

**Anduhyaun Inc.**

**Annual Report  
2021 - 2022**



**Annual General Meeting  
September 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
via Zoom Video Conference**



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## Mandate

Anduhyaun strives to support Indigenous women and their children in their efforts to maintain their cultural identity, self-esteem, economic, physical, and spiritual well-being.



## Catherine Pawis

With the sudden passing of Catherine (Cathy) Pawis, President of Anduhyaun's Circle of Directors, we take a moment to honour and acknowledge her contributions.

Cathy served on several volunteer Boards specific to Indigenous communities. She was an active member of Anduhyaun's Circle of Directors since 2005 and was President from 2020.

We will certainly miss her heart, her smile, her kindness, her knowledge, her guidance, her generous nature, her passion, and her leadership.

“The Drums will always beat loudly in our hearts even through the noise of the earthly world, and every time our feet touch Mother Earth our souls will feel the pull of those who walked before us.”

- Elder Windwalker



## Circle of Directors 2021-2022

<b>President</b>	Catherine Pawis (passed away)
<b>Vice President</b>	Stephanie Hill (removed)
<b>Acting Vice President, Treasurer</b>	Judy Malcom
<b>Secretary</b>	Angel Maracle (resigned)
<b>Acting Secretary</b>	Alyssa McLeod
<b>Member</b>	Evonne Wright
<b>Member</b>	Carolyn Valle
<b>Member</b>	Caitlin Cassie



**Annual General Meeting**  
Thursday September 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.  
virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing

**AGENDA**

*Opening Prayer*

1. Moment of Silence
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting
4. Business Arising
5. Message from the Circle of Directors
6. Auditor's Report
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2022-2023
8. Program Reports
9. Present Circle of Directors Slate
10. Questions or Concerns
11. Meeting Adjournment

*Closing*



## ANDUHYAUN INC.

Annual Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2021  
Via Zoom Meeting

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**Present:** Evonne Wright, Deborah Brant, Marwa Darwich, Amanda Bahadur, Andrew Manini, Steven Silverberg, Angel Maracle, Cathy Pawis, Blanche Meawassige, Stephanie Hill, Roma George, Carolyn Valle, Spenta Mazkoori, Jelica Vrana, Judy Malcom, Tashia Edwards, Amber Laforme, Alyssa McLeod

Regrets:

**Note taker:** Deborah Brant

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**Opening Prayer – Cathy Pawis**

### **Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was held for the victims of violence, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the children who never made it home.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Cathy Pawis, President, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2021 Annual Meeting, and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### **1. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Agenda**

Motion: “To accept the 2021 Annual Meeting Agenda as presented.

Moved: Evonne Wright

Second: Carolyn Valle

Carried:

### **2. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Motion: “To accept the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes”

Moved: Andrew Manini

Second: Spenta Mazkoori

Carried:



### **3. Business arising**

N/A

### **4. Message From the President**

#### **President's Annual Report – Cathy Pawis, President**

On behalf of my fellow Board members, welcome to our Annual General Meeting. Once again we appreciate your willingness to meet on this online format given our ongoing need to respect current health protocols. At the beginning of our Annual General Meeting, we give special mention to Anduhyau's original Grandmothers: Vera Martin, Mildred Redman, Mary Jane Young and Jeannette Lavell. They are the signatories of our letters patent, March 12, 1973 and they would be pleased that our circle continues to remain strong. In addition, given recent events we need to take some time to reflect upon the impact of the Residential School system and to acknowledge the very fresh wounds that have been opened by the recent discoveries of our missing children. We hold all Residential School survivors in our hearts, as we mourn the loss of all of our family and community members who never made it home. I'm also going to read a statement from the Board of Directors that was prepared when the news started to come forward about some of those discoveries. I just want to make sure that I take a moment to acknowledge the collective group that went into preparing this statement, and to thank in particular Stephanie, who took the lead in drafting it.

