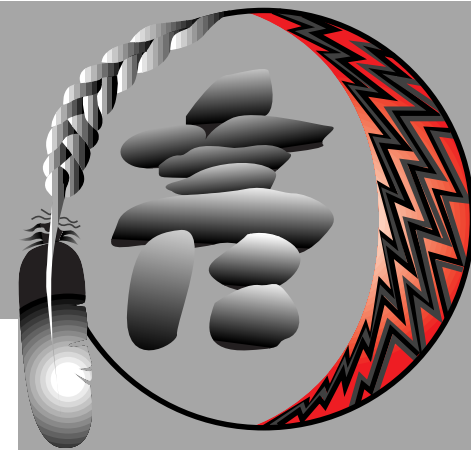


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Healing residential school survivors, their families & descendants: AHF funding to community projects

On June 23, 1999, the Aboriginal Healing Foundation announced the next major steps towards healing for those suffering the legacy of physical and sexual abuse in Canadian Residential Schools.

"Our mission is to encourage and support Aboriginal people in building and reinforcing sustainable healing processes. The projects being funded today offer hope and support in communities struggling to bind the wounds arising from the trauma suffered in Residential Schools. The cycle of abuse and dysfunction within families will begin to be broken," stated Georges Erasmus, Aboriginal Healing Foundation Chairman.

On January 7, 1998, the Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs, announced Gathering Strength—Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan, a strategy to begin a process of reconciliation and renewal with Aboriginal people.

A cornerstone of Gathering Strength was the Canadian Government's commitment of \$350 million to support community-based healing initiatives for Aboriginal People, on and off reserve, who have been affected by the legacy of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in the residential schools.

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation was formed to manage those funds.

The 35 projects announced in June met the Foundation's first deadline (January 15, 1999) under the themes Community Therapeutic Healing and Developing & Enhancing Aboriginal Capacity.

The types of projects funded under these themes included: sex offender programs; education, counselling, and trauma work; development of Aboriginal-specific materials; training of community members; employee assistance programs; and support for direct therapeutic approaches. Over \$20 million has been committed towards these initiatives as of July 30, 1999.

Erasmus said the Board of Directors of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation regretted that all the proposals received could not be funded this time around. Some projects were not approved because they missed the deadline or because they needed more work.

He went on to say, "there's a misperception out there that you can apply for funding once only and that, if you aren't successful the first time, you don't get another chance. That is false. We're helping applicants who were unsuccessful refine their proposals so they can resubmit them in the next rounds. We will carry out several funding cycles over the life of the Foundation so everyone should have the opportunity to submit a proposal. Deadlines for each call will always be firm and must be respected."
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Foundation Chairman Georges Erasmus and Executive Director Mike DeGagné sign the first healing project funding cheques

Photo: Kanatitio

AHF has a new logo & a new look

Last year, the Aboriginal Healing Foundation sponsored a national logo contest. We were very impressed with the artwork we received and making our choice was difficult.

We had to choose one design, however, and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation Board of Directors has selected the logo design submitted by Nathalie Coutou, an Abenaki from Quebec.

Ms Coutou was awarded a cash prize of \$1,000.00 and a limited edition print, "North American Indian Prison Camp" by George Littlechild.

About the Artist



Nathalie Coutou is Abenaki, which means "People from the East... where the sun rises", in the language. She was born and raised in St-Alexis de Montcalm a little town of 500 people

near Montreal, Quebec.

As a child, she learned to develop her unique ways of expression by observing her father's paintings. From her mother, she learned about self-respect, love and family. Nature, animals and people are part of her and her heritage. Her work illustrates feelings—sometimes sad, other times happy—reflecting everyday life.

Nathalie studied graphic design at the Old Montreal College, where she graduated in 1995. Over the past 8 years, she's designed many logos and paintings for companies, magazines and private collections. Among them:

- ❖ The poster for the regional contest, CEGEP en spectacle (1993);
- ❖ The illustration for the front page of Pleine Terre magazine (1994);
- ❖ The logo for the Sacred Assembly, organized by Elijah Harper (1996);
- ❖ An environmental mural for the University of Quebec in Montreal (1996);
- ❖ The illustrations and cover artwork for the Aboriginal Student Handbook of Carleton University (1996);
- ❖ The logo for Project Reconciliation for Elijah Harper;
- ❖ The logo for Aboriginal Tourism Team Canada (1998).

She's also participated in several art exhibitions including:

- ❖ The All Nations Talent Show at the Artkore Gallery in Old Montreal (1995).
- ❖ The Montreal Native Friendship Centre's 15th Annual Festival (1994).

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Highlights from a speech by Georges Erasmus on the occasion of the Foundation's first funding announcement: Toronto June 23, 1999

Dan: e (Good morning)

Thank you all for coming to spend some time with us today. I am pleased to provide you this update on our activities. You will see that we have been extremely busy over the past year.

I would like, at the outset, to thank all those people who have participated in our work: Survivors, External Merit Review Panel members, Elders, our Board of Directors and, last but certainly not least, the Staff. They've put in long hours and have made things happen despite tight time constraints and the enormity of the workload. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I express our appreciation for all your dedication and hard work.

On January 7, 1998, the Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs, announced Gathering Strength—Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan, a strategy to begin a process of reconciliation and renewal with Aboriginal people. A cornerstone of Gathering Strength was the Canadian Government's commitment of \$350 million to support community-based healing initiatives for Aboriginal People, on and off reserve, who have been affected by the legacy of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in the residential schools.

Our mission is to encourage and support Aboriginal people in building and reinforcing sustainable healing processes that address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse in the residential school system, including intergenerational impacts.

We have four years to spend or commit the money entrusted to us. Survivors have told us to get those funds flowing to the communities as quickly as possible. To date, we have been driven by that need and we have acted accordingly.

Our accomplishments to date:

- ❖ Established a 17 member Board of Directors;
- ❖ Developed funding proposal criteria based on input from Survivors;
- ❖ Prepared for the launch of first Call for Proposals (Program Handbook and other core documents);
- ❖ Established a Proposal Development Assistance Fund;
- ❖ Held 18 information sessions across the country;
- ❖ Completed a funding cycle with a commitment to using the assistance of community-based external reviewers, with funded projects in all regions;
- ❖ Organizational development (35+ staff with representation from a broad cross section of Aboriginal nations);
- ❖ Developed supporting infrastructure

including database systems and funding/financial software;

- ❖ Developed key products to support successful applicants (Ethics Guideline & Framework for Project Evaluation);
- ❖ We have a new communication and identity program (Newsletter, logo, etc.).

We launched our first Call for Proposals on December 3, 1998. The call was divided into three deadlines: January 15th (Developing & Enhancing Aboriginal Capacity and Community Therapeutic Healing), February 26th (Healing Centres) & March 31st (Restoring Balance & Honour & History).

The information I am giving you this morning is up to date as of Friday June 11, 1999.

The first call:

- ❖ 1,066 proposals received in time for all three deadlines;
- ❖ Approximately \$20 million granted or in progress (\$50 million total projected for first call);
- ❖ 1,268 requests for Proposal Development Assistance Funding (\$1.758 million allocated).

The first deadline (January 15th):

- ❖ 370 proposals received in first call for proposals;
- ❖ Average budget of approved projects to date: \$210 thousand;
- ❖ Range of budget of approved projects to date: \$19,200 to \$1.1 million.

This list continues to grow as I speak. Our staff continue to negotiate and conclude Project Funding Agreements daily. I'd like to point out at this time that we will provide monthly updates on the results of our funding cycle. We will distribute our updates using a number of tools, including our website, which you can find at: www.ahf.ca.

