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16TH ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

A SECOND HOME





OUR VISION

We are living Mino Bimaadiziwin — The Good Life

We honour the spirit of our ancestors and seek their wisdom to guide our peoples back to balance and wellness. Our people have come home. We are self-determining, healthy, happy and respected for our cultural and spiritual strengths and ways of being.

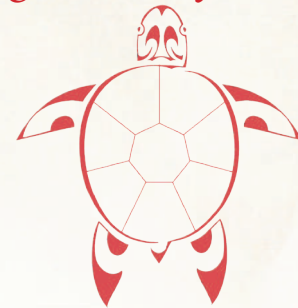
OUR BELIEFS

At Ka Ni Kanichihk...

We honour the laws of our Creator, the wisdom of our ancestors and our responsibility to the children:

*Those that are here now, and
Those still waiting to come —*

7 generations from now...



OUR MANDATE

We provide Indigenous-identified programs and services that focus on wholeness and wellness, and that build on the strengths and resilience of Indigenous Peoples. We do this to help people to help themselves, to build healthy relationships and to create a sustainable future for our community.

OUR VALUES

We Walk Our Talk

We share the strength, health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples

We provide welcoming and culturally safe spaces

We walk in balance with the strength and values of Indigenous Knowledge

We value belonging, mastery, generosity and reciprocity

We believe in the independence and interdependence of and among all our relations

We create relevant and culturally-informed programs in partnership with our community

We develop resilient and authentic leadership



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CHAIR'S REPORT: A SECOND HOME

Aneen, Tansi, Boozhoo!

This year's theme for Ka Ni Kanichihk's 16th Annual General Assembly is, "A *Second Home*." In the words of poet Robert Frost, "Home is the place that, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." In short, "home" is the connection between you and the rest of the world. We hope that our community feels like we are a second home to them.

Ka Ni Kanichihk has gone through some substantial changes this year. With the realignment of Leslie Spillett's duties, Dodie Jordaan has become the new Executive Director. The Council has always been very impressed with Dodie's dedication, making this transition very smooth. We also hope that when people come-and-go at Ka Ni Kanichihk, the community still feels connected.

During this past year, the council has also seen change. Our Co-Chair, Jarita Greyeyes, has moved to California to begin her Ph.D. at Stanford University. Our new governance structure with working committees has been very effective this

year. Another change this year is the launch of a \$6-8 million Capital Campaign. We are raising money to expand our daycare space, develop a cultural space and make more room for programs. We hope to make more people feel connected.

On behalf of Ka Ni Kanichihk's Council, we are blessed to be part of a kind, caring community that reaches out and embraces on another. We continue to be mindful of the important work we have undertaken as part of the Ka Ni Kanichihk Council. We look forward to building connections and creating a *Second Home* at Ka Ni Kanichihk.

Miigwetch, Ekosi, Merci,

—Sharon Parenteau, Council Chair

PHOTO: Ka Ni Kanichihk Council Chair, Sharon Parenteau (right), and former Council Co-Chair, Jarita Greyeyes (left), at the 17th Annual Keeping the Fires Burning (June 14, 2018)



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aneen, Boozhoo, Tansi, Relatives!

I am deeply proud and honoured to present my first Annual Report as Ka Ni Kanichihk's Executive Director! It's hard to believe that almost half-a-year has passed since assuming this new role. In reflecting on 2017-2018 — and in thinking of the many good works and achievements we've realized at Ka Ni Kanichihk — I must first honour and uplift Leslie Spillett's work throughout the past year, the supports she has shown me while transitioning to Executive Director and, of course, her legacy to Ka Ni Kanichihk and our Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. And while thinking of all of this and more, one word keeps repeating in my mind over and again: **"HOME."**

It was our Butterfly Club youth that actually got me first thinking about **"home."** So many talk about the Butterfly Club and Ka Ni Kanichihk as being a second home. I have also been spending a great deal of time in my new role reflecting on Ka Ni Kanichihk's Vision Statement:

"We honour the spirit of our ancestors and seek their wisdom to guide our peoples back to balance and wellness. Our people have come home..."

HOME.

That one word has so many meanings, and so often I hear staff, participants and visitors refer to Ka Ni Kanichihk as **"home,"** or describe how it feels like "home":

"It's my second home... It's just so welcoming when you come through the doors... It's so homey here... I love the smell of medicines when I come here... I love being able to smudge at work and embed my culture in my work..."

