ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION
DAY OF COMMEMORATION PROGRAM.
JULY 8, 2004

HEALING
THE
LEGACY
Our Mission

Is to encourage and support Aboriginal people in building and reinforcing sustainable healing processes that address the legacy of physical abuse and sexual abuse in the Residential School System, including intergenerational impacts.
Danetxe,

It is with great pleasure and honour that I welcome you to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation’s Day of Commemoration. On this day, we gather to honour the resilience of Residential School Survivors and to recognize their ongoing healing efforts.

The past five years have been rewarding despite the challenges we have faced together. We have met many hard-working people who are committed to breaking the intergenerational cycle of dysfunction that has plagued our lives. There can be no doubt that progress has been made and that a ray of hope has begun to show itself to many. We still have a long way to go, however, and we must persevere.

We know all too well the pain inflicted on generations of Aboriginal people by the Residential School System and other government policies. One impact of the Residential School Legacy is the feeling of isolation that many Aboriginal people continue to feel as a result of being separated from their families and communities.

This is a day to reflect on the past, to celebrate our survival and to cast our thoughts to the future. This is a day to welcome Survivors home and to continue rebuilding our families, communities and nations.

Over the next two days, we will organize a number of activities for Survivors, their families and friends. We hope the networks you establish here will make an important contribution to the sustained effort that is needed to build a better world for ourselves and for the future generations.

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Georges Erasmus
President
Aboriginal Healing Foundation
Acknowledgements
To all the organizations and individuals that helped to make this event a success, thank you!

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BACKGROUND ON THE ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION

Our Statement of Vision, Mission & Values

Our vision is one where those affected by the legacy of Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse experienced in Residential School have addressed the effects of unresolved trauma in meaningful terms, have broken the cycle of abuse, and have enhanced their capacity as individuals, families, communities and nations to sustain their well being and that of future generations.

Our mission is to encourage and support Aboriginal people in building and reinforcing sustainable healing processes that address the legacy of Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse in the Residential School System, including intergenerational impacts.

We see our role as facilitators in the healing process by helping Aboriginal people help themselves, by providing resources for healing initiatives, by promoting awareness of healing issues and needs, and by nurturing a supportive public environment. We also work to engage Canadians in this healing process by encouraging them to walk with us on the path of reconciliation.

Ours is a holistic approach. Our goal is to help create, reinforce and sustain conditions conducive to healing, reconciliation and self-determination. We are committed to addressing the legacy of abuse in all its forms and manifestations, direct, indirect and intergenerational, by building on the strengths and resiliency of Aboriginal people.

We emphasize approaches that address the needs of Aboriginal individuals, families and the broader community. We view prevention of future abuse, and the process of reconciliation between victims and offenders, and between Aboriginal people and Canadians as vital elements in building healthy, sustainable communities.

By making strategic investments of the resources entrusted to us, and by contributing to a climate of care, safety, good will and understanding, we can support the full participation of all Aboriginal people, including Métis, Inuit and First Nations, both on and off reserves and both status and non status, in effective healing processes relevant to our diverse needs and circumstances.
ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION (AHF) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The AHF Board of Directors acknowledges the courage of Aboriginal People who have risen up within many communities to undertake the difficult work of healing.

Georges Erasmus
President
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.

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).


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 (Member, 1987; Officer, 1999); 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), 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.

Garnet Angeconeb
Secretary
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. Mr. Angeconeb is a Survivor of the Pelican Lake Residential School in Sioux Lookout.

Roy Bird
Mr. Bird is a member of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation. Appointed in 1997 to the position of Saskatchewan Regional Director General at the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, he has extensive leadership skills both in elected and appointed positions. Mr. Bird served the Montreal Lake Cree Nation for more than 16 years, both as Councillor and Chief. He also served as Third Vice-Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (1990-1993). Prior to joining the federal public service, Mr. Bird was Chairman of the Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation and was instrumental in the development of the First Nations Bank of Canada.

Rose-Marie Blair
Ms. Blair-Smith is a White River First Nation member of the Crow clan from the Yukon. She holds a diploma in Social Work and has held a number of political offices with the Council of Yukon First Nations, in addition to serving as the Chief of her First Nation community. As the Vice-Chair, Social Programs, she implemented initiatives to combat the effects of residential schools on the Yukon First Nations.

Rose-Marie was a key organizer for the Circumpolar Health Conference and was a researcher on Self-Government provisions for the Yukon Land Claim agreements. Over the years, Rose-Marie has contributed to many boards and committees, including the Yukon Territory Water Board, the Yukon College Board of Governors, the Training Committee for the White River First Nation, and the steering committee for the Yukon Education Act Review. She is currently
enrolled as a student in the Yukon Native Teacher Education Program. Rose-Marie is a devoted grandmother to Nantsana and mother to Joleene and Curtis. As a survivor of Christ the King Convent, she continues to relearn her culture and language and works towards passing them on to the younger generation.

Angus Cockney
Mr. Cockney is an Inuk from Tuktoyaktuk, NWT. 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. 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.