Proposal Assessment Process:

1. Internal administrative assessment;
2. External Merit Review Panel assessment: Regional panels of Survivors, Healers, Elders, professionals & citizens;
3. Programs Committee Review (Board sub-committee) to ensure demographic equity;
4. Final Board approval;
5. Contract negotiation;
6. Project Funding Agreement;
7. Funds flow.

Types of projects funded under first themes only (Developing & Enhancing Aboriginal Capacity & Community Therapeutic Healing):

- ❖ Sex offender programs;
- ❖ Education, counselling, and trauma work;
- ❖ Development of Aboriginal-specific materials;
- ❖ Training of community members;
- ❖ Employee assistance programs;
- ❖ Support for traditional therapeutic approaches.

Administration:

- ❖ First audit completed (unqualified opinion);
- ❖ First year's administrative expenditures: \$2.521 million (approximately 1/3 on governance/Board, 2/3 on staff & proposal assessment);
- ❖ Investment income since funds received in June 1998: \$13.502 million (5.1% average rate of return).

Accountability:

- ❖ Board of Directors is morally accountable to Survivors & community;
- ❖ Board attendance at National Aboriginal Organization annual meetings;
- ❖ Annual regional meetings between Board members & the Aboriginal community. 4 meetings scheduled for this fall (Yellowknife on September 30th, Thunder Bay on October 14th, Montreal on October 28th, and Edmonton on November 4th);
- ❖ Staff-delivered information sessions across the country;
- ❖ Annual reports to Canadian government.

Lessons learned:

- ❖ Some have told us our deadlines have been troublesome for them;
- ❖ Need to increase staff/applicant interaction, over proposal content, at the outset of the process;
- ❖ More targeted financial support for applicants;
- ❖ Multi-year vs. limited term funding;
- ❖ Targeting high need & under served areas.

The Board of Directors of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation regrets that all the proposals received couldn't be funded this time around. Some projects weren't approved because they missed the deadline or because they needed more work.

I would like to take a moment to explain how we are addressing this situation. Applicants whose proposals were returned should not be discouraged.

We have told them we will work with them to refine their proposals so they can resubmit them in the next rounds.

We will carry out several funding cycles over the life of the Foundation so everyone should have the opportunity to submit a proposal. Applicants who were not successful or missed the first cycle can resubmit their proposals when new calls are made. Deadlines for each call will always be firm.

The near future:

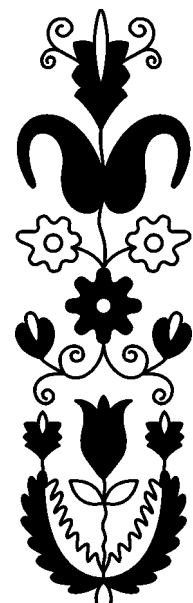
- ❖ Next Call for Proposals (fall 1999)
- ❖ Revised Program Handbook
- ❖ Information/Proposal Development Workshops

We are helping Aboriginal communities help themselves. We do this by providing resources for healing initiatives, promoting awareness of healing issues and needs, and by nurturing a supportive public environment.

We are committed to making strategic investments of the resources entrusted to us. We are determined to contribute to a climate of care, safety, goodwill and understanding for all Aboriginal people. The success of the projects we are funding today, and those we will be funding in the future, will empower individuals, families and communities. That's why we're here. The funded projects offer hope and healing in communities struggling to bind the wounds arising from the trauma suffered in the residential school system. They will begin to break the cycle of abuse and dysfunction within families.

This kind of healing is a huge task but today we make a clear statement: It is the desire of Aboriginal peoples to take the lead in casting out the pain from the legacy of Residential Schools that have plagued our lives for far too long.

Masi (Thank you)



Updated summary of funded projects (to July 30, 1999)

YUKON

CT-183 (Kwanlin Dun First Nations Health Program)

35 McIntyre Drive Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5A5
Contact: Judy Laird, Coordinator (867) 633-7800

Project description: To provide improved access to community-based counselling services, education, prevention and in-home support services to survivors of residential school, children, youth and families and to those who have suffered the intergenerational impacts of Residential School.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$245,276.50 | \$182,976.00 | \$45,744.00 |

CT-416 (Carcross/Tagish First Nation)

P.O. Box 130 Carcross, YT Y0B 1B0
Contact: Karyn Atlin, Director, Health & Social Programs (867) 821-4271

Project Description: To hire and locally base two full time multidiscipline clinical psychologist counselors hired from outside the community, to provide healing, treatment, and training of First Nation citizens affected by the legacy of intergenerational physical and sexual abuse, and loss of traditions and culture suffered in the Choulta Residential School located in Carcross, Yukon. To establish complementary linkages to other local health and social programs and services.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$166,800.00 | \$160,800.00 | \$33,770.79 |

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

CT-209 (Tl'oondih Healing Society)

Box 30 Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0
Contact: Hazel Nerysoo, Aftercare Director (867) 952-2025

Project Description: The purpose of the proposed project, "Community Counselling, Addressing the Issues from Residential Schools, Past & Present" is to target the recognition and healing issues from residential schools in a manner that is respectful to the people in the four Gwich'in Communities. To provide community and outreach counselling to adults, youth & elders. To assist in restoring the role of the family in re-building strong communities. To restore trust in education within Gwich'in communities. To re-build the role of the elders in families and communities. To use a mentor system of experienced caregivers.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$330,300.00 | \$330,300.00 | \$82,575.00 |

CT-411 (Hamlet of Cape Dorset)

Box 30 Cape Dorset, NT X0A 0C0
Contact: Kanayuk Salomonie (867) 897-8316/8873/8257

Project description: The project is already supporting the healing of some of the women experiencing the effects of physical and sexual abuse suffered in southern institutions during the 50's and 60's. This funding will provide ongoing support, allowing more women in the community to heal. In addition, many of the Hamlet's young boys who attended school during the 1980's were sexually assaulted. These young men, who are now in their late 20's and early 30's, continue to suffer in silent shame. Many of these victims have themselves become offenders, often ending up in the correctional institutions. Some of them have committed suicide. The project plans to involve more men in helping reach the male victims of sexual abuse.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$126,080.00 | \$121,080.00 | \$27,243.00 |

DV-160 (Dene Cultural Institute)

Box 3054 Hay River Reserve, NT X0E 1G4
Contact: Joanne Barnaby (867) 874-8480

Project description: There are three components to our project: 1) To offer personal healing support to existing community based Aboriginal Counsellors, to ensure their own well-being and their effectiveness in working with Aboriginal people affected by residential school abuse including intergenerational impacts. 2) To offer specialized and introductory courses to existing Community Counsellors who are working with residential school victims and others impacted in northern Aboriginal communities. 3) To develop a comprehensive training and professional development strategy for future consideration through extensive consultation with Counsellors, treatment centres, and other agencies active in dealing with the effects of residential school abuse.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$537,700.00 | \$347,700.00 | \$100,975.00 |

"Our object is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and there is no Indian question".