So it is in this spirit that I especially wish to acknowledge Leslie for her work in 2017-2018 and beforehand. I want to thank her for ensuring that the process of transition and knowledge transfer was done in a way that truly served what's best for our people and our organization. It was well thought-out, clearly planned and offered beautifully and intelligently by Leslie with little disruption, so we all could continue enjoy being **home.**

This year has seen new growth, new funding partnerships and new plans for expanding. Ka Ni Kanichihk was able to make some much-needed upgrades both in our Information Technology department and equipment for the classrooms. The Capital Development Committee has identified new strategic plans for the expansion of the Medicine Children's Lodge Daycare, our building's physical space and alongside that our programs continue to deliver culturally uplifting and safe services to community members.

As you turn the pages of this 16th Annual Report, you will see many highlights of our several programs' Heart Work, led by the amazing, daily efforts of Ka Ni Kanichihk's extraordinary team of staff, volunteers and Elders. It is through their continued dedication to all our relatives, which brings Ka Ni Kanichihk's Vision together — a Vision which brings us to, and makes us feel, **HOME.**

Miigwetch, Ekosani, Thank You,

—Dodie Jordaan, Executive Director



DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES REPORT

Boozhoo, Tansi!

This past year, serving community as Ka Ni Kanichihk's Director of Programs and Services, has been an absolute honour. It really is fitting that this year's theme is "A Second Home," as Ka Ni Kanichihk's Council and staff are dedicated to ensuring that the community has a safe and supportive environment — or "home" — where we work together to deliver programs and services that build on the strengths and resilience of our people.

In reflection, the last year was full of celebrating program achievements, hosting events grounded in Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, cultivating exciting new partnerships and enhancing existing programs to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community. None of this would be possible without having a team of dedicated and enthusiastic staff who are committed to our organization's vision, mandate and values. Gitchi-Miigwetch for all that you do, all that you are and for carrying-out that beautiful "Heart Work."

Ka Ni Kanichihk is excited for the continual growth and is committed to building upon our strengths and learning from our challenges. We are grateful for the ongoing support from the community, and the trust to create spaces and offer programs and services that support the journey to cultural reclamation. Staff continue to strive toward excellence, because our relatives deserve nothing less.

Miigwetch!



—Dana Connolly, Director of Programs & Services

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CHILDREN & YOUTH MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

RESTORING THE SACRED



Restoring the Sacred (RTS) celebrated many successes and adventures throughout the 2017-2018 program year. Highlights include a 7 day youth exchange to Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick with 10 RTS youth participants. For many of our youth, this was the first time they visited a Canadian province outside of Manitoba. Youth were able to build relationships with our exchange group and gain many new and exciting experiences.

Another successful highlight from the 2017-2018 program year included a 10 week course focusing on broadcasting and media called, “The Sacred Hoop.” Through the course, youth wrote, directed, acted, filmed and produced a series of short films.

These experiences and opportunities supported over 20 youth who have moved to Winnipeg in the past year from rural and northern communities to finish high school. Through peer mentorship and workshops — ranging from awareness on sexual exploitation, gangs, drugs, various social and recreational activities and ceremonies — 16 youth successfully completed their academic year, with three graduating high school and continuing on to post-secondary education studies.



THE BUTTERFLY CLUB

Over the 2017-2018 program year, The Butterfly Club and Sisters' Circle provided cultural programming for 52 Indigenous girls and Two Spirit youth between the ages of 9 and 13 — not including those on the wait list who joined after 7 youth successfully graduated from the program in June.

Important changes this past year include ensuring the program is a safe, accepting community for our Two Spirit relatives. Leadership projects this year included the youth learning to introduce themselves in either Anishinaabemowin or Ininew, creating hand drums or rattles to add to their sacred bundles and learning Anishinaabe drum songs. This culminated in the Butterfly Club being invited to perform the Bear Song and the Wolf Song at the 17th Annual Keeping the Fires Burning. Three youth were asked to speak on behalf of the program. One participant spoke of their struggles with bullying, depression, self-harm and suicidal thoughts after coming-out as Two Spirit, and had this to say of the Butterfly Club:

“During all of this I continued to go to Butterfly Club every Monday. The friends and support I have at Ka Ni [Kanichihk] saved my life. This is a place where I am always free to be who I am, and feel like a bright, shining star. They are not only my community and my friends, they are my family.”

Coordinator: Shannon Kraichy

Facilitator: Caley Henderson

Mentors: Ashley Fedora, Luana Moar, Meg Olmstead

Practicum Students: Natasha Acoby, Andrea Whiteway, Clara George, Sabrina Casarez, Rena Flett, Heather Bourget

ROOT CONNECTIONS

Continuing in partnership with Community and Youth Corrections, the program worked with 26 justice involved female youth aged 13 – 20 years. Combining group pillar learning in life skills, personal awareness, pre-employment and career exploration with one-on-one mentorship support, the young women also engaged in cultural reclamation activities. This year featured theatre exploration to delve into personal experiences and develop confidence and speaking skills. Project delivery also included Self-Management and Self-Direction workbooks that were completed on an individualized basis. One youth received their Safe Food Handling certification, and two youth completed First Aid/CPR certification. Ten youth were connected to education/training programming during this project period, five youth successfully completed their probation terms and three participants moved into their own apartments.



