHT TO SAFETY

The families of the Missing and Murdered women have often turned to Ka Ni Kanichik for support. Recognizing the need to provide resources Ka Ni Kanichik, in partnership with families, funders and community groups, has developed Medicine Bear that includes specialized violence prevention training and a "Tool Kit" designed to assist families with a missing person. Ka Ni Kanichik is currently working on a culturally based counselling, advocacy and Elder support service for families of Missing and Murdered women.