— Duncan Campbell Scott, deputy superintendent general of Indian affairs
RCAP Final Report, Volume 1

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CT-65 (Gitksan & Wet'suwet'en Residential School Committee)

P.O. Box 335 Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y0
Contact: Willie Blackwater (250) 849-5002

Project description: This healing model is a step-by-step program, with seven steps to address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse in the residential school system, including intergenerational impacts. The program will include the training of Gitksan & Wet'suwet'en people by a psychiatrist during its first year of operation.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$731,600.00 | \$471,200.00 | \$150,200.00 |

CT-99 (Chawathil First Nations)

P.O. Box 1659 Hope, BC V0X 1L0
Contact: Allan Bunjun, First Nations Band Administrator (604) 869-9994

Project Description: The Chawathil First Nation will develop the following initiatives: Hire a certified counsellor to work with residential school survivors and their family members and develop an in-house community sex offenders program.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$145,280.00 | \$192,480.00 | \$43,308.00 |

CT-128 (Sulsilalelum Healing Centre Society)

6840 Salish Drive Vancouver, BC V6N 4C4
Contact: Jeri Sparrow, Project Coordinator (604) 263-2790

Project description: To hire qualified counsellors to provide individual counselling and healing workshops for community members affected by the legacy of the residential schools. The project will also develop an Elders support group to teach the culture and traditional healing methods of the Musqueam people.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$227,200.00 | \$198,330.00 | \$62,555.00 |

CT-161 (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

3082 Ghum - Lye Drive North Vancouver, BC V7H 2V6
Contact: Calvin George OR Ron Shortt (604) 929-3454

Project description: To design, develop and implement a variety of unique healing programs that address the healing needs of Survivors, their families and descendants.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$283,920.00 | \$283,920.00 | \$94,546.00 |

CT-203 (Prince George Native Friendship Centre Society)

1600 Third Ave. Prince George, BC V2L 3G6
Contact: Mary Clifford (250) 564-3568

Project description: The project provides 4 additional staff positions to the existing Native Healing Centre Program at PGNFC in order to address residential school issues, as well as an additional quarter time to enhance the Psychologist's services. Delivery of individual, family and community healing services (outreach, individual counselling, group counselling, talking and healing circles, referrals to traditional healers and spiritual activities for healing, workshops, etc.). The project will also provide a combination of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal treatment methods.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$263,342.00 | \$255,342.00 | \$71,585.00 |

*Please visit our web site at www.ahf.ca
for regular updates on funded projects...*

“The mission ran a boarding school or a residential school for Métis children from that area of the province and I can assure you that many students that attended that institution suffered both physical and sexual abuse. So it is not something peculiar solely to Indian peoples.”

—Clem Chartier
RCAP Public Hearings
Saskatoon May 12, 1993

CT-206 (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Community & Human Services)

P.O. Box 1280 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2

Contact: Florence Wylie, Senior Manager (250) 724-3232

Project Description: A comprehensive proposal aimed at holistic healing of people in our service area who suffer from the legacy of physical and sexual abuse from residential school, including inter-generational impacts. Specific new elements include: Quu'usa Counsellor Training, Peer Helper Training, Training for Present Front Line Workers, a Video on Healing Experiences, a Healing Conference, an Urban Outreach Worker for those away from home, and a remote healing program.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$3,071,795.00 | \$1,122,084.00 | \$282,221.00 |

CT-208 (Squamish Nation 'Na Nichimstm Tina Tkwekin')

345 West 5th St. North Vancouver, BC V7M 1K2

Contact: Theresa Campbell-Nahanee (604) 985-7711

Project description: This program will address issues of crisis and trauma that are a result of the legacy of residential schools. The program will provide mental health services that combine traditional and mainstream approaches to form an effective healing process. By adhering to traditional values and beliefs as determined by the Elders of the residential school committee, the project will establish, as an initial step, a code of ethics to help guide the formation of our healing model. This code of ethics will be founded on the principles of respect, care and love, and will enable the project to develop a successful approach that is responsive to the needs of community members.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$487,568.00 | \$450,328.00 | \$144,692.00 |

CT 302 (Urban Native Youth Association)

1607 East Hastings Street Vancouver, BC V5L 1S7

Contact: Jerry Adams, Executive Director (604) 254-7732

Project Description: The program will bring together “Two-Spirited” Aboriginal youth in a regular, weekly group setting. The youth, with the help and support of two group facilitators, will be in the company of their peers, share their common experiences and gain empowerment through group discussions, counseling and role modeling.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$82,000.00 | \$81,420.00 | \$19,164.00 |

CT-350 (Healing Our Spirit BC First Nations AIDS Society)

415B West Esplanade North Vancouver, BC V7M 1A6

Contact: Carole Dawson, President, OR Ken Clement, Executive Director (604) 983-8774

Project description: This project will bring together existing professionals and traditionalists so they can draw on each other's strengths and experience. The goal is to develop an integrated approach to meet the needs of their clients with respect to residential schools issues. The clientele may have dual diagnosis that mainstream therapies cannot 'heal.' There will be three twelve-week sessions with two groups per session, consisting of 20 clients per group for a total of 120 clients.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$262,875.94 | \$230,342.63 | \$57,585.66 |

DV-52 ('Namgis First Nation)

Box 290 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0

Contact: Ian Knipe, Administrator (250) 974-5522

Project description: The project will research, develop and deliver curricula specifically designed to train Aboriginal helpers to deal with the Legacy of the residential school system and resultant intergenerational effects. Information, to establish the learning outcomes on which the curricula will be based, will be drawn from existing staff, as well as survivors and their families, people with specific expertise on the psychological impact of residential school on individuals, and psychological research on post traumatic stress disorder and related syndromes. Political history will be considered. There will be a focus on community healing, as well as individual and familial healing. In addition, project staff will provide a supportive and educative environment for frontline staff who are dealing with the effects of residential school abuse.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$63,900.00 | \$63,900.00 | \$15,975.00 |

DV-182 (Lower Similkameen Indian Band)

Box 100 Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Contact: Richard Terbasket (250) 499-5528

Project Description: The main objectives of this project are to: 1) conduct an in-depth community needs assessment with respect to the healing needs arising from the residential school experience; 2) conduct research and document the stories and history of Residential School Survivors, their families and descendants; 3) conduct research and document the traditional history of the Lower Similkameen Nation; 4) develop various community groups; undertake healing work that is reflective of traditional healing practices and/or contemporary healing practices; 5) partake, develop and deliver education, training and workshops to the community.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$224,500.00 | \$220,800.00 | \$73,599.00 |

DV-491 (Tsawataineuk Band Council)

General Delivery Kingcome Inlet, BC V0N 2B0

Contact: Pamela Moon, Economic Development Officer (250) 974-3013

Project Description: To hire personnel to do a community assessment of the needs of residential school survivors of the Tsawataineuk Band, Kingcome Inlet, B.C. The assessment would include gathering statistical information about all those who attended St. Michael's Residential School in Alert Bay, and the Port Alberni Residential School where some band members were sent in later years. Information would also be collected about the generations to follow who were affected by the legacy of the residential schools. Further, meetings and one on one sessions will be held with members of all generations who either participated in or were affected by the residential schools system, with the intent of having a clear understanding of what the needs are to ensure the healing process gets started and continues.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$28,118.00 | \$29,118.00 | \$26,206.20 |

DV-580 (Lax Kw'alaams Indian Band Family Counselling Centre)

206 Shushaak Street Lax Kw'alaams, BC V0V 1H0

Contact: Kristi Hagen, Family Counsellor (250) 625-3467

Project Description: Haag Step 1 is a year long, two and 1/2 days per week program of personal emotional healing, corrective education experience and leadership training for 12 men and women who have been affected by the residential school experience. Program components include lessons in traditional skills and knowledge from the Elders in our community; healing circles; daily talking circles and optional individual counselling; travel to ancestral and present camps; field trips to referent museums/Aboriginal gatherings; intergrating, writing and presenting their work in the form of a Handbook to the community at a feast prepared to honour their work as well as the support of the community. Strength in working together and respect for and integration of many forms of knowledge are fundamental principles. Participant stipends acknowledge that valuable skills and knowledge are being acquired and utilised. Aama Haag Step 2 (in the development phase) is an in-depth cultural/spiritual/historical reclamation and restoration project utilizing the knowledge and strengths gained by the participants and staff in Aama-Haag Step 1.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$212,640.00 | \$176,180.00 | \$35,236.00 |

DV-1369 (Chawathil First Nations)