“Anduhyau Inc. stands in grief solidarity with those affected by the Indigenous children's bodies uncovered in unmarked graves at the sites of formal Residential Schools across Turtle Island. We have known about these graves from the stories our parents and grandparents have told. We offer support and love to our Elders, and those directly affected by the genocide that took place in these schools. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the communities and families involved and impacted. We mourn alongside every Indigenous person across Turtle Island. We cry tears of sadness and frustration. We send heartfelt thanks to our allies for their ongoing support. We light fires and connect with our kin, as we find some comfort in our resilience and strength. During this time of grief, we will take care of ourselves and others. We will remain committed to working towards a Turtle Island that is a safe and inclusive space for our children, and grandchildren to grow and thrive. In addition, given Anduhyau's mandate, we hope that you will continue to join us in our efforts to raise awareness of Gender-Based Violence, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, human trafficking, and violence against children.”

Anduhyau's Board consists currently of nine (9) dedicated volunteer board members. Our Board members demonstrate a high level of dedication, participating actively in the ongoing governance of the agency at all board meetings. As well as devoting significant time and effort to continue moving the organization forward through our work within in our very active sub-committees. For example, reviewing our by-laws, succession planning, fundraising, and board improvement. I am grateful to work alongside such a strong group of caring individuals, to collectively encompass a wide range of skills and experiences. I am confident that the Board remains well prepared to address any challenges which may lie ahead. You'll also see that our efforts to remain within budget have proven to be successful, as reflected by the Auditors report that was prepared by



Steve Silverberg. Thank you to the 'Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services,' 'Toronto Social Housing Unit,' and 'ALFDC Homelessness Partnering Strategy' for the administrative supportive funding. Extending special thanks and gratitude to those who have donated time, items, and finances this past year. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, it has been a very busy and successful year for our fundraising committee. While efforts may have looked somewhat different, creative and innovative approaches were implemented resulting in numerous and generous contributions. Miigwetch, kinaawayah/Thanks to everyone.

We want to recognize and thank our Executive Director, Blanche Meawassige, for her continued leadership under very challenging circumstances. Due to the conscientious efforts of Blanche, and the entire staff and management team at Anduhyaun, our agency continues to offer safe, supportive housing and services to Indigenous women and children. Indeed, keeping our doors open to all women and children who are experiencing violence and homelessness. We are particularly pleased that in the midst of COVID-19 we have moved forward considerably in our quest to construct a new shelter. We look forward to an eminent ground breaking ceremony in celebration of this outstanding achievement. I would like to thank once again, 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 Andrew Manini, our treasurer, and Spenta Mazkooi, our secretary. We extend our gratitude and best wishes to each of them as their terms of Board Members come to an end. As well, I'd like to acknowledge the contributions of Janesse Manning, one of our Board Members who resigned part way through the year, to pursue personal endeavours. I wish to say chi-miigwetch, and baa-maa-pii to all.

Finally, we wish all of the members of our Anduhyaun community continued good health and well-being. The need for our 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.

Anokii, miigwetch.

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

Moved Angel Maracle

Second: Judy Malcom

Carried:

## **5. Auditor's Report – Silverberg and Short LLP**

The audited financial statements for 2020-2021 were presented by Steven Silverberg.

Motion: "To accept the auditor's financial statements, with amendments".



Moved: Andrew Manini

Second: Judy Malcom

Carried:

- Amendments: spelling of Nekenaan and title City of Toronto, Housing Stability Services

## **6. Appointment of Auditor for 2021/2022**

Motion: “To accept Silverberg and Short LLP as the 2021/2022 auditors”.

Moved: Andrew Manini

Second: Stephanie Hill

Carried:

## **7. Program Reports**

### **Executive Director’s Report – Blanche Meawassige**

First and foremost, the Team and I wish to remember and honour the 215 residential school Children whose bodies were found in a mass grave at Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation. To these children and all those who never returned home or attended Canada’s residential schools, we know you; we know your families; we know your communities; you are remembered.

Throughout 2020/21, COVID19 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 the 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 service. Still, virtual, Traditional Circles and Ceremony were held for Clients and Tenants. Finally, COVID funds were secured to purchase items such as, personal protective equipment (PPE); sanitizing equipment and install 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 Anduhyun'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.

