# Annual Report 2020



Thursday July 16, 2020 6:00 p.m.

## VIRTUAL

via Zoom Video Conference

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Anduhyaun Inc.

# MANDATE

# "To support Indigenous women and their children in their efforts to maintain their cultural identity, self-esteem, and economic, physical and spiritual well-being"

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

President	Deborah Graham (resigned)
Vice President	Catherine Pawis
Treasurer	Andrew Manini
Secretary	Spenta Mazkoori
Member	Angel Maracle
Member	Judy Malcom
Member	Evonne Wright
Member	Stephanie Hill
Member	Tashia Edwards
Member	Carolyn Dinshaw

## **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday July 16, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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#### AGENDA

Opening Prayer led by Gertie Beaucage

#### Moment of Silence

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting
- 3. Business Arising
- 4. Message from the President
- 5. Auditor's Report
- 6. Appointment of Auditor for 2020-2021
- 7. Program Reports
- 8. Present Board of Directors Slate
- 9. Questions or Concerns
- 10. Meeting Adjournment
- 11. Closing Prayer



#### ANDUHYAUN INC.

Annual Meeting Minutes – July 4, 2019 Gathering Room, Nekenaan 1296 Weston Road, Toronto ON

**Present:** Deborah Graham, Cathy Pawis, Spenta Mazkoori, Judy Malcom, Andrew Manini, Stephanie Hill, Tashia Edwards, Evonne Wright, Carolyn Dinshaw, Angel Maracle, Blanche Meawassige, Jannies Le, Robin Chenevert-Keays, Amber Laforme, Nancy Debassige, Roma George, Janet Cangiano, J. Victor Parker, MPP Faisal Hasson, MP Ahmed Hussen Representative, Lisa Rainford (Councilor Frances Nunziata representative), Steven Silverberg

Regrets: Wanda Whitebird

Note taker: Deborah Brant

#### **Opening Prayer –** Evonne Wright

#### Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was had for the Victims of Violence, and Murdered and Missing Indigenous women.

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

#### 1. Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda

Motion: "To accept the 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda as presented.

Moved: Cathi Pawis Second: Andrew Manini Carried:

Deborah Graham, Anduhyaun Board of Directors President, thanked and welcomed everyone for attending the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Deborah Graham asked everyone to introduce themselves.

#### 2. Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion: "To accept the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes, with amendments".

Moved: Andrew Manini Second: Judy Malcom Carried:

• Amendments: Page 7: 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; date should read March 12, 1973.

#### 3. Business arising

N/A

#### 4. Message From the President

#### President's Annual Report – Deborah Graham

On behalf of my fellow Board members, welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

At the beginning of our Annual General meetings, we give special mention to Anduhyaun's original Grandmothers, Vera Martin, Mildred Redmond, Mary Jane Young and Jeannette Lavell, and signatories of our Letters Patent, March 12<sup>th</sup>1973. They would be pleased that our circle continues to remain strong.

Anduhyaun's board has grown to 9 dedicated volunteer board members. We are proud to be working with a wide range of dedicated and caring individuals. We, as a board are constantly growing and learning through our involvement to be an effective board. I am confident we will remain steadfast in addressing the pressing challenges ahead. Next year, we will focus on board governance and structure with the development of new committees and sub-committees.

You will also see from Steve Silverberg's, Auditor's report, our efforts to remain within budget have proven to be successful. Thank you to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), and ALFDC Homelessness Partnering Strategy, for the administrative support and funding. We extend special thanks and gratitude to those who have donated time, items and finances this past year; to name a few, Unifor 112, Kiwanis Toronto, the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, Basketeers, The Dugas Family, Maxine Noel, acclaimed artist and Order of Canada Recipient.

It has been a busy year for our Fundraising Committee. Our objectives were to increase our fundraising efforts through events and partnerships. This year, our 7 dedicated members of the Fundraising committee raised \$70,241.36. We held two fundraising events, one, our second Annual Strawberry Moon Fundraiser in June 2018; second, an online Winter Campaign, for both events we raised \$27,741.93. The committee helped raise donations of \$42,499.43 from grants and third party fundraisers. We hosted a donor appreciation evening, Friends of Anduhyaun, for our donors and sponsors. I would like to thank the fundraising committee for their dedication and hard work.