Keith Conn
Mr. Conn is currently the Chief Executive Advisor, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada. He is responsible for overall coordination and negotiation for integrated service delivery models and consultation frameworks for First Nations and Inuit.

Mr. Conn was the former Director General of Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch overseeing the management and implementation of national programs and initiatives to support community health in First Nation and Inuit Communities in chronic disease prevention, children and youth, mental health and addictions. Keith has held a variety of positions in the public and private sector in the areas of health policy and program development and environmental planning. Prior to joining Health Canada, Mr. Conn served as Director of Health and Environment, Assembly of First Nations. Keith is Cree and was born and raised in Moose Factory, Ontario, James Bay.
Marlyn A. Cook M.D., C.C.F.P.
Ms. Cook was born at Norway House, Manitoba. A graduate of the University of Manitoba (M.D.), she currently practices Family Medicine at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Health, in Cornwall, Ontario.

Among her previous positions are Co-Chair, First Nations Task Force on Child and Family Services (in Winnipeg, Manitoba), Consultant to the Medical Services Branch (Winnipeg), Province of Manitoba Medical Examiner, University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine’s Traditional Teachings Program – Debriefing Tutorials, and Assistant Director, Clinical Operations, at the Medical Services Branch of Health Canada (Winnipeg).

Marlyn Cook has sat on numerous Committees and Boards, including the Swampy Cree AIDS Steering Committee, the Manitoba Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada Board, the Mino-Ayaawin Advisory Committee of the Native Women’s Transition Centre, the Thompson General Hospital Perinatal Mortality Committee, the National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (NIHB-Medical Services Branch), and the Balancing Choices and Opportunities in Sciences and Technology for Aboriginal People National Steering Committee. She was also the Chair of the Facility Planning Committee and a Board Member at the Sioux Lookout Mino-Ya-Win Health Centre.

Ms. Cook is currently a member of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Drug Utilization Committee.

Susan Hare
Vice-President
Ms. Hare is an Ojibway of the M’Chigeeng First Nation. A practicing lawyer, she worked to establish the Intensive Program in First Nations Lands, Resources and Governance at York University’s Osgoode Hall.

Carrielynn Lamouche
Treasurer
Ms. Lamouche is a Métis consultant from Gift Lake, one of Alberta’s eight Métis settlements. She possesses a degree from the Royal Conservatory of Music and a Master’s degree in Social Work. An Aboriginal person with disabilities, she works with governments, businesses, and educational institutions to identify and remove barriers that prevent or discourage persons with disabilities from full participation in community. Among her extensive committee work is service on the Premier’s Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Provincial Human Rights, Multicultural Education Fund Advisory Committee, the Canadian Institute of Health Research Ethics Standing Committee, and Chairperson of the Gift Lake Peace Advisory Committee. Ms. Lamouche co-ordinated and facilitated several events, including the Métis Settlements General Council Youth and Elder’s conferences. As a child, she attended St. Mary’s Residential School in Kenora, Ontario.
Bill Lightbown
Mr. Lightbown, a Kootenai, was spokesperson for the Ts’peten Defence Committee during the Gustafsen Lake standoff. He is a former Board member of the Vancouver Aboriginal Centre and the co-founder of the United Native Nations, also having served two terms as its President.

Elizbeth Hourie Palfrey
Ms. Palfrey is a Métis based in Winnipeg and Rankin Inlet and has an extensive health and business background. She is currently working on special projects for the Evaz Group as a Board Member and shareholder.

The Evaz Group, a company with operations throughout Nunavut, has been active in business development for thirty years and is committed to developing a healthy and diverse private sector economy to allow greater opportunity for its residents.

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 late brother, are all Survivors.

Ms Palfrey, a grandmother, has been active on community boards and issues for many years and continues to be committed to aboriginal youth, assisting wherever possible to instill cultural pride, self-esteem, and hope for the future.
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, life skills instructing and volunteering are major interests in Mr. Severight’s life.

Navalik (Helen) Tologanak
Ms. Tologanak of Cambridge Bay, Nunavut is a journalist with Northern News Services and a Community Justice Facilitator for Wellness and Recreation for the municipality of Cambridge Bay.

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.

Cindy Whiskeyjack
Ms. Whiskeyjack is a fourth-year student working towards a Bachelor’s degree in the Faculty of Education, specializing in Native Education at the University of Alberta. A Métis, she lives in Edmonton. She was appointed as a provincial member of the Métis National Youth Advisory Council.
Nora Cummings
Board Elder
Ms. Cummings was born and raised in Saskatoon. Founder of the Saskatchewan Native Women’s Association (in 1971), she has been involved in the creation of several organizations including the Saskatoon Metis Society Local #11 and the Native Women’s Association of Canada (founding member of the Board of Directors). She is a former Member of the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre Board of Directors and former Chairperson of the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Election Commission. Among her awards and recognitions are the Guy Bouvier Lifetime Achievement Award, Queen’s Golden Jubilee Award (in 2002), and the 2003 Blue Lantern Award (Heritage/Culture). In December, 1993, Senator Nora Cummings took the Oath of Office, as a Senator for the Metis Nation Saskatchewan Senate, where she still remains.

