



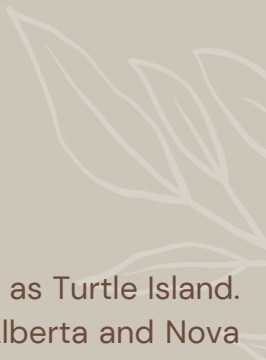
ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022 - DECEMBER 2023



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Land Acknowledgment

The Tipi of Hope Foundation (Tipi of Hope) operates across Canada, in what is also known as Turtle Island. We are a remote office with our Board of Directors currently in the provinces known as Alberta and Nova Scotia. Accordingly, we have the following Acknowledgment Statements:

We wish to acknowledge that the land on which some of us gather is the traditional territories of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) and the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, the Kainai, the Tsuut'ina, and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations, including Chiniki, Bearpaw, and Wesley First Nations. The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 5 and 6.

We honour and acknowledge the land where we are a guest. We are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. The "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" covers this territory, which the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) titles and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

The Tipi of Hope Foundation honours all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

A Message from our Founder and President

Tansi,

Thank you for joining us in this first year of operations for Tipi of Hope Foundation. The journey of creating the Tipi of Hope has been a work of art and a dream. Individual pieces coming together to create something beautiful. Beads with diverse origins strung together in harmony.

With each bead, we will continuously grow. We supported three Indigenous Communities and donated 128 pairs of shoes to those in need. With the assistance of new partners, we have made societal changes and have advanced reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

I want to thank the Indigenous Guidance Circle. They provided their perspectives on how Tipi of Hope initiatives can make meaningful progress toward reconciliation and helped us strengthen our relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

What an amazing first year of meaningful action it's been. Thanks for being alongside us on this journey. We're beading together to achieve reconciliation.



- Melissa





OUR MISSION

Work and learn alongside Indigenous peoples, including Métis, Inuit, and First Nations, both Status and Non-Status. With the help of funding partners, we will act on some of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Publishing Financial Statements, including Audited Financial Statements, starting in 2024.
- Ensuring you know where the donations are going.
- Describing how our programs and services help realize our mission and vision.
- Providing a clear governance structure, including Board of Directors Biographies.
- Acknowledging our achievements, opportunities, and challenges openly.
- Publishing a Strategic Plan that will list our actions to achieve our goals.
- Leveraging our Reconciliation Statement as we move along our journey.



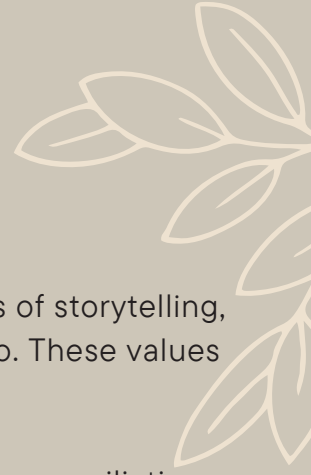
VISION

We are an Indigenous-led Registered Charity. With the support of volunteer Board Members, we provide a path for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to create a joint vision of reconciliation. We work collaboratively with all Indigenous peoples, communities, organizations, and groups to ensure meaningful action. Our Reconciliation, Environmental Stewardship, and Diversity and Inclusion Commitments can be found on our website at: <https://tipiofhope.ca>.

Shoes for Hope Donation on November 7, 2023



Leadership



Tipi of Hope is an Indigenous-led organization. We are committed to our core values of storytelling, respect, education, reconciliation, community, and relationships in everything we do. These values informed our Strategic Plan and our upcoming work.

Together, we can achieve reconciliation; to do so, we must all be deliberate in our reconciliation journeys.

The Foundation's working Board of Directors is made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members, each of whom is committed to transparency and integrity. All Directors are accountable for the stewardship of the Foundation and follow the Foundation's Board of Director mandate, conflict of interest, and social media policies, among others.