We want to recognize and thank our Executive Director, Blanche Meawassige for her continued efforts to secure a new shelter. For the upcoming year, we will continue our fundraising efforts and our quest for a new shelter.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to raise awareness and bringing an end to Gender-Based Violence, Murder and Missing Indigenous Women, Human Trafficking and violence against children.

I would like to thank all of members of the board and volunteers for their generosity of spirit, and staff who remain dedicated to our mandate.

#### Miigwetch/Thank You

Motion: "To accept the President's annual report as presented".

Moved Andrew Manini Second: Cathi Pawis Carried:

Faisal Hassan, MPP York South-Weston, presented Anduhyaun Inc with a certificate in recognition of the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### 5. <u>Auditor's Report</u> – Forster, Silverberg and Short LLP

The audited financial statements for 2018-2019 were presented by Steven Silverberg.

Motion: "To accept the auditor's report, as presented".

Moved: Andrew Manini Second: Tashia Edwards

Carried:

#### 6. Appointment of Auditor for 2019/2020

Motion: "To accept Forster, Silverberg and Short LLP as the 2019/2020 auditors".

Moved: Judy Malcolm Second: Spenta Mazkoori Carried

#### 7. Program Reports

#### Executive Director's Report – Blanche Meawassige

This past year there have been a number of changes, including the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS). HPS was a unique community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to communities including Anduhyaun, for which are appreciative. Today, we are now working with Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (formally HPS) which was designed to support the goals of the National Housing Strategy.

To Anduhyaun's donors and funders we appreciate your ongoing support, notably, (formerly) Ministry of Community Social Services (MCSS), Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS); Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), The Rotary Club of Etobicoke; Unifor 112; and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

Last year's report spoke to our success in obtaining funds from The Human Trafficking Strategy, MCSS, to conduct a study. Since, Bonnie Johnston and Tsitra McKay completed the study which looked at the need for wrap-around services. Our project was called Nanda. Loosely translated from Anishnaabemowin, Nanda means 'to look or to search.' There are a number of key findings. In particular, it was found that the current shelter structure does not work for many people who are trying to exit human trafficking. As a result, it was recommended that the shelter services and a housing services be delivered separately and based on best practices and promotes 'social inclusion.'

With the financial support of HPS, some minor capital upgrades and purchases were completed, such as:

- Activity Room, Nekenaan
- Accessible doors

In addition to the above, we are grateful for HPS financial support so that culturally appropriate programming continues.

To the Board of Directors, thank you for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experience and resources to the table. To staff for their service and dedication to those we serve. Finally to my colleagues, miigwetch for your continued support, good food and sharing your gift of humour.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Jannies Le for her dedication and hard work this past year and extend warm wishes to her as she goes on Maternity Leave.

During the upcoming year, we will continue to work diligently in our pursuit of a new shelter and continue to provide optimal service to those we serve.

Thank you

Motion: "To accept the Executive Director's annual report as presented".

Moved Evonne Wright Second: Andrew Manini Carried:

#### Shelter Annual Report – Roma George

This past fiscal year the shelter have serviced 243 women and 34 children. We offered a safe and secure place to reside while attending counselling, accessing external resources and participating in internal workshops and presentations. Of the 243 women served 101 were Indigenous. The Outreach program serviced 239 women and children.

Anduhyaun Shelter would also like to thank the Ministry of Community, Children & Social Services for their continued guidance, direction, funding and support. As well as all of their support guidance and perseverance in our efforts to secure a new shelter. We would also like to include and acknowledge all the individual kindness from various community members that have given

back to us in some way and their continued support through donations and awareness sharing. We have been fortunate this year to be able to purchase a new refrigerator and stove, as well as new mattresses and cribs for all of the bedrooms and new computer systems for the staff to complete their work on.

We would like to thank our staff for their ongoing support, guidance and expertise in assisting our clients with all the challenges they faced on their personal journeys. We welcomed many new faces to our Shelter team as well this year. This year we also held an all shelter staff training which included ministry training, networking and team building. We welcomed a college student placement which was very successful.