KISTESIMAW: “OUR ELDEST BROTHER”



This year, the Kistesimaw program was full with 5 youth per mentor. There were a few kids who aged-out by turning 12, but the program received new youth applicants quickly. Schools have raved about the positive effects of mentored youth, who have shown very good changes in behaviour at school, while grades have correspondingly improved. Youth have experienced some of their culture by attending pow wows, sweats and fire keeping for full moon ceremonies. Youth have also gone medicine picking and attended the Keeping The Fires Burning gala in June. Mentors also took youth to Winnipeg Blue Bomber games, Fort Whyte and Museums. It has been a great year in the Kistesimaw program!

WAHKOHTOWIN: “KINSHIP”

In 2016, Ka Ni Kanichihk partnered with Spence Neighbourhood Association, the Bilal Community and Family Centre, Ndinawemaaganag and the University of Manitoba to deliver the Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program. The program, now in its 7th session, is designed to improve family communication and decrease conflict. To date, approximately 149 families have participated in the program across the 4 sites, and have reported that the program has been a fantastic experience — and in some cases, even life changing. Families attend this unique program together, and have opportunities to reconnect with each other, their community and culture, all with the support of caring family mentors. In addition to the weekly lesson, families are provided healthy meals, transportation, childminding and a variety of fun outings and cultural celebrations and ceremonies. A new session begins every 3 months, so interested families are always encouraged to register.



MEDICINE CHILDREN'S LODGE DAYCARE

Medicine Children's Lodge Daycare was honored to provide daycare service to 33 families in 2017, while parents attended Ka Ni Kanichihk Programming.

In spring of 2018, Medicine Children's Lodge Daycare launched the incorporation of monthly Indigenous Curriculum to its daycare programming, which now includes Indigenous songs, Seven Sacred Teachings, Folk Tales, Colours, Numbers, Art and Physical Movement.

Summer of 2018 also saw a returning Summer Grant Student who successfully filled a Childcare Assistant Position, assisting the ECE's in summer programming and Child Care.

Medicine Children's Lodge Daycare implemented a new Written Infant Plan which will enhance the Parent Policy Manual and Childcare Safety Plan.



MYTEAM (MANITOBA YOUTH TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND MENTORSHIP) PROGRAM

MYTEAM provides individual mentorship to youth who are transitioning out of child welfare and into independent living. What makes this program shine is the special bond between the participant in the program and their mentor. It's this bond that creates a safe environment where goals towards success can be properly nourished with the right ingredients and eventually harvested into reality. Goals are designed to meet aspects of the program's "pillars": housing, education, employment, training, self-development & cultural. We have made budgeting and housing a big focus this year. We have created relationships in the community and have asked SEEDS Winnipeg to come and do the 12 week training course. Also we have 3 youth who have transitioned out of their placements in to their own homes.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

HONOURING GIFTS

Honouring Gifts began on April 3, 2018. We presently have 21 participants enrolled in the program. The majority of the Honouring Gifts participants have obtained their Mental Health First Aid, Food Handlers and NVCI certifications. They will also have the opportunity to obtain their CPR/First Aid, as well as their Best Customer Service certificates. They have also completed their first practicum rotation with their second scheduled to start on September 24, 2018.

Since the start of the program, the bonds between the women have strengthened immensely. When asked to share their favourite experience since being in the program, one woman stated: “the people I have met.” Another remarked upon the “friendships” she had gained. Others discussed the convenience of having a daycare on-site, having assistance with resume development and reconnecting with their culture, as program participants have the opportunity to attend ceremonies and various cultural events.



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PROGRAM

This past year, 14 students of the Business Administrative Assistant (BAA) program took part in fundraising for their program. They planned and organized various fundraising events. The students also applied skills learned, volunteered at the Aboriginal Circle of Educators Conference (ACE) and other community events. Students were also guests at a luncheon at MITT, where they had the opportunity to meet the president of MITT.

Students attended the Clothes Closet, where they selected dress clothes for their 6 week practicum placements. As a result of their hard work and commitment, three students gained full time employment upon program completion.

One of our favourite accomplishments this year was the Grad Fundraising Cookbook. The students, staff and community members all contributed to the cookbook. The contributions of family favourites will now be available for the community to enjoy.