Melissa Lundy

(Indigenous/Métis Cree/She/Her)
Founder and President

Erin Turnbull

(Indigenous/Métis Cree/She/Her)
Vice President

Gerri Duke

(non-Indigenous/She/Her)
Treasurer

Karen Lundy

(Indigenous/Métis Cree/She/Her)
Secretary

Nelson Moulton

(non-Indigenous/He/Him)
Director
Education and Programs

B Adair

(non-Indigenous/He/They)
Director
Diversity and Inclusion



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Pin

Made by Melissa Lundy

We wish to thank those who contributed to the Foundation over the past year. Their contributions help shape who we are today. Former Directors are:

Cristi Adams
Ankit Jhingran
Tiffany Sinclair
Michelle Cameron
Laio Hyrcha.



Indigenous Guidance Circle

We have formed an Indigenous Guidance Circle (the Circle) to continually preserve, protect, revitalize, and share wisdom from Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Survivors of residential schools and the 60s scoop. The Circle is vital in preserving Indigenous Cultures. In addition, they provide their perspectives on how Tipi of Hope initiatives can make meaningful progress toward reconciliation and will help us strengthen our relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

The overarching goals of the Circle are:



Offer knowledge and wisdom to Indigenous and non-Indigenous Board Members and Volunteers.



Protect, revitalize, and share Indigenous oral knowledge and practices.



Advise Tipi of Hope in ongoing Programs and Projects.

**The first three members of the Circle are listed below.
The Circle will increase to include Métis and Inuit members.
More to come!**

Jeanne Chonkolay

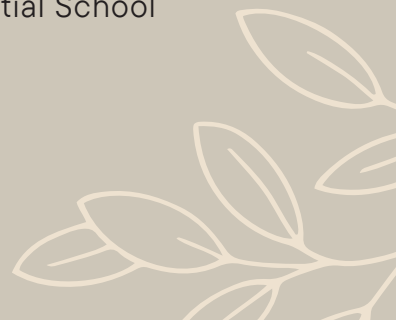
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Dene Tha' First Nation
Elder and Survivor of Assumption
(Hay Lakes) Residential School

Phyllis Chonkolay

(Indigenous/First Nations/She/Her)
Dene Tha' First Nation
Survivor of Assumption (Hay Lakes)
Residential School

Alvine Wolfleg Eagle Speaker

(Indigenous/First Nations/She/Her)
Siksika Nation Elder





MEET THE PEOPLE BESIDE TIPI OF HOPE



*Shoes for Hope Pilot in
May 2023*

As a Registered Charity, our work is 100% led by volunteers. Our Board Members, Indigenous Guidance Circle and Volunteers all donate their time to advance reconciliation and our mission. Additionally, volunteers have led bottle drives and other initiatives to support our work.

Thank you to the following Volunteers for their time and energy:

- Darren Lundy
- Jason Zaal
- Alix Adair
- Simon Graham
- Ankit Jhingran

Note: Ankit became a volunteer in December 2023 after stepping down from the Board.

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Tipi of Hope has been featured in the news since our inception in September 2022. The stories we've told are:

- In December 2023, Tipi of Hope was nominated for C97.7's 12 Days of Caring. We were shortlisted and although we were not selected, it was heartwarming to be recognized.
- CTV News profiled Shoes for Hope Program launch in September 2023.
- Melissa Lundy, our Founder, was profiled as an Inspired Albertan in April 2023. Melissa was honoured to have been featured.



*CTV News Story in
April 2023*



We thank the media for their support!





Programs

Tipi of Hope’s Reconciliation and Indigenous Community Support Programs educate and inspire people across Turtle Island (Canada). Indigenous peoples face systemic oppression because of colonialism and racism. Our programs focus on a sense of belonging—from ensuring Indigenous see themselves represented to creating engagement opportunities to embracing Indigenous cultures and identities. Additionally, we proactively lead accessible Programs to provide opportunities for everyone to participate in reconciliation. We remove barriers, such as disabilities and poverty, from preventing you from telling your story of reconciliation.



Education for Hope

The Education for Hope Program is a national Program that engages educators and schools in conversations about reconciliation.

Fish Creek Elementary School

To keep the conversation and learning going, Tipi of Hope has partnered with Onion Lake Cree Nation Member Delreé Dumont on Tipi of Hope's Colouring Pages as a part of its Education for Hope Program. These colouring pages were provided to Fish Creek in May 2023.