Anduhyaun Shelter looks forward to assisting and supporting Indigenous women and children as they move forward in maintaining their cultural values, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually while providing safety and security in a strength based, client centred environment. We are all very excited with the anticipation of the new shelter in the coming years and look forward to new growth and change along the way.

Thank you, Anduhyaun Shelter Management & Team

Motion: "To accept the Shelter Coordinator annual report as presented".

Moved Judy Malcom Second: Spenta Mazkoori Carried:

#### Nekenaan Second Stage Housing Annual Report – Robin Chenevert-Keays

It has been another amazing and busy fiscal year at Nekenaan. Over the past year, we have maintained an occupancy rate of 90%. We welcomed 11 new households and helped 8 families move from Nekenaan to permanent and or affordable housing. At the end of our fiscal year, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 we had a total 20 families occupying 24 units with a 100% occupancy rate and no arrears.

We have continued to bring improvements to Nekenaan, thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Thanks to this amazing opportunity, we have been able to repaint all the units, including the common rooms. We have also been able to refurbish all the kitchen cabinets with soft closing doors and drawers. This will extend the life of the cabinetry and will last us for many years to come. Also from this funding came our fantastic addition of the brand new tables, chairs, night tables, and dressers, each unit received to replace our aging furniture. Thank you Ontario Trillium Foundation for allowing us the opportunity to make our building better equipped to help the women we serve.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to the ALFDC HPS Capital Grant. With this grant we were able to improve the gathering space and make it more accessible. The basement washrooms were refreshed with new counters. We also upgraded the accessibility of our front entrance, to improve access.

On our administration side, we continue to update and reorganize our process to make sure that every woman who walks through our doors has more chances of success. Our waiting list has been streamlined to allow a quicker intake process, including interviews, and move-ins. We have added continuous check-ins with clients while they are here to make sure they are supported and we continue to provide resources to optimize the client's success.

Nekenaan's successes and growth will always be reflected best in the lives of the women and children who come to live here. As we continue to grow and change, there will be challenges to face, but, we will become stronger and wiser because of them. I once again look forward to working with our Nekenaan team, and to continue to provide support to the women and children who access our services.

Thank you.

Motion: "To accept the Housing Administrator's annual report as presented".

Moved Spenta Mazkoori Second: Andrew Manini Carried:

#### Transitional Support Coordinator Annual Report – Amber LaForme

The TSC strives to meet Anduhyaun's mandate, and with this focus, there has been ongoing growth this year in programming and tenants supports.

Programming has continued focusing on traditional teachings from Traditional Teachers and Elders, This year we had the pleasure of having a moccasin making workshop facilitated by Stephanie Pangowish as well as a Drum making workshop facilitated by Steve Teekens. We also had a drum birthing Ceremony. We had invited Grandmother Isabelle Meawasige to facilitate a range of cultural programming with the clients. Other programming has included healthy eating community cooking, free general admissions to the ROM, weekly sessions with Dr.Taslim Avery, onsite food bank and an onsite clothing bank. New initiatives include a resource room with computer access for the tenants, a Housing Support worker coming from Wigwamen Inc. two times a month to Nekenaan to provide support and housing information.

New relationships or partnerships created have been with Bala school cultural program, FoodShare, Barbra Schlifer Clinic for Women and a more developed commitment to working together with the Public library. Continuing partnerships are with Kids Up Front, Brands for Canada, The Stop Community, Anishnawbe Health, Aboriginal Services of CAMH, Toronto Public Library, Aboriginal Housing Support Centre and Mount Dennis community centre.

Continuing to be a primary focus is developing working relationships and partnerships with anyone who can assist with accessing permanent housing for the tenants of Nekenaan.

The next year is anticipated with optimism and excitement. Along with a passionate dedicated management team whom I have the honour to work with, I look forward to the next year.

Motion: "To accept the Transitional Support Coordinator annual report as presented".

Moved Judy Malcom Second: Stephanie Hill Carried:

#### Fundraising Report – Jannies Le

It has been an exciting and busy year for Anduhyaun's staff and Fundraising Committee.