COUNSELLING & SUPPORT SERVICES

MEDICINE BEAR COUNSELLING, SUPPORT & ELDER SERVICES

Since 2011, Medicine Bear Counselling, Support and Elder services has been providing culturally safe and supportive services to families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) in Manitoba. Medicine Bear, a first-of-its-kind across Canada, supports over 30 families from within Winnipeg and rural Manitoba. The program provides opportunities to heal from complicated grief and trauma by incorporating both Traditional Indigenous ways of healing and Western modalities.

Medicine Bear's programming includes sweat lodges, sundances, cedar baths and yuwipi ceremonies. The program also incorporates Elder teachings and a weekly beading circle with an average of 25-30 people in attendance. This year, Medicine Bear has included much more land based activities and various outings as a way for participants to connect, laugh and heal amongst each other and their families.



Partners:

- *Angela Lavallee – Focusing-Oriented Therapist*
- *Hilda Anderson-Pyrz – MKO*
- *Eya-Keen Healing Centre*
- *Manitoba Justice Victim Services*
- *Project Devote*
- *MMIWG Coalition Winnipeg*
- *Melissa MacGregor – Employment and Education Coordinator, West Central Women's Resource Centre*



HEART MEDICINE HEALING LODGE

Heart Medicine Lodge continues to cultivate and grow — recently adding a Pilot Program at the Women’s Correctional Centre, which ran concurrently with the spring group taking place in Winnipeg. Heart Medicine Lodge will continue to offer programming at WCC again in fall. For our 6th cycle of programming that is to begin in October, we have 17 women registered, with more intakes scheduled.

Over the course of the summer break, we did not slow down, and offered many opportunities for our participants to engage in community, social and cultural activities, including: Sharing Circles, Cedar Baths, Sweat lodges, Pipe Ceremonies and Sundance teachings. We had guest speakers coming for our monthly Strawberry Talks, including: Artist Jamie Black, Pahan Pte San Winand and Shannon Buck. Special events and activities included: skirt making workshops; drum making workshops; Keeping the Fires Burning; Nibi Gathering; a day trip to a Sundance of Women gathering; special movie days featuring Indigenous themes to create dialogue about empowerment and misperceptions; and various self-care activities.

Partnerships with Victim Services and Klinik Community Health have enabled educating and informing communities about sexual assault, trauma informed practices and cultural safety and inclusion.

We were successful in the Neighbourhood Alive! application and will be receiving increased funding with plans of hiring another facilitator for a term position.

THIRD PARTY REPORTING:

The Heart Medicine Lodge Program — together with Klinik Community Health’s Sexual Assault Counselling Program and Sage House — was approached by Winnipeg Police Services (WPS) in February 2018 to collaborate in Third Party Reporting (TPR). WPS identified these agencies as best equipped in trauma-informed practices, as well as leaders in responding to trauma and sexual violence, with only these three agencies able to receive reports. As part of Ka Ni Kanichihk’s participation in TPR, an additional 9 staff over 6 programs at Ka Ni Kanichihk will be able to receive reports. Since August 2018, training on compassionate response and TPR procedures has been received.

With sexual assault being one of the most under-reported crimes, there has been a push for anonymous TPR through community organizations nationally. TPR occurs when someone else reports a crime to the police. It allows victims who do not want to report the crime directly to ensure police receive a report about the crime.

The WPS Sex Crimes Unit conducted expansive research on TPR best-practices — turning to BC and Yukon’s processes — and actively worked with partnering agencies to develop the protocols and reporting forms to ensure confidentiality, safety and harm reduction of reporting for victims. This process was completed in April 2018.

There are many advantages to this initiative including, but not limited to:

- Providing an opportunity for victims of sexual assault to report, tell their story and receive validation from a trauma-informed (and in Ka Ni Kanichihk’s case, culturally supportive) response
- Can provide survivors with an opportunity to access emotional, psychological, spiritual and cultural supports through their healing process.
- Survivors will not be victim-blamed
- Survivors may choose in future to pursue and investigation and this report can support that
- The details of assaults will be tracked by WPS that may help to identify patterns of assault.

This Initiative aligns with partnerships and the work of the United Nations Safe Cities: Winnipeg Safe City Initiative, in which Ka Ni Kanichihk’s involvement led to the genesis of Heart Medicine Lodge. TPR will be highlighted as one of the action items of Winnipeg Safe City.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

MINO PIMATISIWIN

The Grandmother outside of Ka Ni Kanichihk reminds us of a type of nurturing we seek in our times of need when we are sick or in need of care. Her warmth and her safe presence are more inviting than any emergency room or doctor's office. She prescribes medicines that soothe and heal. She offers care that is never denied. It is this type of care that is at the basis of our work to see anti-oppressive, culturally safe and sex positive sexual health care in action in our community. To challenge health systems to meet our relatives where they are at.