Helen Maksagak
Board Elder
Helen Mamayaok Maksagak was born at Bernard Harbour in the Northwest Territories. Her professional history includes work as a civilian employee of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the management of a transient center. In 1992, Ms. Maksagak became the Deputy Commissioner for the Northwest Territories, receiving in December 1994 an appointment to Commissioner. She was both the first woman and the first Inuk to occupy these positions. In March, 1999, she was chosen the first Commissioner of the then-newly created Nunavut Territory. Her term lasted until April 2000.

Danny Musqua
Board Elder
Mr. Musqua is currently the resident Elder for the Masters of Aboriginal Social Work at the First Nations University of Canada (formerly the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College). He also teaches in the Masters program, co-ordinates culture camp, provides traditional activities such as sweatlodge ceremonies and supports individuals through traditional counselling. He holds an honorary degree from the U of S, where he formerly taught. He has been a band councillor and has received a Citizen of the Year award from the FSIN.
AHF Day of Commemoration

To Commemorate the Resilience of Residential School Survivors

Thursday, July 8, 2004
Simultaneous translation (French and Inuktitut) will be provided in all plenary sessions as indicated on the agenda.

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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General of Canada

12:00 pm
Lunch provided
AHF Video Presentation
Where are the Children?
Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools

1:30 pm
Day of Commemoration Activities

Play "Indian Time"
Presented by the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company

Indian Time is about 5 Aboriginal Youth and their journey through confusion and mystery as they try to come to grips with the potentially dangerous and mystical teachings of Zeke their Elder. Through the teachings of Zeke, these 5 youth struggle with their spirituality and what it means to them. The production works with the themes of humour, relationships, cultural identity and the intergenerational effects of Residential Schools.

The story moves from reality to the dream world through the impressive use of lighting, set, sound and makeup that ultimately captures the fears and strength of the characters on stage. The story begins with Zeke, the Elder, introducing 5 youth and the challenges they face as part of a healing circle: Tracey (a misguided youth), Jimmy (abandoned by his mother), Becky (a teenage mother), Dennis (the spiritually grounded leader), and Meesees (a reformed drug addict). Zeke lets the audience in on the secret he holds...He is a "Time Seer" and he has been teaching the kids some of the secrets. He is "killed" by one of the Kiwansikit (Kwan – say – git) or "lost spirits" looking to "go home". The lost spirits then go after each of the 5 youth, and it is only through fighting their fears and coming to grips with their culture and identities that they are able to finally be free.
Healing Through the Spirit of Humour and Laughter  
Presenter: Moccasin Joe  
This workshop explains the uses and types of humour, its appropriateness and benefits. Such methods include group discussions, and group interaction, to create laughter, communication and understanding.

In the workshop "Healing Through The Spirit of Humour" the facilitator encourages participants to find humour in themselves and explore ways of using their unique sense of humour to the benefit of themselves and those with whom they interact.

Healing Journey Story  
Presenter: Maggie Hodgson  
My presentation will be about the journey of resiliency and the importance of attitude when moving forward. I will speak about my mother Sophie Ketlo and my brother Victor Lacerte’s attendance at residential school and my attendance at what was referred to as boarding school in later years. It will reflect their life choices and the effects on me. My journey from being raised by a loving mother who learned to be a supervisor not a mother. I will reflect how my journey has led me to the work I do today. I will address the elements of belonging, justice, identity and commitment. Also, how these key elements were disrupted and since have been reframed in my life and how I continue to be human in my responses to daily challenges while paying attention to the lessons I have learned from my mother by her example of preparing for the future.

Men’s Sharing/ Location: Salon 19/20  
Women’s Sharing/ Location: Salon 17/18  
Open Sharing/ Location: Salon 15/16  
Talking Circle

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm
Workshop Healing with Humour  
Presenter: Cecilia Fire Thunder

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  
Tours of the Exhibition  
Where are the Children?  
Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools

The shuttle will leave the Shaw Conference Centre at 1:15 pm sharp. Please meet at the Gathering Information booth in the lobby of the Assembly Level prior to departure.

3:00 pm  
Welcome Home Ceremony  
Location: Hall A/B

The Welcome Home Ceremony will Commemorate Survivors through Honour Songs, a two-medicine circle and gifting.

SOCIAL

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Entertainment

Buffalo Lake Métis Traditional Dancers
The Sun’s Drum – Inuit Throat Singers
Round Dance
On this day, we gather to honour the resilience of Residential School Survivors and to recognize their ongoing healing efforts. During the Day of Commemoration the agenda will include the following activities:

**July 8, 2004 – 8:30 am**
Survivor Entry/Opening Ceremony

All Survivors of Residential Schools in attendance at the Day of Commemoration are welcome to participate in the entry into the main plenary (Hall A/B of the Shaw Conference Centre) together as part of the opening ceremony.

