Annual Report 2020 - 2021



Indigenous children who never got to go home



Tuesday July 6, 2021 at 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, economic, physical and spiritual well-being."

CIRCLE OF DIRECTORS 2020-2021

President Catherine Pawis

Vice President Stephanie Hill

Treasurer Andrew Manini

Secretary Spenta Mazkoori

Member Angel Maracle

Member Judy Malcom

Member Evonne Wright

Member Tashia Edwards

Member Carolyn Valle (nee Dinshaw)

Member Ginesse Manning (resigned)

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday July 6, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Moment of Silence

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting
- 3. Business Arising
- 4. Message from the President
- 5. Auditor's Report
- 6. Appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022
- 7. Program Reports
- 8. Present Circle of Directors Slate
- 9. Questions or Concerns
- 10. Meeting Adjournment
- 11. Closing Prayer

ANDUHYAUN INC.



Annual Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2020 Via Zoom Meeting

Present: Catherine Pawis, Steven Silverberg, Amanda Bahadur, Stephanie Hill, Deborah

Brant, Marwa Darwich, Evonne Wright, Angel Maracle, Andrew Manini, Judy Malcom, Roma George, Spenta Mazkoori, Ginesse Manning, Lisa Powell, Tashia

Edwards, Sheila Nayak, Jelica Vrana, Gertie Beaucage

Regrets: Carolyn Dinshaw, Blanche Meawassige

Note taker: Marwa Darwich

Opening Prayer - Gertie Beaucage

Moment of Silence

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Catherine Pawis, Vice President, thanked and welcomed everyone for attending the 2020 Annual Meeting. She asked everyone to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda

Motion: "To accept the 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda as presented.

Moved: Stephanie Hill Second: Andrew Manini

Carried:

2. Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion: "To accept the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes, with amendments".

Moved: Evonne Wright Second: Spenta Mazkoori

Carried:

Amendments: Page 8; item 6 & Page 13: Judy Malcolm should be spelled Malcom.

3. Business arising

N/A

4. Message From the President

President's Annual Report - Catherine Pawis, Acting President

Deborah Graham resigned as President at the beginning of 2020 due to personal and health reasons. Catherine Pawis has stepped in as Acting 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 12th 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 subcommittees.

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 Silverberg. 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, Catherine Pawis, Acting President and Vice-President

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

Moved Angel Maracle Second: Evonne Wright

Carried:

5. Auditor's Report - Silverberg and Short LLP

The audited financial statements for 2019-2020 were presented by Steven Silverberg.

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

Moved: Andrew Manini
Second: Spenta Mazkoori

Carried:

6. Appointment of Auditor for 2020/2021

Motion: "To accept Silverberg and Short LLP as the 2020/2021 auditors".

Moved: Andrew Manini Second: Stephanie Hill

Carried:

7. Program Reports

Executive Director's Report - Presented by Spenta Mazkoori on behalf of Blanche Meawassige

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 \$70,000 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 coworkers 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

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

Moved Judy Malcom Second: Evonne Wright

Carried:

Shelter Annual Report - Roma George

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

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

Moved Spenta Mazkoori Second: Stephanie Hill

Carried:

Nekenaan Second Stage Housing Annual Report – Amanda Bahadur

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 31st 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 Flamand. 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

Motion: "To accept the Nekennan Second Stage Housing annual report as presented".

Moved Angel Maracle Second: Judy Malcom

Carried:

Fundraising Report – Amanda Bahadur

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 3rd 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 3rd 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

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

Moved Andrew Manini Second: Spenta Mazkoori

Carried:

8. Board of Directors Slate

Catherine Pawis presented the Board of Directors slate for 2020/21 as follows:

Catherine Pawis – Vice President

Andrew Manini - Treasurer

Spenta Mazkoori - Secretary

Judy Malcom – Board Member

Evonne Wright – Board Member

Stephanie Hill – Board Member

Tashia Edwards – Board Member

Ginesse Manning – Board Member

Angel Maracle – Board Member

Carolyn Dinshaw – Board Member

BOARD SIG	NATUR	E DATE
11. <u>Closi</u>	ng Praye	<u>er</u> – Gertie Beaucage
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	Moved:	Andrew Manini
	Motion:	"To adjourn the Anduhyaun Annual Meeting for 2020 at 7:29pm".
10. <u>Meetir</u>	ng Adjoι	<u>ırnment</u>
14/7		
N/A		
9. Quest	ions/Co	<u>ncerns</u>
Carrie	d	
Secon	ıd:	Angel Maracle
Moved	d:	Stephanie Hill
Motion: "To	o accept	the slate for the 2020/21 Board of Directors, as presented".
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Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director

First, the Team and I wish to remember and honour all Residential School Survivors and all the Children who never got to go home. To the Survivors and the families of the Children who did not return home you are loved; we know you; we know your families; we know your communities.

Second, our hearts go out to the families and communities of Missing and Murdered Women and Children.

Throughout 2020/21, COVID-19 protocols continued to impact:

- how we gather for Ceremony
- Anduhyaun's day-to-day operations
- how we conduct Board meetings
- and our health and daily life.

To ensure health and safety during these critical times, at any given time, the Shelter's intake was reduced from 18 to 6 Clients. While at Nekenaan Second Stage Housing, NSSH, there was a significant decline in prospective tenants seeking our services. Still, virtual Traditional Circles and Ceremony were held for Clients and Tenants. Finally, COVID-19 funds were secured to purchase items such as, personal protective equipment (PPE); sanitizing equipment and installing desk glass barriers; as well as, retaining cleaners, security, and a chef.

Anduhyaun was successful in the acquisition of a property to build a new 18 bed shelter. It is our deepest wish that construction can begin in 2021/22.

This past year, we said farewell to Jannies Le, Nancy Debassige, and Lisa Powell, all of whom moved on to other positions.

To Anduhyaun's donors and funders we appreciate your ongoing support, notably, Ministry of Community and Children's Social Services (MCCSS); Reaching Home; Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), The Rotary Club of Etobicoke; Unifor 112; and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

A huge "Thank You" to the Shelter Staff who continued to provide optimum service under these stressful times. I especially want to thank my remarkable co-workers, Deborah, Marwa, Amanda, Amber, and Roma who continued to work diligently and whose feedback and guidance is much appreciated.

Finally, to the Board of Directors, thank you for your volunteer service and dedication.

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Anduhyaun Shelter

This past fiscal year the shelter serviced 287 women and 108 children, up from last year's 207 women and 70 children. Of the women served, 110 were indigenous. The Outreach programs serviced women and children and we continue to work in partnership with Barbra Schlifer Clinic for Women, Anishnawbe Health, Aboriginal Services of CAMH, and Toronto Aboriginal Housing Support Centre.

This past fiscal year we offered a safe and secure place to reside while attending counselling, accessing external resources, and participating in workshops via telecommunication as all in person programming was suspended due to COVID-19. To contain the spread of COVID-19 we have taken key steps to ensure clients and staff are safe during the pandemic. The Pandemic Plan continues to be updated frequently as the City goes through the phases of reopening. Some of these mitigation steps include:

- Staggering shifts for staff
- Enhanced House rule guidelines, client, kitchen and washroom protocols
- In house isolation protocol and disclosure protocol
- Essential worker letters given to staff
- Important information on COVID-19 received and passed on to staff and clients daily
- Renewed guidelines on accepting new clients
- COVID-19 screening tool for new intakes and anyone who may present with symptoms
- A cook on site to guarantee limited contact with food and food handling.
- Professional cleaning company to sanitize and disinfect twice daily
- PPE is mandatory for clients and staff once on site
- Posters placed around the shelter to promote the prevention of the spread of COVID-19
- Set up COVID-19 vaccination appointments for interested staff and clients

We continue to practice social distancing among clients and maintain 2ft between persons whenever necessary. With the help of Ministry of Community, Children & Social Services and other funding we continue to purchase cleaning supplies and PPE that aids in the prevention and spread of COVID-19.

We have had many gracious donations to the shelter which all have been directed and tracked through the fundraising staff whom have been doing a wonderful job. Special thanks to Bell Canada and the City of Toronto. 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 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 would like to thank our staff for their ongoing support, guidance, and expertise in assisting our clients with all challenges faced on their personal journeys. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Nya:weh kowa team.