P.O. Box 1659 Hope, BC V0X 1L0

Contact: Herman W. Peters (604) 858-9327

Project description: The Chawathil First Nations will develop the following initiatives 1) Elders Support Group, 2) Training Workshops regarding the history and the Legacy of the residential schools and 3) Assessment of the impacts of the Legacy.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$124,480.00 | \$122,480.00 | \$27,558.00 |

ALBERTA

CT-207 (Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement)

Box 58 Paddle Prairie, AB T0H 2W0

Contact: Sonya Kobelsky (780) 981-2227

Project description: The project will identify individuals and families who require therapeutic healing as a result of the legacy of physical and sexual abuse in the residential school system, including intergenerational impacts. Once identified, programs and services will be organized to meet their needs. Such programs and services will include healing circles, individual, group and family counselling; workshops, retreats and seminars; feasts, leisure activities and other healing activities. Elders and community leaders will be identified and trained to sustain the programs once the funding has been discontinued.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$112,500.00 | \$112,500.00 | \$23,875.00 |

CT-316 (Alexis Health Department)

Box 39 Glenevis, AB TOE 0X0

Contact: Gladys Kyme, Director, Alexis Health Programs (403) 967-2591

Project Description: The primary objective of this one-year pilot project is to assist in the healing of personal and intergenerational wounds caused by physical and sexual abuse in residential school. A secondary objective is to empirically demonstrate the effectiveness of this project in healing residential school wounds, thereby allowing us to lobby for funds that are necessary to continue and extend the project.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$336,845.25 | \$192,747.00 | \$64,071.75 |

CT-390 (Saddle Lake Health Care Centre)

Box 160 Saddle Lake, AB T0A 3T0

Contact: Lorna Redcrow (403) 726-3930

Project description: To provide a healing process for the entire community that addresses the healing needs of the different segments of our people (children, youth, young-adults, adults and elders) affected by the Legacy of Residential Schools, including intergenerational impacts.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$128,450.00 | \$128,450.00 | \$38,053.00 |

DV-101 (Loon River First Nation #476)

Box 189 Red Earth Creek, AB T0G 1X0

Contact: Brian Pitcaim, Manager (403) 649-3883

Project Description: The Loon River First Nation proposes to design and implement a series of community-based, community-driven programs and activities which will increase and strengthen the capacity of the community to (1) improve academic achievement and accomplishment, and (2) to prevent and reduce alcohol and drug abuse. Using a community development approach and by integrating existing programs and services adopting holistic approaches, the community will be able to learn to work within one plan and focus on two set of goals, improving education and preventing substance abuse.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$164,717.00 | \$156,600.00 | \$47,900.00 |

DV-344 (Blood Tribe Human Resource Management Department)

P.O. Box 60 Standoff, AB T0L 1Y0

Contact: Elaine Creighton-Fox, Personnel Coordinator (403) 737-8116

Project Description: To provide and facilitate individual and group training, awareness and healing opportunities to Blood Tribe Administration employees through in-house counselling, in-house seminars and workshops.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$261,135.00 | \$261,135.00 | \$60,565.26 |

SASKATCHEWAN

CT-180 (Ile-A-la-Crosse Friendship Centre)

P.O. Box 160 Ile-A-La Crosse, SK S0M 1C0

Contact: Philip Durocher, Executive Director (306) 833-2313

Project description: The project will provide the opportunity for personal healing, through self-esteem building, to those affected by the legacy of the residential schools. This will be achieved through life-skills type programming and intensive sharing circles.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$147,028.00 | \$138,328.00 | \$34,582.00 |

CT-190 (Yorkton Tribal Administration Inc.)

21 Bradbrooke Drive North Yorkton, SK S3N 3R1

Contact: Bev Whitehawk (306) 782-0676

Project description: To provide counselling services to abusive partners in relationships, where such abuse arises from the legacy of the residential schools. Services will be provided in the communities and urban centres in the Yorkton and surrounding areas.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$1,154,100.00 | \$230,820.00 | \$51,934.50 |

“When you think of residential schools you think primarily they were Indians or Status Indians who went to those schools, but [...] we heard [...] testimonies from Inuit who had attended the Chesterfield Inlet schools [...] We all know the kinds of pain that a lot of people experience.”

—Mary Sillett, Commissioner
RCAP Public Hearings
Montreal, May 25, 1993

CT-229 (Prince Albert Associated Counselling & Mediation Services)

1003A - 1st Avenue West Prince Albert, SK S6V 4Y3

Contact: Ella Wilberg, Program Manager Tel: (306) 922-7747

Project description: To fill the gaps in direct therapeutic counselling services to Métis, the incarcerated and non-status through one-on-one counselling and small group healing programs directed at the Legacy of physical and sexual abuse in the residential school system, including intergenerational impacts.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$319,935.00 | \$278,570.00 | \$69,642.50 |

CT-249 (Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation)

Box 340 Duck Lake, SK S0K 1J0

Contact: Chief Rick Gamble (306) 457-2250

Project description: The project will address 2 components this fiscal year: 1) Needs assessment through extensive consultation in the community. 2) Survivors and those impacted by the intergenerational effects of school are seeking therapeutic services and cultural healing methods. The 'effects' include but are not limited to: violence (perpetual physical and sexual abuse), loss of parenting skills (which are passed on to subsequent generations), pathological behaviors, enforced dependency on residential service, and elder abuse.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$113,780.00 | \$113,780.00 | \$37,947.00 |

CT-2429 (Building a Nation Life Skills Training Inc.)

1439 Brightsand Court Saskatoon, SK S7J 4X1

Contact: Glen McCallum (306) 651-2000

Project description: These funds will be used to deliver three services: therapy, healing activities and continuing support for youth, men, women, couples and families who have survived the Legacy of the residential schools.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$212,830.00 | \$210,229.98 | \$82,474.16 |

DV-165 (Prince Albert Associated Counselling and Mediation Services)

1003A - 1st Avenue West Prince Albert, SK S6V 4Y3

Contact: (306) 922-7747

Project Description: To research the scope and effects of residential trauma on local region. To train and increase professional skills of potential healers.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$272,375.00 | \$215,819.00 | \$53,954.75 |

DV-181 (Cote First Nation)

P.O. Box 1659 Kamsack, SK S0A 1S0

Contact: Karen Stevenson (306) 542-2694

Project description: To develop a training initiative that will address the Legacy of physical and sexual abuse in the residential school through public awareness, revitalizing culture and identity, teaching skills to parents, and making changes to build a healthier community.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$198,439.00 | \$198,439.00 | \$44,649.00 |

DV-211 (Prince Albert Grand Council Health and Social Development)

3rd Floor, 1004-1st Avenue West Prince Albert, SK S6V 4Y4

Contact: Al Ducharme, Executive Director (306) 953-7248

Project Description: Identify the incidence and dynamics of family breakdown in our Catchment Zone. Identify and evaluate existing PAGC Programs and Services in this area. Evaluate and assess current capacities. Determine what capacities need to be developed.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$705,090.00 | \$627,230.00 | \$188,769.00 |

“So these thing is before us, that’s why we have to let go the past and try to mend what we can put together again and start with that so that the next generation they won’t go through what we’re going through today. I don’t want the next generation to be shedding tears as we are today.”