All Survivors of Residential Schools are asked to proceed down the escalators to Salon 8/9 after registering for the event. The location of Salon 8/9 is on the Shaw Conference Centre map on page 17. The group will assemble in this room at 8:00 am and proceed into the main plenary together at 8:30 am. Please note the room will have coffee/tea and juice service while you are waiting to go into the opening ceremony.

Tables and seating will be set aside at the front of the plenary session to accommodate Survivors of Residential Schools participating in the Opening Ceremony.

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Chairs will be assembled in circles and Survivors are asked to sit in the inner rows of the circles.

Day of Commemoration participants who are not Survivors of Residential Schools are asked to participate in this important part of the Day of Commemoration agenda by returning to the plenary room (Hall A/B of the Shaw Conference Centre) by 3:00 pm.

July 9 To 10, 2004 - Activities For Survivors Of Residential Schools

The focus of activities taking place at the Shaw Conference Centre on July 9 and 10, 2004 will be on workshops for AHF-funded project staff. While Survivors of Residential Schools are welcome to attend these workshops, the AHF has arranged for activities that may be of greater interest to Survivors. Survivor activities will take place at the Westin Hotel. Please proceed to the Gathering Information Booth in the lobby of the Assembly Level for the July 9 and 10, 2004 Survivor activity Agenda. The location of the Gathering Information Booth is noted on the Shaw Conference Centre map on page 17.
(Anna please see the faxed maps provided for changes to be made by Earthlore)
INFORMATION FAIR PARTICIPANTS

AHF-Funded Project Displays
A Journey of Healing – Nova Scotia
"Bringing Home The Lost Generations" – Manitoba
Chief Mountain Residential School Healing Program – Alberta
Circle Helpers – Saskatchewan
Family Development Program at the Houston Friendship Centre – British Columbia
First Nation House of Healing – British Columbia
Four Arrows Regional Health Authority - Manitoba
Holistic Self Care Program - Saskatchewan
Mianiqsiit – Nunavut
Niwichihaw Healing Circle – Alberta
Niłka’pamux Health & Healing Society – British Columbia
Residential School Survivor Support Program - Manitoba
Sacred Circle Centre – Alberta
Sioux Lookout Anti-Racism Committee – Ontario
Six Nations Social Development Program - Ontario
Sunchild First Nation - Alberta
The Healing Journey Home - Ontario
Trauma Recovery Program at the Enaahtig Healing Lodge – Ontario
Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society – British Columbia
Urban Life Skills – British Columbia
Working Together To Build Healthy Communities - Manitoba

Organizations and Associations
Aboriginal Healing Foundation Research Booth
Aboriginal Healing Foundation Promotional Booth
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Craft Vendors/Artisans
Laura McLaughlin
Myrtle Calahaison
Patricia Piche’s Contemporary Fashions
Rincon Company
Shirley Sanderson Crafts
Silversmith Crafts
Tumi Comp
BIOGRAPHIES

Looee Nowdlak Arreak
Performer
Looee Arreak grew up in Pangnirtung, on Baffin Island, in Nunavut. Looee started singing in her home and in church choir when she was only 6 years old. She started performing and writing songs when she was 16 years old. She created a band for herself, she started traveling with her band to many communities to perform for Music Festivals and special occasions. She performed for the signing of Nunavut land claims agreement in 1993 in Kugluktuk, Nunavut.

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Looee sings in Inuktitut and in English. Most of her songs are in the Inuktitut language.

Looee recorded her first CD when she was 19 years of age titled “Don’t Give Up”. This song is an all time favorite for many people young and old in the North. The song ‘Don’t Give Up’ has been a very powerful song that touched many people. Looee created this song to encourage young people to keep going in life and that there is a hope. The CD has been used by CBC, APTN, community drama groups, and many others. The song “Don’t Give Up” was also the theme for 2003 Suicide Prevention Conference held in Iqaluit.

Today Looee Arreak is a policy analyst for Nunavut Government, Department of Health and Social Services. She is married to James T. Arreak and they have two children: Darcy and Kaaju.

Looee has been an inspiration to many young people through her songs and through her caring and nurturing personality. She has touched many lives through her songs and through speaking to young people about life and hope for the future.

Kukdookaa (Terri Brown)
President of the Native Women’s Association of Canada
Kukdookaa was born into the Tahlton Nation. Her strong matrilineal culture has shaped her philosophy and values as a Tahlton woman. Terri is a member of the Crow clan. Terri is the mother of three children, Aaron, Jasmine and Elliott.