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-centered 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.

Nya:weh gowa Anduhyaun Shelter Management & Team

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Nekenaan Second Stage Housing

The pandemic over the past fiscal year has been challenging and stressful for both staff and tenants at Nekenaan. Anduhyaun has kept up-to-date with evolving public health directives and responded with new protective measures. Immediate emergency response practices were implemented including establishing an Infection Control Team, updating the Pandemic Plan, enhancing cleaning protocols, and securing stores of PPE. Staff adapted to remote service delivery while maintaining an effective level of service for tenants. The enhanced measures proved successful in avoiding an outbreak of COVID-19 at Nekenaan.

In 2020-2021 Nekenaan welcomed three new households and assisted eight families to obtain permanent and/or affordable housing, maintaining a 33% annual occupancy rate. As of March 31st 2021, eight women and one child resided at Nekenaan. Tenants maintained remote access to the Housing Support Worker for housing information, virtual support, and securing housing.

Programming looked very different this year and activities focused on mental health. Grandmother Isabelle provided ongoing virtual support for tenants struggling with the impacts of the pandemic. Tenants also had access to our Sexual Assault Counsellor and a Clinical Psychologist for counselling.

With social distancing protocols in place, we had the pleasure of hosting a moccasin-making workshop facilitated by Stephanie Pangowish, as well as two community kitchens, and four beading circles. In partnership with the Anishnawbe Heath Toronto Diabetes team, a virtual cooking class for healthy meals was held with groceries provided. In lieu of in-person gatherings, tenants received gift bags and meal hampers to celebrate milestones such as Thanksgiving, Winter Solstice, and Mother's Day. Our onsite food and clothing bank remained available and stocked thanks to generous donations.

Significantly, Anduhyaun was able to set appointments for interested tenants and staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under priority eligibility, and provided tenants with transportation to and from the clinic. All tenants were also given cleaning equipment and PPE to keep their family and environment safe.

Our network of partnerships helped provide essential resources and we strengthened relationships with: Native Child & Family Services of Toronto, Thunder Women's Healing Lodge, Anishnawbe Heath Toronto, Barbara Schlifer Clinic, Kids Up Front, Toronto Public Library, The Stop Community, Aboriginal Services of CAMH, Aboriginal Housing Support Centre, and Mount Dennis Community Centre.

We continue to improve and upgrade Nekenaan as a facility through the generosity of funders. Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation we completed the replacement of windows with energy efficient panes. Thanks to Reaching Home through Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle we replaced damaged carpeting with easy-to-clean laminate flooring. Thanks to funding from the City of Toronto, we have recently begun a retrofit of the one elevator in the facility that promotes accessibility. These improvements help create a safe and comfortable environment for tenants to reside.

Nekenaan continues to focus efforts on developing partnerships with those who can assist with accessing housing opportunities. While this year presented new challenges in serving the community, our work remains rooted in supporting cultural identity, self-esteem, economic, physical, and spiritual well-being. The upcoming year is anticipated with optimism and there is much gratitude and appreciation for the collective hard work, dedication, and strength of our team. Our success is reflected by the lives of the women and children we serve, and we look forward to equipping those who come through our doors with the best chance for success.

Miigwetch, Amanda Bahadur, Program Coordinator Amber Laforme, Transitional Support Coordinator Deborah Brant, Housing Administrator

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Fundraising

It has been an interesting year for Anduhyaun's fundraising initiatives. We are grateful that our supporters recognized the urgent needs of the agency caused by the pandemic, and showed up for Anduhyaun in a very meaningful ways. Through the support of our Circle of Directors, Fundraising Committee, donors, staff, and partners, in 2020-2021 Anduhyaun raised \$159,177 in monetary donations and \$767,024 in funds specifically for the purpose of managing COVID-19.

In June we quickly pivoted our 4th Annual Strawberry Moon Fundraiser to an online digital edition. We shared stories from volunteers as well as performances by renowned Indigenous artists. Grandmother Isabelle launched the events with the Strawberry Moon teachings, followed by music by Kelly Derrickson, a hoop dance by Theland Kicknosway, music by Mimi O'Bonsawin, and a reading by Christa Couture. We raised \$11,194 and increased the number of monthly donors by 71%, more than doubling our monthly donations.