—Celine Jobn, Elder
*RCAP Residential Schools Special Consultation
 Canim Lake, March 9, 1993*

MANITOBA

DV-597 (Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre)

800 Selkirk Ave. Winnipeg, MB R2W 2N6

Contact: Josie Hill, Executive Director (204) 925-0300

Project description: This project seeks to establish a Community Care Model, a place of learning where gatherings will be facilitated to decide community responses and develop community capacities to address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse in the residential schools system, including intergenerational impacts. The project will serve four of Winnipeg’s high-risk inner city neighbourhoods.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$176,605.00 | \$176,605.00 | \$43,241.00 |

ONTARIO

CT-212 (Native Child and Family Services of Toronto)

464 Yonge Street, Suite 201 Toronto, ON M4Y 1W9

Contact: Kenn Richard, Executive Director (416) 969-8510

Project description: The project will develop and implement three additional healing components, designed to address the healing needs of those affected by the residential school legacy, to the Mooka’am Treatment and Healing Services at Native Child and Family Services of Toronto: i) men’s healing services; ii) a family circle (family therapy); and iii) Elders healing and consultation services. These additional components will help the Mooka’am Program establish itself as fully holistic, culture-based treatment services. The additional services will continue the program’s holistic healing principle of addressing spiritual, physical, mental and emotional needs of clients, with a specific treatment focus for the four dimensions of feelings, identity, family relationships and living skills.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$99,996.00 | \$99,996.00 | \$24,999.00 |

CT-277 (Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre)

175 Yonge Street Midland, ON L4R 2A7

Contact: Bruce Marsden, President (705) 526-3607

Project description: This project will coordinate teaching circles for women and seniors in order to begin to learn about the intergenerational impacts of abuse arising from the residential schools. Next, talking circles will take place followed by sharing circles that will allow them to share their experiences in a safe place. The next step provides for healing circles to take place. Elders and traditional resource persons will facilitate the circles in order to ensure a holistic healing approach. At the same time, 2 apprentices (Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Coordinator and Life Long Care Coordinator) will be trained by the Elder to continue to facilitate the circles after program funding has ended. The Healing and Wellness Coordinator and Life Long Care Coordinator will also be responsible for coordinating the activities and be responsible for the administration and evaluation of the circles.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$22,600.00 | \$22,600.00 | \$20,340.00 |

CT-291 (Giizhgaandag Gamig Healing Lodge Inc.)

Hwy 805 River Valley, ON POH 2C0

Contact: Rose Corbière (705) 967-0559

Project description: The project will help people understand the Legacy of the residential schools, and its effects on Survivors, their families and descendants, in order to break the cycle of abuse and suffering. Tebwevin will teach about Traditional and cultural beliefs, present workshops on clinical methods used at the Healing Lodge to bring positive healing connections in their communities.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$98,868.00 | \$92,868.00 | \$19,355.00 |

CT-324 (Mnjikaning First Nation)

P.O. Box 35 Rama, ON L0K 1T0

Contact: Dennis Martel (705) 325-3611

Project description: The Mnjikaning First Nation Community and Family Services, otherwise known as Gga Wiidookaadmin (Let’s All Help Each Other) has pulled together all of the workers who deal with addictions, abuse, family violence and child welfare to work together as a healing circle. They will blend Aboriginal and Canadian approaches to help individuals, families and the community develop healthier lifestyles.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$23,400.00 | \$23,400.00 | \$21,060.00 |

CT-365 (Naandwedidaa “Let’s Heal One Another” Program)

Wikwemikong Health Centre. P.O Box 101 Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Ontario POP 2J0

Contact: Dorothy Kennedy, Naandweedidaa Program Manager (705) 859-3098

Project Description: Education and training of 10-12 community individuals in family violence/ sexual abuse training and treatment. Content will include core family violence/sexual Abuse/residential school trauma impact/holistic approaches. Upon completion of the training, workers will continue their placement in the Naandwedidaa Counselling and Support Services as a community response team for family conferencing.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$881,709.00 | \$469,474.00 | \$105,632.00 |

CT-596 (Big Grassy First Nation)

General Delivery Morson, ON POW 1J0

Contact: Vernon Tuesday, Band Councillor (807) 488-5614

Project description: This proposal is a joint submission between Big Grassy First Nation and Big Island First Nation. The project will employ 6 individuals who will provide traditional and clinical healing services, to those affected by the residential school legacy, in the two First Nations.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$314,620.00 | \$314,620.00 | \$120,000.00 |

DV-163 (Whitewater Lake Community Development Corporation)

114 Mountain Road, Fort William Reserve Thunder Bay, ON P7C 4Z2

Contact: Irene Goodwin (807) 622-0894

Project description: Project objectives are to train 2 community members from Whitewater Lake First Nation in Anishnabek traditions and cultures. It is anticipated that these participants will become fully capable to train, teach and assist other members on the various skills, issues and topics related to the legacy of the residential schools. The project will provide a safe and healing environment for the study and practice of spiritual growth and healing, by providing a proper Ojibway Sweat Lodge and Tee Pee. The project will provide resource material and/or referrals to services currently offered by other organizations that address the individuals issues and concerns expressed.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$156,440.00 | \$143,200.00 | \$50,000.00 |

DV-232 (Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation)

P.O. Box 100 Golden Lake, Ontario KOJ 1X0

Contact: Thomas Kohoko, Social Services Manager (613) 625-2800

Project Description: To initiate within the community, a process by which the community will deal with the negative impact of residential schools, and to first prepare staff, committee members and elected representatives to respond positively.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$109,054.00 | \$88,457.00 | \$30,968.00 |

DV-266 (Chapleau Cree First Nation)

P.O. Box #400 Fox Lake Reserve, Chapleau, ON POM 1K0

Contact: Chief Michael Cachagee (705) 864-0784

Project description: This project proposes the development and eventual application of a healing circle to facilitate the healing process of Residential School Survivors and their families in a number of communities in northeastern Ontario. The project will be developed in phases. It will include a system of checks and balances, as well as, an evaluation process to ensure the program meets the needs of the participating communities.

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| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
| \$203,952.00 | \$203,952.00 | \$132,026.00 |

DV-307 (Children of Shingwauk Alumni Council)

C/O Algoma University College

1520 Queen Street East Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2G4

Contact: Catherine MacLeod, Communications Officer 705-949-2301 Ex. 387

Project description: Project objectives are: 1) To create a comprehensive, up-to-date directory of Survivors, as well as staff and supporters, along with their addresses. 2) To establish a resource and heritage centre, meeting place and healing and support process/network for students and their families. 3) To produce and circulate an Alumni newsletter. 4) To assist the University in meeting the needs of Aboriginal students and communities. 5) To establish Shingwauk University and organize a fourth reunion, Shingwauk 2000, for all residential school students and their families.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$46,645.00 | \$46,645.00 | \$41,980.50 |

DV-334 (Chippewas of Nawash)

R.R. #5 Warton, ON NOH 2T0

Contact: Patricia Cheghano (519) 534-1689

Project description: To encourage the Elderly in the community to recognize and work through the trauma suffered by Survivors of the residential school system, including the impacts it had on their children and grandchildren. To provide services that will encourage the elderly to reintegrate the community and community programming. To provide support services through the Senior Centre that will focus on the elderly's well-being within a safe environment. To provide exchange visits with other First Nations, Friendship Centres and Healing Centres. To provide protective services until longer term solutions can be obtained.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$101,646.00 | \$101,646.00 | \$30,217.00 |

DV-404 (Constance Lake First Nation)

Box 4000 Calstock, ON POL 1B0

Contact: John R. Sutherland, Native Cultural and Circle Justice Coordinator (705) 463-2155

Project Description: Hire a Residential School Coordinator to: do an assessment of the specific needs of the community for residential school healing programs and services; provide a community based holistic approach of healing; For long term care of residential school survivors, the coordinator will plan for a community healing lodge (look for funding) for the community and surrounding First Nation reserves of First Nation communities in the area.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$73,063.25 | \$73,063.25 | \$16,439.23 |

DV-581 (Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation)

Heron Bay, ON POT 1R0

Contact: JoAnne Michano, Band Manager (807) 229-1749

Project Description: The Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation will address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse in residential schools, including intergenerational impacts through the development of a Strategic Plan, based on a comprehensive assessment.