Overall, we saw a modest increase in monetary donations this year compared to last. In 2018-19 fiscal year Anduhyaun with the support of our Donors, Fundraising Committee, Board of Directors and Staff were able to raise \$76364.99.

In June, we held a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strawberry Moon Fundraiser and had the honour of hearing the journeys of Donna Burns, Vivian Timmins and Jenny Blackbird during an evening of great food and laughter.

In September Resound Music Licensing Company held the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Re:Wind Music Festival in support of Anduhyaun and through this amazingly organized 3<sup>rd</sup> party fundraiser \$10,839.00 was raised for Anduhyaun.

In December, Anduhyaun's Fundraising Committee was very successful in executing the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual online Winter Campaign, raising a total of \$13745.57. We would like to thank Gillian and Andre Dugas for securing a matching grant through Kiwanis Club Humber Kingsway and a donation from Etobicoke Rotary Club that was integral in the success of the campaign.

We would specifically like to thank Unifor, Resound Music Licensing Company, Basketeers, the Dugas Family and our dedicated monthly donors for your unwavering support.

I also wish to thank the hardworking members of the Fundraising Committee for your continued support, efforts and dedication. It has truly been my honour to work with each of you.

Motion: "To accept the Fundraising Committee annual report as presented".

Moved Judy Malcom Second: Andrew Manini Carried:

#### 8. Board of Directors Slate

Deborah Graham presented the Board of Directors slate for 2019/2020 as follows:

Deborah Graham - President Cathy Pawis – Vice President Andrew Manini - Treasurer Spenta Mazkoori - Secretary Judy Malcolm – Board Member Evonne Wright – Board Member Stephanie Hill – Board Member Tashia Edwards – Board Member Wanda Whitebird – Board Member

Motion: "To accept the slate for the 2019/20 Board of Directors".

Moved: Andrew Manini Second: Stephanie Hill Carried

#### 9. <u>Questions/Concerns</u>

N/A

#### 10. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: "To adjourn the Anduhyaun Annual Meeting for 2019 at 7:15pm".

- Moved: Andrew Manini Second: Judy Malcom
- 11. Closing Prayer Evonne Wright

#### **BOARD SIGNATURE**

DATE

#### Message from Anduhyaun's Vice-President

Annual General Meeting – July 16, 2020

Cathy Pawis, Acting President and Vice President

On behalf of my fellow Board members, welcome to our Annual General Meeting. We appreciate your willingness to meet in this online format, given our need to respect current health protocols.

At the beginning of our Annual General meetings, we give special mention to Anduhyaun's original Grandmothers, Vera Martin, Mildred Redmond, Mary Jane Young, and Jeannette Lavell, and signatories of our Letters Patent, March 12<sup>th</sup> 1973. They would be pleased that our circle continues to remain strong.

Anduhyaun's board has grown to 10 dedicated volunteer board members. We are proud to be working with such a strong group of committed and caring individuals, who encompass a wide range of skills and experience. We, as a board are constantly growing and learning and have continued to seek opportunities to develop our capacity to operate as an effective board. To highlight just a few examples, this is evidenced by our strategic planning and cultural capacity sessions, as well as our work within our subcommittees to revisit our bylaws and to institute a board recruitment committee. I am confident we will remain steadfast in addressing the emerging challenges ahead. Next year, we will continue to focus on board governance and structure with the ongoing development of our policies and the continued good work of our very active sub-committees.

You will also see that our efforts to remain within budget have proven to be successful, as reflected in the Auditor's report that was prepared by Steve Silberberg. Thank you to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), and ALFDC Homelessness Partnering Strategy, for the administrative support and funding. We extend special thanks and gratitude to those who have donated time, items and finances this past year; to name a few: Unifor 112, Kiwanis Toronto, the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, Basketeers, The Dugas Family, Maxine Noel, acclaimed artist and Order of Canada Recipient. Our in-kind donations included food and gift cards, winter clothing, children's toys and books, hygiene products, laundry baskets with home goods, and many more thoughtful and useful items.