Pilot of Shoes for Hope Program

Shoes have been placed across Turtle Island to represent the children of Indigenous Peoples who went through the residential school system. These are striking images that sparked the idea for Tipi of Hope Indigenous Board Members to use the symbol of the shoes in a positive and charitable way.

Tipi of Hope Foundation completed a pilot program of this program with Fish Creek Elementary School in May 2023. From May 1 – May 26, teachers, faculty, parents, students, and the community donated new pairs of children's youth shoes.

Each pair of shoes is reconciliation in action as the shoes were donated to Siksika Nation Indigenous children. Also, each person who donates a pair of shoes will have taken the time to reflect on their journey of reconciliation.

Because of its success, Shoes for Hope is now a stand alone program.

Environmental Sustainability

The land offers us a time of new beginnings and rebirth every Spring Equinox. Everything is taken and used with the understanding that we take only what we need and must use great care to protect future generations. When we practice ways of lessening our environmental impact, we are being good ancestors and paving the way for future generations.

From May 1 – May 26, teachers, faculty, parents, students, and the community donated gently used clothing, books, and household items. On May 26, the gently used items donated to Tipi of Hope are purchased by Value Village through its FUNDrive® program, providing us with funding to advance reconciliation in our communities. Together, we are advancing reconciliation while reducing our environmental impact.



Tipi of Hope Foundation thanks and acknowledges Fish Creek Elementary School for partnering with us on the pilot of Education for Hope and Shoes for Hope Programs. These Programs launching were only possible because of your support.

36

Pairs of Shoes
Donated to Siksika
Nation

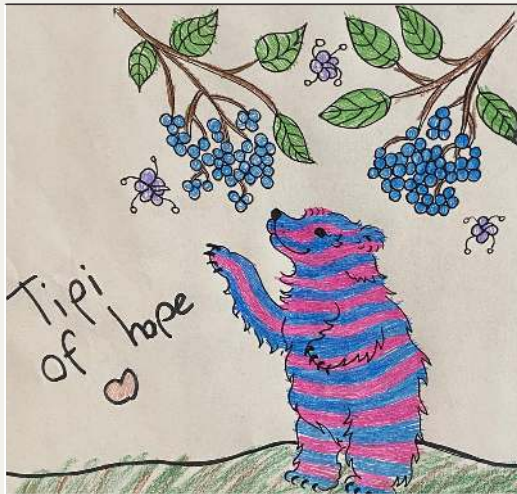
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619 Students and 31
Educators have
participated in
Education for Hope

1,439

Pounds of Gently
Used Goods Donated





Fish Creek Elementary School's completed colouring pages from Delréé Dumont



Education for Hope In Action!



Environmental Sustainability

Shoes for Hope



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Tipi of Hope Foundation completed a pilot program in May 2023. See Education for Hope above for more information. 36 pairs of shoes were donated to Siksika Nation Indigenous children.

Because of the pilot's success, it became a stand-alone Program in June 2023.

Indigenous Community Support Program

On November 4, our Shoes for Hope Program was launched as a stand-alone program. A \$12,000.00 shoe donation went to the Métis Nation of Alberta and Tsuut'ina Nation, who expressed "a real need" to help advance their communities.

Kristen Acuna works with Métis youth, and says the shoe donation will make a difference in her community. "To give a kid confidence, helping a kid get a hand up, to me that's Truth and Reconciliation."

September Daniels is a member of Tsuut'ina Nation's young adult outreach peer support, and says it made her feel "blessed" to see the email stating they had been picked. "It made me feel very vulnerable, where it made me realize that this is something that we need as people, that we need that bridge to be built with others coming in to help us with our healing."

"The donations show people receiving the shoes that we didn't put them on the steps to represent the people that are lost, we're representing the people that are living through it every day - Tipi of Hope Director Karen Lundy.



Tipi of Hope Foundation thanks and acknowledges Canadian Footwear for their thoughtful donation.



Shoes for Hope In Action!



128

Pairs of Shoes Donated to Siksika Nation, Tsuutina Nation and Métis Nation of Alberta

\$12,000.00

Worth of shoes donated, as of December 17, 2023





“There are walking angels who are here to help us and not judge.”