The Strategic Plan will establish the future direction of the organization in regards to increasing individual, family and community health. In order to carry out the project, Pic River is requesting support from the Foundation to provide funding to hire a Community Planner for a six month period. Anishnabek Employment (HRDC) will provide training dollars to hire as assistant for the Planner. A training component will be tied into the project, in order to transfer skills and knowledge to allow the process to be used in future planning.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$19,178.00 | \$19,178.00 | \$17,260.00 |

DV-592 (Walpole Island and First Nation Council)

R.R.3 Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4K9

Contact: Vera E. Williams, Chiefs Liaison (519) 627-1481

Project Description: Addresses some of our community's needs for developing and enhancement of implementing a holistic community-based healing approach which examines the legacy of physical / sexual abuse in residential schools and intergenerational impacts.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$42,100.00 | \$42,100.00 | \$37,890.00 |

DV-595 (Wabaseemoong Independent Nations)

Whitedog, ON P0X 1P0

Contact: Julia Mandamin, Director of Health (807) 927-2068

Project Description: To retain a healing coordinator to support existing community workers, to train a local community development work, to implement a community readiness assessment and to develop a holistic community healing process.

“You have given us an illustration, I think, a very graphic and sad illustration of the impact of the residential school system on you and your family, and of course, we have been hearing this as we have travelled across the country.”

—*Bertha Wilson, Commissioner*
RCAP Public Hearings
Toronto, November 2, 1992

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$257,300.00 | \$142,290.00 | \$39,323.00 |

QUEBEC**CT-164 (Onkw'takaritahsheraa Healing the Family Circle)**

c/o Kahnawake Shakotiaa'takehnhas Community Services

P.O. Box 1440 Kahnawake, QC J0L 1B0

Contact: Connie Meloche (450) 632-6880

Project description: 'Iohahi:io' will promote awareness of residential school and intergenerational trauma to families of Survivors and subsequent generations. In creating awareness to caregivers and members of the community, the project hopes to foster a better understanding of the cause of unhealthy and destructive behaviours. Only when a problem is understood can positive steps be taken to recover. As awareness increases, systems must also be in place to support individuals as they begin to uncover the issues that have been responsible for the many difficulties they have endured. The feelings of shame and guilt, lack of self-esteem, the feelings of loss of culture and language leading to destructive behaviours must be dealt with in a holistic manner. It will therefore be necessary to call in traditional healers to meet these needs.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$80,000.00 | \$80,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |

CT-259 (Conseil des Montagnais de Natashquan)

159-B rue des Montagnais Natashquan, QC G0G 2E0

Contact: Pierre St-Arnaud, psychologist (418) 726-3434

Project Description: Intensive program of group therapy for adult men and women using a contemporary professional psychotherapeutic approach and a traditional healing strategy of reconstruction of the Montagnais identity.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$112,363.00 | \$112,363.00 | \$28,090.75 |

DV-310 (Conseil de la nation atikamekw inc.)

290, rue St-Joseph, C.P. 848 La Tuque, QC G9X 3P6

Contact: Maxime Quoquochi (819) 523-6153

Project Description: By means of a process of awareness (of consciousness-raising) relative to the residential school experience, foster a will for change to a state of well-being by offering diversified therapeutic activities once the knowledge and skills of the interveners have been perfected.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$547,263.00 | \$517,317.00 | \$135,000.00 |

DV-375 (Council of the Cree Nation of Mistissini)

187 Main St. Mistissini, QC G0W 1C0

Contact: Jane Blacksmith (418) 923-3461

Project description: 'Rebuild the Circle' is a holistic project that will take place within the community through various specific interventions and programs, including traditional and psychological healing, individual and group sessions, professional and elders support. The project will provide information, support, and healing to the victims of physical and sexual abuse in residential schools, their families and the community.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$247,220.00 | \$247,220.00 | \$51,089.00 |

NEW BRUNSWICK

CT-78 (Metepenagiag First Nation)

59 Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 293 Red Bank, NB E9E 2P2
Contact: Chief Michael Augustine (506) 836-2366

Project Description: We propose to add an innovative healing treatment opportunity to our holistic approach to healing residential school survivors and their families. The Naturopathic Healing technique is a modern interpretation of ancient healing practices and complements other forms of treatment. In combination with both traditional (sweetgrass, sage, cedar...) and modern (psychology, counselling, medicines...) remedies, Naturopathic Healing will allow our health system to offer a complete range of individually tailored treatments to members and families suffering from residential school symptoms.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$69,300.00 | \$69,300.00 | \$15,592.50 |

DV-326 (St. Mary's First Nation Healing Program)

440 Highland Avenue Fredericton, NB E3A 2V2
Contact: Alma Brooks (506) 452-2751

Project description: The project will provide community-based training to enhance capacity in developing, designing and implementing healing strategies and programs that will adequately address the impact of residential school experience on Survivors and their descendants. The project will reunite lost survivors, their families and community, and will assess their specific needs.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$123,169.00 | \$123,169.00 | \$61,584.48 |

NOVA SCOTIA

CT-223 (Wagmatcook First Nation and Waycobah First Nation)

c/o Waycobah First Nation Box 149 Whycomagh, NS BOE 3M0
Contact: Margaret Pelletier, Project Coordinator (902) 295-2112

Project Description: It is proposed that specialized, trained professionals be hired in order to address the healing needs of individuals and families affected by the abuse suffered at residential schools. Namely, a clinical therapist to be shared between the communities of Waycobah and Wagmatcook First Nations along with two community home based workers, one to work in each community.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$141,200.00 | \$141,200.00 | \$30,401.00 |

AHF funding for community projects

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The Foundation has four years to spend or commit the money and wants to get it flowing through the communities as quickly as possible."

Mike DeGagné, the Foundation's Executive Director, spoke about some of the challenges facing staff of the Foundation.

"One challenge for us is managing peoples' expectations. We've gotten calls from some people two days after they submitted a proposal asking for their money. Our evaluation and approval process is an involved one. Each proposal is evaluated on how well it will address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse arising from the residential school system, including intergenerational impacts. There are many factors to be considered in approving funds for a particular project and that takes time. We're currently looking at a turnaround time of about eight months (from receipt of proposal to cutting a cheque)."

"Another major challenge is that people are not clear about what we do as a Foundation. We're not here to provide healing services, or to pay out

compensation to residential school Survivors. We're not a slush fund to top off, or replace, programs that are available through Indian Affairs, Health Canada or any other Canadian government department. Our mandate is to provide funding for healing projects, based on good proposals, that will address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse arising from the residential school system, including intergenerational impacts," concluded Mr. DeGagné.

In closing, Mr. Erasmus added, "we are helping Aboriginal communities help themselves. We do this by providing resources for healing initiatives, promoting awareness of healing issues and needs, and by nurturing a supportive public environment. The success of the projects we are funding today, and those we will be funding in the future, will empower individuals, families and communities. That's why we're here."

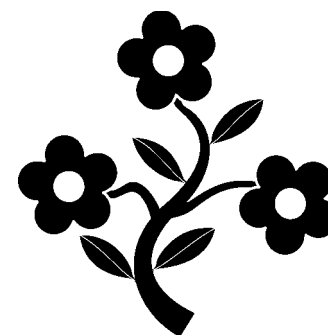
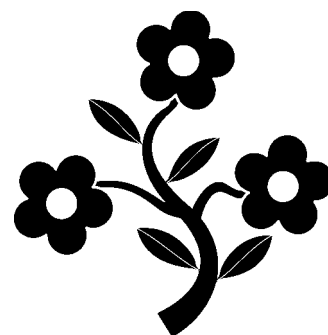
"We are committed to making strategic investments of the resources entrusted to us. We are determined to contribute to a climate of care, safety, goodwill and understanding for all Aboriginal people. This kind of healing is a huge task but, as the proverb goes, 'the longest journey begins with a single step'."