Since September last year, The Manitoba Mino Pimatisiwin Model of STBBI Care has completed Year One of its Five-Year-Plan. We have built a small team of Knowledge Keepers and Consultants led by program manager Laverne Gervais and supported by an Advisory Committee of individuals, Indigenous and non-Indigenous. It is these relationships that make our work in addressing STBBIs in our community stronger: Sharing resources, sharing knowledge. Mino Pimatisiwin is about the good life and getting the right type of sexual health care, at the right time, and in the right way care is living the good life.

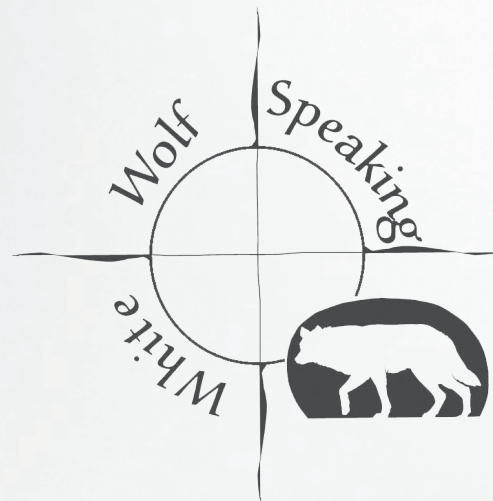
Over the last year, we've been able to do this by spending time in Indigenous Models of Care, like the Sundance. We've continued our work with Sisters of Fire to host a drum making workshop for women living with HIV. Women were not only able to make their own drums but they became drum carriers: leading songs and sharing knowledge. We've worked together to create a Medicine Wheel quilt to use as a tool to educate in our community on what it is like for women living with HIV. We've celebrated as our network has grown and two of our peers have become Community Research Coordinators with the Visioning Health Project. Our peers are now offering the opportunity of Indigenous culture-based research to women living with HIV here in Winnipeg while working together with Indigenous women across Canada.

One of our most exciting adventures happened this summer when we were able to bring HIV and Hep C testing to the 2018 International Two Spirit Gathering in Beausejour, MB. Through the amazing relationships we've developed, we were able, for the first time in Manitoba, to offer two types of testing — at a good time and in a good way. We hope to do more of this in the future.

WHITE WOLF SPEAKING

White Wolf Speaking has had a lot of fun in our first year at Ka Ni Kanichihk. We've worked with all ages and all genders. We've talked about everything from gender to puberty, sexual exploitation, consent and STBBIs. We had a student join us for the summer, which was amazing. We were able to spend time out in the community at the Selkirk Street Farmer's Market and Austin Street Fair — playing games and handing out safer sex supplies.

We are very excited to collaborate with the Sexuality Education Resource Centre and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. Together, we are working to help teachers meet the needs of the curriculum and to feel more confident and capable of delivering sexual health education in communities across Manitoba. We hope to increase the space for sexual health to grow in a sex positive way.





2018 Keeping the Fires Burning Inductees (top row) Dan Thomas, Deb Dyck, Peetanacoot Nenakawekapo, Rusty Merrick (husband of inductee Gwen Merrick, deceased), Gerri-Lee Pangman (2018 Oscar Lathlin Memorial Scholarship winner) | (bottom row) Sadie North, Garry Robson, Elizabeth Genaille, Betsy Kematch

17TH ANNUAL KEEPING THE FIRES BURNING

Co-hosted by Ka Ni Kanichihk and the sākiihewin Foundation, the 17th Annual Keeping the Fires Burning brought over 700 Manitobans together on June 14th, 2018, to induct eight Indigenous knowledge keepers as “Keepers of the Fire” and to celebrate the strength and beauty of Manitoba’s Indigenous cultures.

This year’s recipients, selected by Manitoba’s Indigenous Representative Organizations — including the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Manitoba Metis Federation, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Ma Mawi Chi Itata Centre and Ka Ni Kanichihk — are Dan Thomas, Deb Dyck, Peetanacoot Nenakawekapo, Gwen Merrick, Sadie North, Garry Robson, Elizabeth Genaille and Betsy Keematch.

Recipients received traditional shawls designed by Metis artist, Jeannine Krauchi, and blankets designed by Cree artist, Chantal Daniels — as well as eagle feathers in recognition of the work each has done to preserve, protect and promote Indigenous cultures.