Terri attended residential schools in Whitehorse from the age of 10. She acquired a BA in Economics, minor in Linguistics at Simon Fraser University. Her political activism spans 3 decades. Work history includes service to First Nation communities in Band offices, Tribal Councils and Corporations. During the past decade she has worked primarily with women’s organizations including; Aboriginal Women’s Council, Indian Homemaker’s Association of BC, Vancouver Status of Women, and the Helping Spirit Lodge Society. Terri was elected the first Aboriginal President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Participated in the following events:

- Represented Canadian women at the Beijing +5 UN Conference, New York City
- Visited war affected camps in Eritrea and met with officials and toured Oxfam projects in Ethiopia
- Speaks at international and national gatherings on Aboriginal women’s issues
- Represented G8 countries and presented to the UN on poverty and violence
- Participated in the preparation of “Gathering the Voices” document and presented at the WCAR
• Attended the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa
• Working Group, Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, UNN Geneva
• World Intellectual Property Organization, UN Geneva

Terri grew up on a remote reservation. Her strong cultural and spiritual identity has given her the motivation and strength to survive the many hardships that Aboriginal women face. Terri was greatly influenced by her late mother, Mrs. Jean Brown, who encouraged her to get an education, and to leave her community for opportunities to advance herself and to be a proud Tahltan woman.

Terri views the colonizer mentality that permeates all structures of Canadian society as the main challenge. Oppression by colonialism has fragmented leadership of Aboriginal peoples. When Aboriginal women are included in decision-making and governance, then we will see real change.

Buffalo Lake Métis Cultural Dancers Performers
The Kikino Métis Settlement, located 220 kilometers northeast of Edmonton, Alberta, is home to the Métis dancers. This Métis settlement has become known for providing Alberta with some of the finest Métis dancers and champion Red River jiggers. In 1978 funding acquired through the Education North Society of Alberta, launched the Métis Culture Awareness Program on the Kikino Métis Settlement. One component was to teach youth the Métis traditional dances that were performed by ancestors, and that became a very important part of cultural identity.

The Honourable Pearl Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

President Clément Chartier
Métis National Council

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General of Canada
Born in Hong Kong in 1939, Madame Clarkson came to Canada as a refugee with her family, during the war in 1942. She received her early education in the Ottawa public school system and later obtained an Honours B.A. and an M.A. in English Literature from the University of Toronto. She also did post-graduate work at the Sorbonne in France. Madame Clarkson is fluently bilingual.
A leading figure in Canada’s cultural life, Madame Clarkson has had a rich and distinguished career in broadcasting, journalism, the arts and public service. From 1982 to 1987, Madame Clarkson served as the first Agent-General for Ontario in Paris, promoting Ontario’s business and cultural interests in France, Italy and Spain. She was the President and Publisher of McClelland & Stewart from 1987 to 1988. From 1965 to 1982, Madame Clarkson worked as host, writer and producer of several influential programs on CBC Television, including Take Thirty, Adrienne at Large and the fifth estate. A noted writer, she also contributed numerous articles to major newspapers and magazines in Canada and wrote three books. In 1988, she assumed responsibilities as Executive Producer, Host and Writer for the programs Adrienne Clarkson’s Summer Festival and Adrienne Clarkson Presents for a period of 11 years. She also wrote and directed several films. Her work in television has garnered her dozens of TV awards in Canada and the U.S.

At the time of her becoming Governor General, Madame Clarkson served as Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, as well as President of the Executive Board of IMZ, the international audio-visual association of music, dance and cultural programmers, based in Vienna. She was also the Executive Producer and Host of the CBC Television program, Something Special, a Lay Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada as well as Honorary Patron of a number of artistic and charitable organizations. She has received honorary doctorates and academic distinctions from a number of Canadian universities.

Madame Clarkson has received numerous prestigious awards both in Canada and abroad in recognition for her outstanding contribution in professional and charitable endeavours. She was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1992, and upon her appointment as Governor General, she became Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada.

Leonard Dick a.k.a Moccasin Joe Workshop
Leonard Dick was born and raised in the remote Native Community of Macdiarmid in Northern Ontario. He is Ojibway, French and Scottish heritage. He completed his High School education at Lakeview High School in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Leonard worked for many years at the Thunder Bay District Jail and the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre as a Correctional Officer. He also worked as a Customs Inspector for Customs Canada. He later developed the fictional, stereotypical Indian character of Moccasin Joe as a standup routine. He also developed a workshop entitled "Healing Through the Spirit of Humour and Laughter" which has been well received at numerous conferences.

Leonard has presented the workshop effectively at numerous Tribal communities in both Canada and the U.S. bringing them the joy and healing power of laughter. He has also done motivational speaking at many conferences. He also maintains a home based arts and crafts business.

Leonard’s family include his wife of 26 years, Ann, and four (4) grown children. He has maintained sobriety for the past 28 years, one day at a time.

He lists his goals as to make as many people laugh as he can and help people to
develop their greatest untapped resources,
their own sense of humour, to change the
tears of pain into tears of laughter and joy.

Mario Dion
Deputy Minister
Indian Residential Schools Resolution
Canada
Mario Dion has been the Deputy Minister of
Indian Residential Schools Resolution
Canada since April 2003.