In December our 4th Annual Winter Giving Campaign raised \$13,048 and collected numerous donations of PPE. In March, since we could not gather to recognize and thank our Friends of Anduhyaun for a second year, we instead sent small tokens of appreciation to brighten spirits within the community. In addition, we also sold a beautiful painting donated by Maxine Noel entitled "The Sisterhood" to the Ontario Regional Council of Unifor Canada to be displayed in their Education Center.

Thank you to our devout donors that have continuously supported Anduhyaun over the years including: Maxine Noel, Re:Sound Music Licensing Company, Unifor 112, Basketeers, the Dugas Family, Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber, Royal York Apartment Group, the Period Purse, CHUM Charitable Foundation, and each and every monthly donor. We are grateful to have formed new relationships with the Whetung Ojibwa Centre, Ryerson Student Pow Wow, the Good Girls Club, Nightwood Theater, and Native Earth Performing Arts. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the kindness of all those who contributed to Anduhyaun.

A special thanks goes out to our supporters who recognized that our community has been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and supported our COVID-19 relief and response efforts. Thank you to the Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle, Women's Shelters Canada, United Way Greater Toronto, the Harbinger Foundation, Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council, Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, Ms. Farber, and Ms. Hsu and Friends. Funds were allocated towards cleaning protocols, meal preparation, security, creating physical space for social distanced programming, transportation, mental health supports, staff training, and PPE. Our ability to keep tenants, staff, and the community safe would not have been possible without you.

Finally, thank you to the hardworking members of the Fundraising Committee for your dedication and efforts during this particularly challenging year. 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 2020/2021 fiscal year. Every donation that we received helped us 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 Anduhyaun.

Individuals

Abdool, Jason Afsahi, Nazgol Agana, Karyl Ahmad, Arif Allan, Travis Allen, Amanda Amy, Desmond Andrade, Devin Aquino, Alecia Arbulu-Pelletier, Cheyenne Archibald Arlain, Mandissa Arora, Nishtha Arrowsmith, Cheyenne Atkins, Christine & Ross Baily, Michelle Balint, Susan Barber, Kimberly Barberini, Hilary Barndt, Deborah Barrette, Trevor Baxter, Brett Bell, Emily Benedict, Joe Berry, Donna Birch, Rachel Blanchard, Benjamin	Boyle, Shary Braun, Sandra Brosseau, Ericka Brown, Elizabeth Brown-Matthews, Miranda Buchanan, Iain Buehler, Kelly Butler, Kate Butlin, Mike Byles, Stephanie Byun, Edward Caicco, Sarah Cain, Brian Calabro, Claudia Cameron, Denise & Martin Carabine, Sheila Cass, Josh Cassidy, Melanie Cassie, Caitlin Castle, Rob Cavan, Susan Chalmers, Irene Chamberlain, Simon Chan, Ruben Chen, Sarah Chen, Mingjia Chidley, Morgan Chopra, Ashima	Chubb, Alexis Claessen, Terry Clarke, Anne Clarke, Nathan Clarke, Dave Clarke, Sharon Coles, Sidney Colquhoun, Neil Colussi, Angelo Coomarsamy, Sudharshana Cooper, Ryan Cordahi, Janet Cornu, Chantal Couture, Christa Cox, Erin Cox, Meghann Cozens, Connor Crawford, Elyse Creede, Cate Cucheron, Rachel Curtis, Daniele Damaren, Norman D'arcy, Shannon Davidson, Jennifer De Giuli, Liana De Luca, Emilia De Sousa, Megan Dema, Brie
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Dewar, Sara
Dhindsa, Gurneet
Dhupar, Nitin
Dion, Susan
Dolan, Nicholas
Domingos, Melissa

Donnelly, Callum Downey, Akilah Driver, Zena Drysdale, Annie

Dungey, Thomas Dziubaniwsky, Nadia Elliott, Kenneth Elzby, Michelle Erion-Lorico, Tristan Evans, Barbara Farber, Amanda

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