It has been a busy year for our Fundraising Committee. Our objectives were to increase our fundraising efforts through events and partnerships. We held two fundraising events, our Annual Strawberry Moon Fundraiser and an online Winter Campaign. Regretfully, due to COVID-19, our Friends of Anduhyaun appreciation event had to be postponed. We look forward to the opportunity to recognize and to celebrate with our donors and sponsors at a later date. I would also like to thank the fundraising committee for their dedication and hard work. We want to recognize and thank our Executive Director, Blanche Meawassige for her continued efforts to secure a new shelter. For the upcoming year, we will continue to develop our plans for our new property and will continue our fundraising efforts to achieve this vision.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to raise awareness and bringing an end to Gender-Based Violence, Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, Human Trafficking and violence against children.

I would like to thank all of the members of the board and volunteers for their generosity of spirit, and our hardworking staff who remain dedicated to our mandate. As well, I wish to acknowledge the contributions and the service of Deborah Graham, our past president. We extend our gratitude and our best wishes to her.

Finally, we wish all of the members of our Anduhyaun community continued good health and well-being. The need for the critical services that are provided and are made possible through the combined efforts of everyone associated with this organization has become even more paramount during this pandemic. The tireless commitment and leadership of our staff and management must be noted. Mno nokii!

Miigwetch/Thank You, Cathy Pawis, Acting President and Vice-President

#### Annual Report Annual General Meeting – July 16, 2020

#### Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director

Welcome to our first virtual Annual Meeting and to Gertie Beaucage, thank you for joining us. Indeed, we are living through unprecedented times.

March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. Needless to say, COVID-19 has put tremendous pressure on housing and shelters – prompting us to rapidly and spontaneously adapt to new directives and introduce new protective measures. Staff and management continue to respond to the demands of these challenging and often stressful times by ensuring the health and safety of the clients and the day-to-day work of Anduhyaun is done in a timely manner.

In spite of the pandemic, there were some positive events, such as minor capital upgrades and purchases were made possible through a grant from Reaching Home (RH). Upgrades and purchases such as, energy efficient lighting and upgrading the security system. Additional examples of positive events include the magic of the Fundraising Committee to raise over 70 thousand dollars for the new shelter. Also, slow and steady progress continues to be made in meeting the City's requirements for building the new shelter; the projected timeframe to break ground is early 2021. As well, the clients and tenants continued to have access to Traditional programming and in the time of the coronavirus, virtual programming. Finally, steady progress continues to be made towards the new shelter and we are expecting to have the breaking ground ceremony in early 2021.

As always, I wish to acknowledge and thank Anduhyaun's donors, volunteers, and funders for their ongoing support, notably, Ministry of Children and Community Social Services (MCCSS); Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), the Dugas family; UNIFOR 112; The Rotary Club of Etobicoke; Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and dear friend to Anduhyaun, J. Victor Parker. Additionally, a special thank you to former member Deborah Graham who resigned from the Board to pursue her personal goals.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and my co-workers for their support and feedback.

During the upcoming year, work will continue to realize our new shelter, maintain sound finances and to provide optimal service to our clients and tenants.

In the time of COVID-19 and beyond, I extend my wishes for good health of mind, body, and spirit to each of you and the women and children we serve.

Thank you and Be Safe, Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director

#### Annual Report

Annual General Meeting – July 16, 2020

#### Anduhyaun Shelter

This past fiscal year the shelter serviced 207 women and 70 children, a slight difference from last year's 243 women and 34 children. This past fiscal year we offered a safe and secure place to reside while attending counselling, accessing external resources and participating in internal workshops and presentations. Of the 207 women served, 79 were Indigenous. The Outreach program served 240 women, 164 of which were Indigenous. 55 circles were also completed.

Over the past year clients participated in activities and resources to help improve their well-being culturally, physically, and spiritually. Grandmother Isabelle facilitated medicine bag workshops, traditional teaching, counselling, and storytelling. Dr. Taslim Alani-Verjee, Clinical Psychologist offered one-on-one counselling sessions with clients and also created workshops for clients to heal through movement called Unwinding your Body. Parenting Workshops were also held. Dr. Alani-Verjee's services were also extended to staff during the pandemic. Clients had access to housing information and staff assisted with housing applications for Special Priority.