Mr. Dion began his career in the Public
Service in 1980 as Legal Counsel and then
Senior Counsel at Correctional Service
Canada and the National Parole Board.
After becoming an Assistant Deputy
Minister in 1988, he was appointed Deputy
Commissioner, Correctional Programs and
Operations, at Correctional Service Canada
in 1990. Mr. Dion re-joined the Department
of Justice in 1992 as Assistant Deputy
Minister, Corporate Management, and was
named Associate Deputy Minister, Civil Law
and Corporate Management in 1994. After
a short period at the Privy Council Office in
1996, where he held the position of Deputy
Clerk and Counsel, he returned to the
Department of Justice to re-assume the
position of Associate Deputy Minister, Civil
Law and Corporate Management.

While at the Department of Justice,
Mr. Dion was the departmental champion
for official languages, mentoring, the
Justice Open Youth Network and visible
minorities.

Mr. Dion received his L.L. L. and the Gold
Medal from the University of Ottawa in 1979,
and was called to the Quebec Bar in 1980.

National Chief Dwight Allister Dorey
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
National Chief Dwight Allister Dorey
was re-elected to the position at the
organization’s Annual General Assembly on
November 8, 2002 for a second three-year
term of office.

The Congress, formerly Native Council
of Canada is the national advocacy
organization for more than 800,000 off-
reserve Aboriginal peoples living in urban,
rural and remote areas throughout Canada.

Chief Dorey, a Mi’kmaw from Lunenburg
County, Nova Scotia, has more than 25 years
of experience in Aboriginal politics at the
provincial, national and international levels.

Prior to his first election as National Chief,
he was senior policy advisor to the Congress.
He served as elected Chief and President of
the Native Council of Nova Scotia from
1989 to 1997. First elected in May, 1977,
he also served as Vice President of the
Native Council of Nova Scotia until 1989,
with the exception of a two year term
(1984-85) as Vice President of the Native
Council of Canada.

His extensive political experience has been
strengthened by his senior management
career as President and General Manager
of the Mikmakik Development Corporation
in Nova Scotia, and as Operations Manager
for the Associated Management Group
in Toronto.

Chief Dorey holds a Master's Degree in
Canadian Studies from Carleton University
in Ottawa. He is the co-editor of “The
Aboriginal Peoples’ Movement Off-Reserve”
a book to be published in early 2003.

He has served on several boards of directors
nationally and regionally, and has travelled
widely internationally as a participant and
delegate at several United Nations and
Organization of American States meetings
and conferences.

Cecilia Fire Thunder
(insert bio)

First Nations Drum Group
(insert bio)

National Chief Phil Fontaine
Assembly of First Nations
Mr. Fontaine is Anishinabe from Sagkeeng
First Nation in Manitoba. He has dedicated
most of his life to the advancement of First
Nations people. From the beginning as a
First Nations Youth activist with the
Canadian Indian Youth Council, Phil has
been an advocate for First Nations rights. In
1973, he was elected Chief of his
community for two consecutive terms.
Upon completion of his mandate as Chief
of Sagkeeng, Phil and his family moved to
the Yukon territory to serve as the Regional
Director General with the federal
government. In 1980, Phil returned to
Manitoba to complete his degree in Political
Science at the University of Manitoba.
Upon his graduation, he worked for the
Southeast Resource Development Council
as a Special Advisor to the Tribal Council,
which was followed by his election to the
position of Manitoba’s Vice Chief for the
Assembly of First Nations.

He is a visionary leader and has been
instrumental in facilitating change.
He attended the Residential Schools of
Sagkeeng and Assiniboia, and was the first
Aboriginal leader to publicly expose the
shocking abuses that existed in secrecy
within the Residential School system. While
Chief of Sagkeeng, his belief in the
autonomy and treaty rights of First Nations
resulted in the establishment of Canada’s
first locally controlled education system;
Child & Family Services; and the first
on-reserve Alcohol Treatment Centre.

In 1991, he was elected Grand Chief of the
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and served for
three consecutive terms. Working together
with Manitoba’s First Nations communities,
Grand Chief Fontaine was instrumental in
the defeat of the Meech Lake Accord; the
development of Manitoba’s Framework
Agreement Initiative and signed an
Employment Equity Agreement with 39
Federal Agencies.

In 1997 he was elected National Chief
of the Assembly of First Nations and
continued to provide exemplary leadership
in the advancement of First Nations issues.
Milestones included the Federal
Government’s Statement of Reconciliation;
First Nation involvement in the Federal
Government’s Clarity Bill; the Declaration
of Kinship and Cooperation of the
Indigenous and First Nations of North
America; and the development of the CGA Canada Memorandum of Understanding. He built bridges between the First Nations of North America with the Declaration of Kinship and Cooperation of the Indigenous and First Nations of North America and was the first Native Leader to address the Organization of American States. His belief in creating an inclusive Assembly of First Nations ensured that all AFN information was accessible to French-speaking Chiefs of Quebec through the provision of translation services.

