



# “Charity Newsletter

July 2020

## Yearly Newsletter

**Our** first year has proven to be a challenge, a blessing and most of all a success.

What started off to be a great first year on the charity front, proved that you always must plan for the best, prepare for the worst and somewhere in between live in the moment.

In December 2019, the Charity was fortunate to have an anonymous donor, donate \$10,000.00. Our donor felt that our land based education ideology was super important and ensured that the donation incorporated \$3,000.00 towards it. The other \$7,000.00 was earmarked to provide 7 scholarships, valued at \$1,000.00 each. Open to all indigenous Students in Manitoba entering into trades as well as the University stream could apply for these via our website.



Our intent was to promote these scholarships to all indigenous youth, across Manitoba in which we did.

We posted information to our website and spread the word at meetings and gatherings, however communication channels proved more difficult to promote our charities scholarships than we anticipated.

We were not able to go about awarding them the way we had hoped, but we were able to award them to some amazing students regardless. We have given out 5 of the 7 awards as of today. We have calls into those students who are waiting on acceptance letters into their programs, to complete the distribution of other two awards, which is part of the requirements.

**Our** second big adventure was to hold our First Annual Eagles/Mikisew Alternative Land Based Education Golf Tournament. This tournament was to involve Southeast Collegiate Students as well as our other Charity partner school (Polson School)

Over the past year Southeast Collegiate has been playing host to Polson School's various students in grades 2-5 and incorporating our Land Based Education teachings. Along with Southeast Collegiate Students, Polson students were treated to a variety of activities such as learning about Grandfather Rocks, and talking sticks as part of indigenous cultural teachings. TeePee teachings were planned for March but were cancelled due to Covid.

The intent of holding the charity tournament was to raise funds to be able to hold more traditional land based education activities outside for these schools, as well as to incorporate one other school as a new partner. This would include the purchase of some canoes, a trailer as

well as all the equipment needed to spend a day on the pond. Watch our website for pictures of these purchases.



**Sheryl McCorrister, Chairperson Eagles/Mikisew Alternative Land Based Education**

We are proud to acknowledge that due to the generosity of the golfers and the amazing sponsors who believe in the charities mission, we raised \$10,200.00

I want to thank our lead sponsor TIPI Insurance, as well as our Putting sponsor, CON PRO and our hole/water sponsor Park Avenue Vending and Coffee Company.

I want to thank all of our other hole sponsors and our contest sponsors who made this possible. I want to thank the golfers, and the companies who allowed their employees to come out and support the event. The volunteers and of course the amazing support team behind the tournament who made this happen.

We are planning to host another Golf Tournament next year and hope you can all make it. Look for our emails in December to ask for your continued support for the Charity.



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**Marlene Waterston, Treasurer**