Gerri-Lee Mcpherson-Pangman was also recognized for her leadership in raising awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and her personal commitment to healing and wellness. Gerri’s sister, Jennifer, was murdered in British Columbia in 2013. Decades earlier, their aunt, Jennifer Johnstone, was also murdered. Gerri has been involved in Ka Ni Kanichihk’s Medicine Bear Counselling, Support and Elder Services since 2013 — facilitating a weekly beading circle where families come together to share a meal and to support one another and cope with their shared experiences of losing loved ones violently.

The evening was emceed by Jade Harper and David McLeod, while Ka Ni Kanichihk’s Butterfly Club, Clifford Acoby and Leonard Sumner provided both traditional and contemporary entertainment. Roger Green and Whitehorse was the host drum and Co-Co Stevenson and Ray Hotonomi brought in the grand entry dancers, recipients and honoured guests.

Keeping the Fires Burning was started in 2001 in recognition of the importance of preserving traditional knowledge and practices to ensure that our youth can grow up knowing that they come from strong and resilient people and powerful cultures. The knowledge keepers are the libraries to our rich cultural legacy. This annual event is also how Ka Ni Kanichihk and the sākiihewin Foundation Inc. contribute to “Keeping the Fires Burning.”

Miigwetch, Ekosi, Merci to the Planning Committee members: Deb Radi, Audrey Richard (Chair), Lisa Lewis, Dana Connolly, Sydney Puhach, Edith Turner, Leslie Spillett — and to our event planners, Planners Plus, too. What’s more, many thanks to our sponsors and our community who support this initiative.

NEW PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

MEDICINE BEAR COUNSELLING'S COMMUNITY FAMILY INFORMATION LIAISON UNIT

With support from Manitoba Justice, Ka Ni Kanichihk's Community Family Liaison provides a culturally responsive, trauma-informed and holistic information services to families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls for South of the 53rd parallel in Manitoba, including Winnipeg.

HEART MEDICINE LODGE

The 2017-2018 year was an exciting year of growth for the Heart Medicine Lodge Program. We are thrilled to highlight some of our new partnerships:

THIRD PARTY REPORTING – is an option for victims of sexual assault who may not be ready to participate in a police investigation or become involved in court proceedings but still wish to have the details of assault be tracked by Winnipeg Police Services who may help to identify patterns of assault. Ka Ni Kanichihk's Heart Medicine Lodge Program was approached by the Winnipeg Police Service in early 2018 to join in collaboration with Klinik Community Health's Sexual Assault Counselling Program and Sage House to be partnering agencies in offering Third Party Reporting. Since then, program staff have been trained in providing a culturally supportive and trauma informed approach that allows victims of sexual assault the opportunity to report, tell their story and receive validation in a culturally safe environment.

HEART MEDICINE LODGE PROGRAM AT WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL PILOT PROGRAM –is now being delivering as an in-house 12 week program at the Women's Correctional Centre. Heart Medicine works in partnership with Corrections to support the healing journey of Indigenous women while they are working towards reintegration.

NEIGHBORHOODS ALIVE! COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM - has partnered with Heart Medicine Lodge to continue offering the 12 week healing program as well as deliver workshops with community partners and offer educational sessions to stakeholders on compassionate and culturally sensitive response to sexual assault.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT PROGRAM

In partnership with Manitoba Information Trade Technology and the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development, Ka Ni Kanichihk is enthusiastic deliver a community based model of the newly developed Executive Assistant Advanced Certificate Program. The Executive Assistant Advanced Certificate Program is a continuation of the Business Administrative Assistant program that really expands on prior knowledge and skills to take the student to next level to become a greater asset to prospective organizations.





LESLIE SPILLETT HONOURED BY PARK NAMING

On August, 3, 2018, Leslie Spillett was honoured by the City of Winnipeg with the renaming of Centennial neighbourhood's Lizzie Park to that of "Giizhigooweyaabikwe Park" — meaning, "Painted Sky Woman": Leslie's Spirit Name in the Anishinaabemowin language.

Owing to her many achievements as Ka Ni Kanichihk's longstanding, former Executive Director — and for her far-reaching community and national advocacy in support of Indigenous youth, women and the preservation and dissemination of Indigenous traditional knowledge — the naming ceremony alongside featured the unveiling of 2 double-sided signs at separate park entrances, together with the presentation of a commemorative plaque inscribed with a brief, origin-telling narrative and spiritual account of Leslie's "Painted Sky Woman" name.

"Having the park named after Leslie's spirit name in the Anishinaabemowin language is of paramount importance," stated Point Douglas City Councillor, Mike Pagtakhan. "Winnipeg is a wonderfully diverse city where you can hear over 100 different languages on any given day. Enshrining such a beautiful Anishinaabemowin name to the park helps us all celebrate Winnipeg's rich cultural mosaic. It is my desire that this park inspires others to learn about Leslie's work to create a just society and to bring people together in a collaborative and collegial fashion."