CT-391 (Membertou Band Council)

111 Membertou St. Sydney, NS B1S 2M9
Contact: Jane Meader (902) 564-5147

Project description: To address the Legacy of abuse suffered at the residential schools through separate gatherings for men, women, youth and families. The project will follow the traditional process of healing using sweat lodges, fasts, teachings, talking circles and doctoring for physical, mental and emotional ailments. In particular, the project intends to use these methods to address sexual abuse healing and forgiveness.

| Total costs of the project | AHF Contribution | Payment released to date |
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| \$32,600.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$27,000.00 |



Future Directions

We are committed to continuing to find more effective and efficient ways to conduct our work for the benefit of Aboriginal communities. Over the year ahead we will be making changes that will help us to best assist Survivors and their communities, in fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to us. We hope, as a result, to become even better at meeting the needs of Survivors, their families and descendants.

Some of our plans for the future are outlined below:

The Funding Process

A refined Community Support process will be unveiled at the launch of our next call for proposals. This process will provide more intensive staff & professional reviews of each proposal before it goes to the External Merit Review phase of the process. This is intended to assist applicants in ensuring that their applications are complete and meet mandatory criteria.

Funding Cycles

Several funding cycles will be held over the life of the Foundation so everyone should have the opportunity to submit a proposal. Applicants who were not successful or missed the first cycle can resubmit their proposals when new calls are made. Deadlines for each call will always be firm and clearly publicized.

Proposal Development Workshops

Proposal Development Workshops, open to anyone interested in preparing and submitting a proposal will be held in all regions to provide information and help to applicants. The full schedule will be publicized once it has been finalized.

Revised Program Handbook

In the near future we will be releasing a revised Program Handbook which has been updated to reflect changes to the Funding Process. The revised Program Handbook will be released at the time of our next call for proposals later this fall.

Integrated Communications Strategy

An Integrated Communications Strategy has been developed and should be approved and in place by late 1999.

Consultations

Four meetings are currently scheduled for the remainder of 1999. They will be held in: Yellowknife on September 30th, Thunder Bay on October 14th, Montreal on October 28th, and Edmonton on November 4th.

AHF Board of Directors: A Biographical Sketch



Georges Henry Erasmus

Born August 8, 1948, Fort Rae, North West Territories (N.W.T.), Canada. Education: High School, Yellowknife, N.W.T. Principal Occupation: Chair, Aboriginal Healing Foundation. Address: Aboriginal Healing Foundation, Suite 801, 75 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5E7 (613)237-4441. *Affiliations:* Secretary, Indian Band Council, Yellowknife, N.W.T. (1969-71); Organizer and Chairman, Community Housing Association, Yellowknife, N.W.T. (1969-72); Advisor to President, Indian Brotherhood of N.W.T. (1970-71); Fieldworker and Regional Staff Director, Company of Young Canadians (1970-73); Chairman, University Canada North (1971-75); Director, Community Development Program, Indian Brotherhood of Northwest Territories (later the Dene Nation) (1973-76); President, Indian Brotherhood of Northwest Territories/Dene Nation (1976-83); President, Denendeh Development Corporation (1983); elected Northern Vice-Chief, Assembly of First Nations (1983-85); elected National Chief, Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa, Canada, (1985); re-elected National Chief (1988-91); Co-Chair, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP), Ottawa, Canada (1991 - 1996); Chair, Aboriginal Healing Foundation, Ottawa, Canada (1998). *Membership:* Honorary Member, Ontario Historical Society (1990). *Awards, Honours:* Representative for Canada on Indigenous Survival International (1983); Canadian delegate to World Council of Indigenous Peoples International Conferences (1984-85); appointed Director of the World Wildlife Fund of Canada (1987); appointed to the Order of Canada (1987); appointed to the Board of the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights (1987); Board Member, Energy Probe Research Foundation, Operation Dismantle (1988-98); Honorary Committee Member, International Youth for Peace (1988); Advisory Council Member, the Earth Circle Foundation (1988); Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Laws from Queen's University, (1989), University of Toronto, (1992), University of Winnipeg, (1992), York University, (1992), University of British Columbia, (1993), Dalhousie University, (1997), University of Alberta, (1997); Aboriginal Achievement Award for Public Service, (1998); Board of Directors, Earth Day (1990); Board of Directors, SAVE Tour (1990); art, school, athletic awards. *Interests:* Reading, travel, outdoors, canoeing and art. *Published work:* Co-author, Drumbeat: Anger and Renewal in Indian Country (Summer Hill Publishers, 1990).



Garnet Angeconeb

An Ojibway from Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Mr. Angeconeb is a consultant with a Diploma in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario. A former Director of the Wawatay Native Communications Society, he also served as Executive Director of Independent First Nations Alliance. His previous work includes First Nations' self-government issues and initiatives dealing with education, health, justice, economic development, management, planning and policy. His current consulting activities include media relations, communications and public relations strategies, team development, meeting facilitation and writing and research.



Charlene Belleau

Ms. Belleau is a member of the Alkali Lake First Nation in British Columbia. Active in the healing of Residential School survivors, she set up the first Residential School conference. She served on the Residential School Committee for the Assembly of First Nations from 1990-95, and spent four years co-ordinating the Residential School project for British Columbia. She is a former Chief of Alkali Lake, and has served on several national health committees and regional committees.



Jerome Berthelette

Mr. Berthelette is the Regional Director, Manitoba Region, Medical Services Branch, Health Canada. He is a citizen of the Ahnishnabe Nation, Sagkeeng. The recipient of an LL.B from the University of Western Ontario, he was called to the Bar in April, 1984. Mr. Berthelette is President of the Vanier Institute of the Family and is former Executive Director of the National Association of Friendship Centres (1986 - 1991). He served as the Commission Secretary, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1991 - 93).



Paul Chartrand

Mr. Chartrand is a Métis from Manitoba, and a former professor specializing in Aboriginal law and policy issues. He is a graduate of Manitoba Teachers College, the University of Winnipeg, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Saskatchewan. He served on the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and has authored numerous publications, including a book on Métis land rights. He currently works as a private consultant in Victoria, British Columbia.



Angus Cockney

Mr. Cockney is an Inuk from Tuktoyaktuk, NT. He was moved to Inuvik in 1962 and attended Grollier Hall, a residential school for students in the Western Arctic, until 1976. Angus is now the business owner of Icewalker Canada. He specializes in motivational speaking and is an artist involved in various media. Angus was the first Inuk to ski to the North Pole, and he uses this experience as a platform to speak on goal-setting, motivation, and commitment. His artworks in stone have been exhibited nationally and internationally, and he is considered to be one of the more distinctive contemporary Inuit artists. Angus is also involved in multi-media production and is currently producing an educational CD-ROM for Parks Canada. From 1988 to 1997, Angus worked as a media specialist for the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Government of N.W.T. He is a former Canadian National Cross-Country ski champion and a Canada Winter Games champion.



Ken Courchene

Mr. Courchene is an Ojibway from Pine Falls, Manitoba who has served in the health and social fields for several years. A Chief Executive Officer, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. He currently works in an adolescent solvent abuse program whose clients include many victims and survivors of physical and sexual abuse. Working with youth and adults suffering from addictions, he uses cultural healing methods such as sundances, sweat lodges and talking circles.



Wendy John

Ms. John is the Associate Regional Director General, Pacific Region of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. A citizen of the Musqueam First Nation in British Columbia, she served three terms as Chief. She was the first woman in Canada to be elected to the office of Vice Chief for the Assembly of First Nations (British Columbia). She has represented Canada as a Commissioner on the Pacific Salmon Commission and has served as a member of the Board of the Canadian Lands Company Limited and the Board of the Royal British Columbia Museum. She is a founding member and Chairperson of the Residential Schools Project in British Columbia.