Miigwetch

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

Moved Evonne Wright  
Second: Spenta Mazkoori  
Carried:

### **Shelter Annual Report – Roma George**

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

This past Fiscal 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 pandemic. As the Pandemic continues due to Co-vid 19 to contain the spread of this disease we have taken some 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 those steps included:

- Staggering shifts for staff
- House rule guidelines, client, kitchen and washroom protocols
- In house isolation protocol and disclosure Protocol
- Essential worker letter given to staff
- Important information on COVID-19 received and passed on to staff and clients daily
- Accepting new clients guidelines
- COVID – 19 screening tool used for new intakes and anyone who may present with symptoms
- A cook is still on site to guarantee limited contact with food and food handling



- Cleaning company continue to come in twice daily to sanitize and disinfect the house
- 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 for staff and clients

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

We have had many gracious donations to the shelter which all have been directed and tracked by the Fund Raising Committee 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 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 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 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.

Nya:weh gowa  
Anduhyaun Shelter Management & Team

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

Moved Judy Malcom  
Second: Stephanie Hill  
Carried:

### **Nekenaan Second Stage Housing Annual Report – Amanda Bahadur**

The global 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 rapidly 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.



Despite difficulties, in 2020-2021 Nekenaa welcomed three new households and assisted eight families obtain permanent and/or affordable housing, maintaining a 33% annual occupancy rate. As of March 31st 2021, eight women and one child resided at Nekenaa.

Programming looked very different this year and activities focused on mental health support and traditional teachings with Knowledge Keepers and Elders. 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 for healthy eating, 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 celebrated milestones such as Thanksgiving, Winter Solstice, and Mother's Day with gift bags and meal hampers for families to celebrate amongst themselves. 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. Tenants were provided with cleaning equipment and PPE to keep their family and environment safe. Tenants continued to have access to the Housing Support Worker remotely for housing information, virtual support, and securing permanent affordable housing.

Our network of partnerships helped provide essential resources. We have 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 Nekenaa as a facility through the support of our generous 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. Units also received new curtains and bed frames. 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.

Nekenaa 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 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 continue equipping those who come through our doors with the best chance for success.

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



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

Moved Evonne Wright

Second: Andrew Manini

Carried:

### **Fundraising Report – Amanda Bahadur**

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 partner agencies, in 2020-2021 Anduhyaun raised \$154,556 in monetary donations and \$693,935 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 we launched our 4th Annual Winter Giving Campaign also online. We 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 unwavering support for a second year, we instead sent small tokens of appreciation to foster positive spirits within the community.

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, Inaadziwin, the Good Girls Club, Nightwood Theater, and Native Earth Performing Arts. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all of those who contributed to Anduhyaun in any way. Every donation helps us provide Indigenous women and children with safety and support.

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, and Community Foundations of Canada for financial support. This was allocated to increasing cleaning protocols, meal preparation, security, renovating space for social distanced programming, transportation to avoid public transit, mental health supports and access to counsellors, and PPE. Thank you as well to the Red Cross, Ms. Hsu & Friends, and Ms. Farber who provided PPE and staff training, handmade reusable masks, and handmade mask chains, respectively. 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

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

Moved Stephanie Hill  
Second: Spenta Mazkoori  
Carried:

## **8. Circle of Directors Slate**

Presenting new COD candidates:

Caitlin Cassie  
Linda Sandy  
Alyssa McLeod

Cathy Pawis presented the Circle of Directors slate for 2021/22 as follows:

Cathy Pawis – President  
Stephanie Hill – Vice President  
Spenta Mazkoori – Secretary  
Judy Malcom – Treasurer  
Angel Maracle – Board Member  
Evonne Wright – Board Member  
Carolyn Valle – Board Member  
Tashia Edwards – Board Member  
Caitlin Cassie – Board Member  
Linda Sandy – Board Member  
Alyssa McLeod – Board Member

Motion: "To accept the slate for the 2021/22 Circle of Directors, as presented".