We have been faced with a pandemic and to contain the spread of the virus we have taken mitigating steps to ensure clients and staff remain safe during these trying times, including:

- Implementation of a COVID-19 Pandemic Plan
- House rule guidelines, client, kitchen and washroom protocols
- In-house Isolation and Disclosure Protocol
- Current information on COVID-19 received and distributed to staff and clients continuously
- New client admission guidelines
- COVID-19 screening tools and steps
- Ongoing measures to secure PPE for clients and staff
- Posters placed around the shelter to promote the prevention of the spread of COVID-19

We have had many gracious donations to the shelter. Special thanks to Basketeers, The YWCA, The Christmas Pyjama Project, and the City of Toronto. We would also like to include and acknowledge all the individual acts of kindness from various community members that have given back to us in some way and their continued support through donations and awareness building.

Special thanks to the Ministry of Community, Children & Social Services (MCCSS) for their continued guidance, direction, funding, and support. As well as all of their backing in our efforts to secure a new shelter.

We would like to thank our staff for their ongoing support and expertise in assisting our clients with all the challenges faced on their personal journeys. This team often puts the needs of Anduhyaun over their personal needs to ensure seamless service delivery to our clients. It is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Thank you, team.

Anduhyaun Shelter looks forward to assisting and supporting Indigenous women and their children as they move forward in maintaining their cultural values, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually while providing safety and security in a strength based, client-centered environment. We are all very excited in anticipation of the new shelter in the coming years and look forward to new growth and change along the way.

Thank you, Anduhyaun Shelter Management & Team Lisa Powell, Shelter Director Roma George, Interim Shelter Coordinator

#### Annual Report Annual General Meeting – July 16, 2020

#### Nekenaan Second Stage Housing

This fiscal year at Nekenaan has been filled with much growth and development for the benefit of tenants. In 2019-2020 Nekenaan welcomed 13 new households and helped 13 families move into permanent and/or affordable housing. We successfully maintained a high rate of turnover and carried a 71% occupancy rate for the year. As of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, 14 women and children occupied 14 units.

The tenants had a busy year filled with an array of activities and resources to support their cultural identity, self-esteem, economic, physical, and spiritual well-being. This year we hosted a bear grease workshop facilitated by Grandmother Isabelle, a moccasin workshop facilitated by Stephanie Pangowish, and a hide mitten workshop facilitated by Teresa Flamant. We also held knitting workshops, a tye-dye shirt workshop, and monthly community kitchens for healthy meals. Tenants were able to celebrate milestones at our Winter Solstice Dinner, Valentine's Day Brunch, Easter Brunch, Mother's Day Tea, and Family Day Lunch and Crafting. All events were well attended and received positive feedback from tenants.

Throughout the year tenants had regular access to housing information sessions supported by Anishnawbe Health Toronto and Wigwamen Inc. Our onsite food and clothing banks remained available and fully stocked thanks to generous donations.

Traditional and cultural supports continue to be our priority and we had the honour of welcoming back Grandmother Isabelle and Dorothy Peters, as well as John Henhawk for the first time. These Elder visits were spirited by traditional teachings, storytelling, counselling, drumming, and singing. One-on-one counselling sessions were also available with Dr. Taslim Alani-Verjee, Clinical Psychologist, as well as sharing circles with our Sexual Assault Counsellor. The continuing support of Grandmother Isabelle and Dr. Taslim were particularly appreciated while tenants coped with the more difficult situations brought on this year.

We continue to improve and upgrade Nekenaan as a facility with the help of our generous funders. Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation we replaced the front windows with energy efficient window panes, and have recently begun working on the rest of the building. Thanks to Reaching Home with the City of Toronto, we installed energy efficient lighting in hallways, common areas, and stairwells and upgraded our security system with new surveillance cameras and fob system. We have also been able to replace the fire panel, install an air conditioner in the Gathering Room, paint tenant units and hallways, purchase an industrial dishwasher, and mattresses with bedbug proof mattress covers. These additions help create a safe and comfortable environment for tenants to reside.