Tsuut'ina Nation Member

“Thank you!! I received shoes on my birthday! I am blessed.



“From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.”

Tsuut'ina Nation Member



“The new shoes I received helped a lot. Knowing that there are people who care and support. Thank you!”

“The new shoes helped me to get back on my feet”

Métis Nation of Alberta Member



Benches for Hope



Elders have suggested that Tipi of Hope consider creating a culture of belonging across Turtle Island (Canada), as we are all connected and must embrace Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing.

Designed to be a safe space, Benches for Hope have multiple benefits:

- Create a safe and inclusive place for all Indigenous Peoples and Communities.
- Allow all to stop, sit and reflect on their journey of reconciliation.

Benches for Hope are to be made available for anyone to sit, rest, wait, or create a safe or sacred shared space.

Benches are orange to represent the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem of Indigenous Peoples over generations of colonization, as well as the clothing was taken from all Indigenous Peoples who attended residential schools or experienced the 60's scoop.

Our benches will contain the Tipi of Hope logo and are customized with a QR code that links directly to resources for services such as:

- Drumming and smudging.
- Elder or spiritual care.
- Service and care providers who are committed to cultural safety.



Just B

Diversity & Inclusion Consulting

The first bench will be installed in 2024. The location is still being determined at this time. We thank Just B Diversity and Inclusion Consulting for partnering with us on this first bench!





Pins for Hope

Thanks to an anonymous donor for the materials, Indigenous Intergenerational Survivors on our Board have made Beaded Items, with 100% of the profits being directed to Tipi of Hope. For more information or to purchase, email info@tipiofhope.ca

Pins for Hope

Similar to our journeys of reconciliation, each one is unique in the story it tells. Some have incomplete beadwork, symbolizing residential school or 60s scoop Indigenous children who never came home. Other pins have fully beaded flowers representing survivors who returned while honouring their strength and resilience.

Each pin uses Moose-hide coloured fabric to represent the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The beading on each pin contains different colours. In addition, the beads on the border reflect each person's journey of reconciliation. Finally, the back of each pin is coloured felt, which varies in colour for the same reasons.

Earrings for Hope

Our Earrings for Hope are hand-woven with beaded fabric and backed with moosehide skin. Each pair is crafted on hypoallergenic stainless steel shepherd hooks.

Ribbon Skirt Pins and Earrings

Each pin and earring set has ribbons representing ribbon skirts. The ribbons go across each piece horizontally. Each piece conveys special meaning to the wearer.

Holiday Items

Tipi of Hope Indigenous Board Members have hand-made ornaments and other items throughout the year. These all feature deer and moose hide.

People We Collaborate With

Since September 2022, we have collaboratively worked alongside Indigenous and non-Indigenous businesses and non-profits.

- We've been honoured to present to staff at Pembina Pipeline Corporation and alongside GEDHub at a Fireside Chat.
- We are humbled to be an Alberta Mentoring Partner.
- We are grateful to collaborate with Delreé Dumont on our Education for Hope Program.
- We are excited about the Newcomer Program/Newcomer Guide alongside the Canadian Cultural Mosaic Foundation. More to come on this Program in 2024!
- We were honoured to support Cineplex with their 2023 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation messaging.



Indigenous Community Support

We have supported three Indigenous Communities with over \$12,000.00 in donations since launching!



TIPI OF HOPE FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 15, 2023

(with comparative figures for the period ended March 31, 2023)

(Unaudited)

	December 2023	March 2023
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 24,491.22	\$ 976.11
Accounts Receivable		\$ -
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 24,491.22</u>	<u>\$ 976.11</u>
Long-term Assets		
Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Amortization	\$ -	\$ -
Total Long-term Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 24,491.22</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 976.11</u></u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Due to Melissa	\$ 9,701.17	\$ 16,012.62
Due to Karen	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 39,701.17</u>	<u>\$ 36,012.62</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 39,701.17</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,012.62</u></u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ (15,209.95)	\$ (35,036.51)
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ (15,209.95)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (35,036.51)</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 24,491.22</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 976.11</u></u>

Our Financial Statements are available upon request. Our Audited Financial Statements will be prepared this coming year.

Charitable Registration Number: 705895803 RR 0001





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