Following his term as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Phil was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Indian Claims Commission. One of the many achievements of the Independent Claims Commission under his term was the resolution of Kahkewistihaw First Nation’s outstanding 1907 land claim, resulting in a $94.6 million agreement for the Saskatchewan Band. In May 2003, Phil resigned from his appointment with the ICC in order to run for the national chief’s position.

Phil is a wonderful role model and brings a wealth of experience at the local, regional, national and international levels in working for First Nations communities. He is a charismatic leader with a proven track record in delivering results. Phil is closely connected to his culture and traditions and is fluent in the Ojibwe language. He is also the proud father of two children and a Mishoom to five grandchildren.

Dr. Maggie Hodgson (Hon.)
Dr. Maggie Hodgson is a member of the Carrier Nation who has worked nationally and internationally on Justice and Healing initiatives. Maggie worked in the Justice arena for fourteen years, and in education and healing for fifteen years. She was the chief lobbyist for the first "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering" held in Edmonton, Alberta, with 3200 people participating from across the world.

Maggie spearheaded a National Health Promotions initiative celebrating success campaign called "Keeping The Circle Strong". This initiative started with 25 communities across Canada and has enjoyed the participation of 1500 communities across Canada.

Maggie has presented at many conferences across Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, and Norway on community healing. She has been a community developer, church and government policy lobbyist, co-author of four books, and has managed an Aboriginal education research and health promotions institute for eighteen years. Thirty-eight colleges and universities utilize one of the books, "Nation to Nation". The proceeds from her writing serve to provide bursaries for third world students to study addictions.

She has received many awards for her work in the community development from various organizations such as the National Aboriginal Achievements Award, the United Nations Community Development Award, the Canadian Public Health Community Development Award Association, the Alberta Aboriginal Role Model Award, the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission Award of Excellence, "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide". International Award for Leadership in International Development from Health Canada in New Zealand, and the Canadian Centre of Substance Abuse Award of Excellence. Moreover, she was acknowledged by two Universities with
honorary doctorates: the University of Alberta and St. Paul's University of Ottawa.

Maggie is currently working on residential schools healing and reconciliation issues. Her work serves to support the Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve cases outside the court.

She is a wife, mother, and an auntie who has helped raise other children. Maggie values building relationships in families of communities within the limits of our humanity and with the Creator’s guiding hand.

Jose A. Kusugak: President
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
Jose was born on May 2nd, 1950 in an iglu in Naujaat (Repulse Bay), located on the Arctic Circle. He is the second eldest of seven brothers and four sisters and attended school in Chesterfield Inlet and Churchill and attended high school in Saskatoon.

Jose Kusugak first got involved with the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (then Inuit Tapirisat of Canada) in the early 1970s to work on the standardization of the Inuit writing system. Because project funding was delayed, Jose worked as an assistant to then President Tagak Curley, introducing the concept of land claims to Inuit in the Arctic. In 1974 Jose went to Alaska to study the Alaska land claims and traveled the Inuvialuit region as part of the land use and occupancy study tour. From late 1974 to 1977, Jose chaired the standardization program of the Inuktitut language; from 1980 to 1990, he was the Area Manager of CBC in the Kivalliq (Keewatin) region, and; from 1994 to 2000 he was the President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, an affiliate of ITC.

Andrea Menard
Performer
Andrea Menard is a Métis actor and singer from Saskatoon who just closed the premiere production of 400 Kilometers at Saskatchewan Native Theatre. She also recently performed at the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Calgary. She is becoming well known for her role as Constable Amanda Strongeagle in the Big Soul Productions’ new hit television series, Moccasin Flats, and as her role of Velvet Laurent in her one woman show, The Velvet Devil. Her first album, entitled Andrea Menard as The Velvet Devil, which is the accompanying music from her play, was nominated for two Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards and one Western Canadian Music Award. Selected theatre credits: Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth (Persphone), Wizard of Oz (Globe), Street Wheat (Dancing Sky), Wawatay (Sask Native Theatre). Film credits: Skipped Parts, I Accuse, The Pedestrian, as well as Anne Wheeler’s latest CBC movie, Betrayed.

Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company
Performers
The Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company Inc. (SNTC) utilizes the arts as a means to empower, educate, and inspire Aboriginal youth through mentorship’s with professional artists and cultural/arts leaders. SNTC provides respectful and meaningful cultural and artistic experiences that build confidence and pride and that provide opportunities for individuals to achieve their personal, social and career goals and aspirations.

The Circle of Voices Program is a youth, culture, arts, education, healing and
wellness initiative that provides cultural development, performing arts skill development, life skills and career development for Aboriginal youth. Participants work collaboratively to create, develop and present a play that is based on their stories and understandings of themes that are relevant and meaningful to urban and rural youth and communities.

The Sun’s Drum (Siqiniup Qilauta) Performers
The name of the group, Siqiniup Qilauta, roughly translates to The Sun’s Drum. The name was influenced by an Inuit legend they heard about the sun. When the sun has a complete halo around it, it indicates good luck and the halo is meant to be a drum. Siqiniup Qilauta does Inuit cultural performances that include: throat singing, drum dancing, and singing traditional songs. The performers include Tracy Aasivak Brown and Kendra Tagoona.