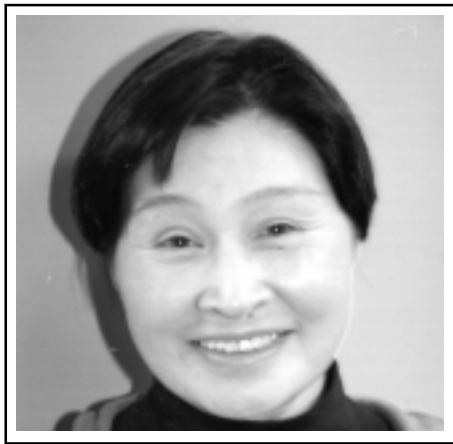
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Mr. Kistabish is an Algonquin from Val-d'Or, Quebec who speaks English, French and Algonquin fluently. He is President of Social Services Minokin, and has been involved in the field of health and social services at the regional and provincial levels for many years. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Health Committee, Kitchisakik, and as President (Grand Chief) of the Algonquin Council of Quebec. His publications include: *Mental Health and Aboriginal People of Quebec - Postface*; *The Green Book - Position of the Algonquin Nation on Environmental Issues*; and the *National Inquiry into First Nations Child Care*.



Carrielynn Lamouche

A Métis consultant from Gift Lake, Alberta, Ms. Lamouche studied with the Royal Conservatory of Music and possesses a degree of Master of Social Work. She co-ordinated and facilitated several events including Grant McEwan's Dreamcatchers Conference and a Métis Settlement's Youth Conference. Ms. Lamouche has published articles on Métis settlement history and serves as a volunteer with challenged children and their families. An Aboriginal person with disabilities, she works with governments, businesses and educational institutions to identify and reduce barriers. Among her extensive Committee work is service with the Provincial Human Rights, Multicultural Education Fund Advisory Committee and Chair of the Gift Lake Métis Settlement Peace Advisory Committee. As a child, Ms. Lamouche attended St. Mary's Residential School in Kenora, Ontario.



Ann Meekitjuk-Hanson

Ms. Hanson is an Inuk who is a freelance writer and broadcaster living in Iqaluit, Nunavut Territory. She owns and operates a business with her husband, and works with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Iqaluit. She has published historical works in a variety of publications, and has a close knowledge of the nature and effects of abuse. Ann is married to Bob Hanson. Together they have raised five daughters and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.



Teresa Nahanee

Ms. Nahanee is a member of the Squamish Nation. A member of the Law Society of British Columbia, she currently practices law in Merritt, B.C. She has served as a Corporate Adviser, Aboriginal Programs with Correctional Services Canada and as a Constitutional Consultant for the Native Women's Association of Canada. Ms. Nahanee formerly worked in the office of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Secretary of State. She was a Regional Director, B.C. -Yukon with the Native Economic Development Program. Ms. Nahanee spent two years in Washington, D.C., with one year as Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and one year with the U.S. Congress Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. She has published several chapters of books, including examination of the subject of sexual assault in Canada. Ms. Nahanee attended St. Paul's Indian Residential



Dorris Peters

Ms. Peters is an Elder from the Sto:Lo Nation. She was born on the Peters Reserve a few kilometres west of Hope, B.C. At an early age, her healing abilities were discovered, nurtured, and developed by her grandparents. Throughout her adult life she worked with elders from different cultural groups and learned many powerful lessons in the area of healing. Ms. Peters believes that Aboriginal people must go back and relearn the basic principles, including honesty, respect, being a role model, giving back to the community, sharing of resources, assisting those who are in need, keeping integrity and decency at the forefront of all official actions, transmitting the culture/language to the next generation, humility, spiritual cleansing and being a positive mentor to those who are gifted in the spiritual ways. It is in this way, she says, that we can recapture the true essence of ourselves as First Nations and heal the wounds of the past and present in order to create a positive future for the generations yet unborn.



Viola Robinson

Ms. Robinson is a Mi'kmaq woman born in Amherst, Nova Scotia. She attended the Indian Day School at Shubenacadie Reserve (Indian Brook), then went to the Sacred Heart Academy in Meteghan, Nova Scotia and Maritime Business College in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She has spent her life as an advocate for the Mi'kmaq people and for the human rights of First Nations across the country. While she is best known as the founding and long time president of the Native Council of Nova Scotia as well as the Native Council of Canada, her other achievements are numerous. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from Dalhousie University in 1990. She served as a Commissioner with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. She completed a law degree at Dalhousie Law School in May 1998 and is now in the last stages of her articling with a firm in Halifax. Although she is not a Survivor of the Residential Schools, her close family members, including her brother, are all Survivors.



Grant Severight

Mr. Severight is currently involved in graduate studies on Aboriginal Justice and Corrections at the University of Saskatchewan. He is a member of the Saulteaux-Ojibway nation who resides in Saskatoon. He has served as the President of the Saskatchewan Treaty Indian Council and the Director of the Prince George Indian Friendship Centre. Music, carpentry, lifeskills instructing and volunteering are major interests in Mr. Severight's life.

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Cindy Swanson

A third-year student working toward a degree in Native Studies at the University of Alberta, Ms. Swanson is a Métis living in Edmonton, She was appointed as a provincial member of the Métis National Youth Advisory Council, and has participated with Métis and First Nations communities in a variety of capacities, but foremost with Métis and First Nations youth initiatives and organizations. She has conducted research into the Residential School syndrome.



Charles Weaselhead

A member of the Blood Tribe First Nation in Standoff, Alberta, Mr. Weaselhead is a health administrator with a 2-year Certificate in Health Care Administration. He served as Director of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment for eight years, and has been involved in health administration for a total of 15 years. He has been active in Aboriginal community issues and initiatives for the past two decades, and pursues an active interest in individual and community healing processes, in particular traditional and cultural methods. He is particularly interested in dealing with the negative cycles of abuse for children and in providing a safety net for victims and others affected.

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Public Notice of Regional Gatherings

September 30, 1999

The Explorer Hotel
4825 – 49th Avenue
Yellowknife, NT

October 28, 1999

Marriott Château Champlain
1 Place du Canada
Montreal, Quebec

October 14, 1999

Valhalla Inn
1 Valhalla Road
Thunder Bay, Ontario

November 4, 1999

Ramada Edmonton Inn
11830 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

Directors of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation will travel to various regions of the country in order to meet with Survivors, their families and descendants directly.

Directors will:

- ❖ Report on the Foundation's activities during its first year of operation;
- ❖ Provide an update on funded projects;
- ❖ Provide an overview of new initiatives;
- ❖ Provide an opportunity for dialogue and feedback.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants may attend any gathering of their choice and must cover their own travel costs. The Foundation will provide refreshments and a light lunch.

For more information, please contact Natasha Martin
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Regional Gatherings Tentative Agenda

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| 9:00 a.m. | Opening |
| 9:15 a.m. | Opening Remarks – Chair |
| 9:30 a.m. | Introduction of Board of Directors |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. | Presentation of Annual Report and Audit |
| 12:00 noon | Luncheon Presentation: Overview of new initiatives – Executive Director |
| 1:00 p.m. | Opportunity to provide feedback |
| 3:00 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 p.m. | Opportunity to provide feedback |
| 4:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks |
| 4:45 p.m. | Closing Adjournment |

A word from the Editor...

She:kon (Greetings):

I realize it's been awhile since we've put out a newsletter and I apologize for the delay in getting this edition out to you. We've been extremely busy since I joined the Foundation but you can look forward to getting news and updates on a regular basis. We hope you like the new format. While this edition is meant to be informative, we are planning to make future editions more project and issue-focussed.

We will soon be establishing an Editorial Board and policy to govern the publication of this newsletter. Once done, we will be able to provide space for you to tell your stories.

Please contact me if you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter. Stay tuned for more...

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