Our success is reflected by the lives of the women and children we serve, and our work remains focused on equipping those who come through our doors with the best chance for success. Thank you to our team for their dedication and hard work that makes this possible. We look forward to continuing and extending supportive resources that empower our tenants to focus on growth and their future.

Thank you,

Amanda Bahadur, Program Coordinator Amber Laforme, Transitional Support Coordinator Robin Chenevert-Keays, former Housing Administrator

#### **Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting – July 16, 2020

#### Fundraising

It has been an exciting and busy year with Anduhyaun's fundraising initiatives. With the support of the Board of Directors, Fundraising Committee, donors, staff, and partner agencies, Anduhyaun raised \$73,007.66 in monetary donations this fiscal year.

On June 13, 2019 we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strawberry Moon Fundraiser. We enjoyed stories from Maxine Noel, Grandmother Isabelle, and Bonnie Johnston where we raised \$12,310.

In December we launched our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Giving Campaign online. We raised \$8,821.20 and numerous in-kind donations of non-perishable goods and hygiene items that stocked our shelves to the brim.

In March 2020 we made the difficult decision to cancel our Friends of Anduhyaun event amidst growing concerns about COVID-19. We lost the chance to formally recognize our most dedicated donors for their unwavering support, so I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to all of those who contributed to Anduhyaun this year. Every donation, whether financial, in person, or gifts-in-kind help us give Indigenous women and children the support they need.

One of our dearest supporters, J. Victor Parker, donated to Anduhyaun for nearly 10 years, until his passing in May 2020. J. Victor was Anduhyaun's longest donor and a friend to many at Anduhyaun. From 2011 until his passing, he sent a donation with a handwritten note, every month, without fail. His journey from trauma to advocacy was inspiring, and he will be deeply missed by all.

A special thanks goes out to all our devout donors that have continuously supported Anduhyaun over the years, including Maxine Noel, the Dugas Family, Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber, Etobicoke Rotary Club, Royal York Apartment Group, Unifor 112, Re:Sound Music Licensing Company, Basketeers, and each and every monthly donor. Our efforts would not be possible without your continued generosity.

Thank you as well to the hardworking members of the Fundraising Committee for your dedication and efforts that made this year a successful one. It has been a pleasure working with each of you and I look forward to a new year of fundraising.

Thank you, Amanda Bahadur, Program Coordinator

#### Acknowledgements: Friends of Anduhyaun

Thank you to all of the individuals, businesses, and organizations for your generous support throughout the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Every donation that we received helped us to continue to provide a safe space for Indigenous women and their children.

Below is an alphabetical list of donors who contributed during this fiscal year in support of women and children at Anduhyaun.

#### Individuals

Abercrombie, Sara Aiello, Luca Alani-Verjee, Taslim Armstrong, Courtney Atkins, Christine & Ross Bainbridge, Katie Barnhardt, Tim Belisle, Michelle Bellissimo, Alexandra Bianchini, Julie Bond, Suzanne Bonsignore, Daniel Bowker, Joan Brosseau, Ericka Buchanan, Iain Buehler, Kelly Butler, Ana Campbell, Jacqueline Cass, Josh Cassidy, Melanie Chapman, Alison Chenevert-Keays, Robin Chiarelli, Melissa Chijiinweh, Heather Chudolinska, Marta Colussi, Angelo Cooney, Ayn Cornu, Chantal Creede, Cate Croninger, Rachel D'arcy, Shannon and Laffin, Phillip Dawson, Ted

Kumagawa, MaryLou Lacy, Colin Lane, Sarah Lau, Karen Lawless, K. Lawrence, Bonita Le, Jannies Levy, Marleen List, Alexandra Logue, Alison Lupoi, Maria MacSween, Alexander Malcom, Judy Manini, Andrew Manini, Maria Manning, Janine Marchese, Marco Marchese, Matthew Marshall, Richard Martens, Sarah McGill, Jennifer McMahon, Iona McMichael, Gina McNamara, Danielle Medcof, Mary Alice Meeks, Heather Melynk, Al Mitton, Wayne Moloney, Kevin Morettin, Katherine Morrison, Kaireen Morrison, Teri

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