Tracy Aasivak Brown was born in Iqaluit, Nunavut and originally from Pangnirtung, Nunavut. Through song and dance she finds a connection with her Inuit culture. Her training as a throat singer/drum dancer began through a series of performance lessons in Ottawa. She also learned this practice by the traditional Inuit way of learning, which is to observe and practice on your own. She practiced meticulously and was taught by highly skilled Inuit performers. Her family also has a strong role in her artistic development because of the strong knowledge of Inuit culture and values that were passed down to her by her uncle that is a distinguished Inuit artist.

Kendra Tagoona was a young high school student in Ottawa when she began her training as a performing artist and participated in extensive training in ballet, modern and jazz. As her passion for the performing arts grew, so did her interest to learn more about her Inuit father’s background, who is from Baker Lake, Nunavut. Since her initial training, she became involved in performing for many years with various Inuit artists and shows, which led to her career as a professional performing artist. She continued to focus mainly on the Inuit art forms of traditional drum dancing, ayaya singing, and also incorporated contemporary dance with traditional movements and outfits.

In more recent years, she met her throat singing partner, who taught her how to perform this unique type of singing and traditional form of Inuit entertainment. Kendra is a member of the Inuit Cultural Performers and is performing at this event with Tracy Aasivak Brown (The Sun’s Drum).

Winston Wuttunee
Day of Commemoration Chairperson
Winston Wuttunee is a versatile performer, master of ceremonies, storyteller, conference host and educator. He has traveled across the world giving concerts. He is fluent in Cree, French and English. He understands and uses Indian protocol at Indian Gatherings. He has won many awards and is called back year after year to different conferences and gatherings. His greatest strength is the ability to focus on the job at hand.

He is presently preparing a one day Indian music program for non-Aboriginal music teachers this is to become a book and hopefully to be used in the Canadian educational system.

He is the father of five sons and one daughter. Three of them have canoed across Canada from Edmonton to Québec. The oldest one Stephane Wuttunee has done it twice. His children have taught him the
greatest gifts and that was to "Let go and let God" and "Don't sweat the small stuff".

Two of his children suffered mental and emotional problems and for 15 years he stuck it out with them until one was safely through, got work and became instrumental in the courier company as a foreman. One is still struggling but has his father's complete attention at any time. One has written a successful book "Starnations" and continues to do readings on the book.

This family has always been in the public eye starting from his father who was chosen to represent Canada in the world Olympics as a five miler when the First World War broke out.
COUNSELLING SERVICES

Counselling services are available throughout the National Gathering for participants. Please do not hesitate to access these services. Counsellors are easily identifiable by their royal blue AHF golf shirts with counsellor written on the front. You may also go to the counselling room located in Salon 2 on the Meeting Level to access counselling services.

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During counselling room hours you can access counselling services by calling the following numbers:

Telephone #1: (780) 917 - 7883
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When the counselling room is closed counselling services can be accessed by calling the following numbers:

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After the event is over counselling services can be accessed by contacting the Nechi Institute at (780) 459-1884 or toll free 1-800-459-1884.
Provincial Museum of Alberta
Exhibition
Where are the Children?
Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools
May 7 to August 2, 2004
This exhibition explores Canada’s residential school history through 45 photographs dated from 1885 to 1960. Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools is accompanied by documents from the collections of the National Archives of Canada and other major archives. On display in the Museum’s Orientation Gallery.

The shuttle will leave the Shaw Conference Centre on July 8th at 1:15 pm sharp. Shuttles will also be available July 9 and 10 as outlined in the Survivors activities agenda. Please meet at the Gathering Information booth in the lobby of the Assembly Level prior to departure. Delegates are also welcome to visit the exhibition throughout the week.

Address:
12845–102nd Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 0M6
Telephone: (780) 453-9100
Fax: (780) 454-6629

Below is a map showing how to find the Alberta Provincial Museum
GENERAL INFORMATION

Gathering Information Booth
If you require information or assistance please proceed to the Gathering Information Booth located in the lobby of the Assembly Level.

Gathering Office
The Gathering Office is located in Salon D on the Assembly Level. The telephone number is (780) 917-7881 the fax number is (780) 917-7882.

Elders Lounge
The Elders lounge is located in Salon 1 on the Meeting Level.

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Phone and Fax Messages
Phone and fax messages will be posted on a message board near the Gathering Information booth in the lobby of the Assembly Level.

Security/First Aid
Security is situated on the Pedway Level in the information booth. Security/First Aid can be contacted 24-7 via the house telephones by dialing "0". Security will respond at this time and assess as well as contact emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) if needed.

Taxis
Alberta Co-op Taxi Line
Telephone: (780) 425-2525

Wheelchair Rental
The AHF has rented a limited number of wheelchairs for the event. Please go to the Gathering Information booth in the lobby of the Assembly Level if you are in need of a wheelchair. In order to rent wheelchairs photo identification will be required.