The Standing Policy Committee of Protection, Community Services and Parks unanimously agreed to rename Lizzie Park to "Giizhigooweyaabikwe Park" to commemorate and honour Leslie's ongoing advocacy and community dedication to the City of Winnipeg.

Congratulations, Leslie! Miigwetch, Ekosani, Thank You.

PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

Ka Ni Kanichihk values the many partners and stakeholders who contribute to its vision and the wellbeing of the community. There are many: traditional knowledge keepers, advisory committees, community coalitions, business workplaces, educational institutions, community based organizations, researchers, community and specialized policing and community members.

WAHKOHTOWIN:

- The Bilal Community & Family Centre
- IRCOM
- National Crime Prevention Centre
- Ndingawemaaganag Endaawaa
- Spence Neighbourhood Association
- University of Manitoba

THE BUTTERFLY CLUB:

- Manitoba Justice, Lighthouses
- United Way
- Indigo Arrows

MINO PIMATISIWIN:

- Manitoba Harm Reduction Network
- CAAN: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network
- Clinic
- Nine Circles Community Health Clinic
- SERC: Sexual Education Resource Centre Manitoba
- TSPM: Two Spirit People of Manitoba
- WRHA: Healthy Sexuality & Harm Reduction
- PHAC: Public Health Agency of Canada
- PMH: Prairie Mountain Health Region
- PBSC: Pro Bono Students Canada
- Manitoba HIV Collective
- JC Wilt Infectious Disease Research Centre
- Our Own Health Centre
- AYO: Aboriginal Youth Opportunities
- Ongomiizwin: Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing

AWRAC/SISTERS OF FIRE:

- University of Manitoba
- CHIWOS: Canadian Women's HIV Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study
- Genderfest
- KIA: Knowledge Into Action
- Canadian Coalition for the Reform of HIV Criminalization
- Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network: Visioning Health
- WRHA: Healthy Together Now

WHITE WOLF SPEAKING:

- Sexually Exploited Youth Community Coalition
- SHEN: Sexual Health Educators Network
- MFNERC: Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre
- WRHA

HEART MEDICINE LODGE:

- Manitoba Status of Women
- Manitoba Justice Victim Services
- Clinic Community Health Centre Unit
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Unit
- Winnipeg Police Services Sex Crimes Unit
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Winnipeg Safe City: United Nations Safe City Initiative
- Women's Correctional Centre
- Sage House
- Victim Services, Manitoba
- Status of Manitoba
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Health Sciences Centre
- Clinic
- Winnipeg Safe City, UN Safe Cities Initiative
- Women's Correctional Centre
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Manitoba Youth Centre
- Neighbourhoods Alive!

HEART MEDICINE HEALING LODGE:

- Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre
- Mount Carmel Clinic
- First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba
- Resolve, University of Manitoba
- City of Winnipeg
- Ikwe Widdijitiwin
- RCMP
- Department of Justice Crown Attorney's Office

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PROGRAM:

- CAHRD (Neeginan College of Applied Technology)
- MITT (Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology)
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre
- Onoshowewin
- Assiniboine Credit Union
- Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre
- North End Community Renewal Corporation

- First Nations Family Advocate office
- City of Winnipeg
- University of Manitoba (Learning and Organizational Development)
- Eagle Urban Transition Centre
- North End Women's Centre
- Citizen's Bridge
- Manitoba Metis Federation
- Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre
- Civil Service Commission of Manitoba
- Bison Transport
- McDonald Youth Services
- South East Resource Development
- United Way
- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Oyati Tipi

HOROURING GIFTS:

- City of Winnipeg Oshki Anishinabe Niiginiwak
- CAHRD (Centre for Aboriginal Human Resources)
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre
- MTEC
- Ikwe Widdijitiwin
- Clinic
- Thrive (Pregnancy Family Resource Centre)
- Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg
- West Broadway Youth Outreach
- Giant Tiger
- Value Village
- Indian Family Centre
- Ndingawemaaganag Endaawaa
- Kookums Infant Centre
- Spence Neighborhood Association
- Wolesey Family Centre
- Andrews Street Family Centre
- SEED Winnipeg
- Winnipeg Harvest
- Siloam Mission
- RAY
- Oyati Tipi
- Mother Earth Recycling
- Native Women's Transition Centre
- Community Financial Services
- Sorrento's Bar & Pizzeria

RESORTING THE SACRED:

- Tracia's Trust: MB's Strategy to Combat Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking
- After School Leaders, Children and Youth for Opportunities
- Canada Greater Exchange Youth Program, YMCA
- CBC News, Justin Deeley
- Indigenous Unity Gathering for Winnipeg Police
- Maples Collegiate-Utilizing kitchen and sewing facility
- Martha Street Studio, Justin L'Arrivee Graphic Design
- Native Communications Inc, NCI Radio, David McLeod
- Red Rising Magazine, Lenard Monkman
- M.C. College
- Winnipeg Police Services, Constable Dirk Creighton
- Youth Agency Alliance
- Circle of Life Thunderbird House

ROOT CONNECTIONS:

- Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development
- Freight House Recreation Centre, City of Winnipeg
- Justice Canada – Youth Justice Fund
- Manitoba Justice - Community and Youth Corrections, Female Offender Unit
- Manitoba Youth Centre

KISTESIMAW:

- Crime Prevention Branch

MYTEAM:

- Meeka Kiersgaard – Special Projects Coordinator, Child and Family Services
- Michelle Decorby – Special Projects Coordinator, Child and Family Services
- Barb Wilton – SEED Winnipeg

MEDICINE BEAR COUNSELLING, SUPPORT & ELDER SERVICES:

- Angela Lavallee – Focusing-Oriented Therapist
- Hilda Anderson-Pyrz – MKO
- Eya-Keen Healing Centre
- Manitoba Justice Victim Services
- Project Devote
- MMIWG Coalition Winnipeg
- Melissa MacGregor – Employment & Education Coordinator, West Central Women's Resource Centre

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STAFF RECOGNITION

We are honoured to congratulate those staff members celebrating five years of employment (and above) with the Ka Ni Kanichihk family:

Dianne Barron (5 years)

Dodie Jordaan (5 years)

Dana Connolly (5+ years)

Adalia Costa (5+ years)

Amy Graham (5+ years)

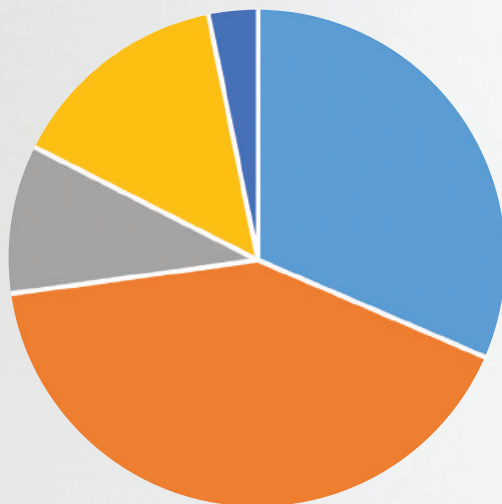


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 Government of Manitoba Children & Youth Opportunities MB4Youth
 Indigenous Services Canada
 Indigenous Crown Relationships
 Manitoba Justice – Crime Prevention Branch
 Manitoba Family Services – Manitoba Status of Women
 Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology
 Manitoba Justice – Victim Services
 Manitoba Growth, Enterprise & Trades
 Manitoba Education & Training
 Minister of Justice and Attorney General
 National Crime Preventions Strategy
 Public Health Agency of Canada: HIV & Hepatitis C Community Action Fund
 Sexuality Education Resource Centre
 Status of Women Canada
 Tracia's Trust: Manitoba's Strategy to Prevent Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking
 United Way of Winnipeg
 Urban/Hometown Green Team
 Winnipeg Committee for Safety Crystal Van
 The Winnipeg Foundation
 Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

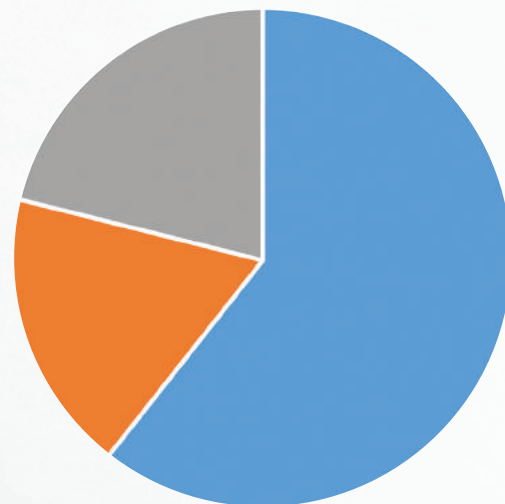


2017/18 REVENUES:



- 41% Government of Canada
- 32% Province of Manitoba
- 14% Foundations & Other Organizations
- 10% Other
- 3% City of Winnipeg

2017/18 EXPENSES:



- 61% Salaries & Benefits
- 21% Programming
- 18% Operating



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