Moved: Carolyn Valle  
Second: Stephanie Hill  
Carried



**9. Questions/Concerns**

N/A

**10. Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: "To adjourn the Anduhyaun Annual Meeting for 2021 at 7:15 p.m."

Moved: Andrew Manini

Second: Judy Malcom

**11. Closing Prayer – Evonne Wright**

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**BOARD SIGNATURE**

**DATE**



## Message from Anduhyaun's Acting Vice President

**Judy Malcom**

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I start by giving thanks to Anduhyaun's original grandmothers who started Anduhyaun as a hostel in 1973: Vera Martin, Mildred Redmond, Mary Jane Young, and Jeannette Lavell had the vision to begin what is now an emergency shelter that houses all women who need protection from violence, and a second stage housing that supports Indigenous women and their families as they make positive changes to their lives.

Anduhyaun's Circle of Directors currently consists of 5 members, to whom we are so grateful! We recognize how difficult COVID-19 has made it to keep working on behalf of our clients as all our lives have changed so much. To Evonne Wright, Carolyn Valle, Alyssa McLeod, and Caitlin Cassie who is on leave with a new baby - thank you for your dedication.

We lost our Circle President, Catherine Pawis, suddenly in June 2022. Cathy was involved with Anduhyaun for almost 20 years, and her loss will be felt for many years to come. She was a mentor and an elder for the entire Circle, and I will miss her calm, measured words of guidance, and her friendship.

Anduhyaun has had a number of accomplishments over the last year. We updated our policies and by-laws in compliance with new legislation. We are about to complete our strategic planning that will take us to 2026, which engaged members of staff, management, Circle, and the community to ensure our priorities are best serving our clients. We improved staff wages which is vital to staff retention and job security. And we are ramping up our Circle Recruitment Committee.

We are currently building a new emergency shelter that will be accessible and have space for the cultural learning that helps our clients heal, grow, and become independent. We are continually improving our space at our second stage housing, and slowly starting back with in-person support.

Our fundraising team has improved our social media presence, updated fundraising policies, held virtual fundraisers, and increased donations. In September we held our first Orange Shirt Day Fundraiser. In total for 2021/2022 we raised \$152,369 in monetary donations. Thank you to Carolyn Valle, Cristina Nikolic, Kieran Maingot, Rebecca Rivers, Navreet Kooner, Amanda Bahadur, and Amanda Charles who is on leave with a new baby. This team puts the "fun" in fundraising, and we look forward to meeting in person soon.

Of course, all of this effort would be in vain, if it wasn't for the team at Anduhyaun. I have worked closely with Blanche Meawassige Executive Director, Deborah Brant Program Manager, Amanda Bahadur Program Coordinator, Roma George Shelter Manager, Kailey Misquadis Shelter Assistant, and Kara Mooney Program Assistant. They are all very helpful to the Circle of Directors, providing documents as requested and understanding the needs of our clients. We recognize the efforts of all staff as they coped with the responsibility of caring for clients under the most difficult circumstances, the pandemic. We have welcomed a new accountant, Keisha Chotoosingh, as Anne-Marie Burrus has taken retirement. We wish Anne-Marie a long and healthy retirement. Heartfelt thanks to all of you, and please know that the Circle of Directors cares deeply about your efforts.



The need for the critical services that Anduhyaun provides is made possible through the combined efforts of us all. Thank you to the City of Toronto Housing Stability Services, the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services, and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for your support. We offer gratitude to our committed funders including ALFDC, Maxine Noel, Unifor, and Ontario Trillium Foundation.

We wish continued good health and well-being to all the members of the Anduhyaun community. We hope that you will continue to join us in our efforts to raise awareness and bring an end to Gender Based Violence, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, human trafficking and violence against children.

Judy Malcom,  
Acting Vice President and Treasurer



## **Annual Report**

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### **Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director**

It is with a heavy heart that we remember Catherine Pawis, President, affectionately known as Cathy; she volunteered her time and energy to Anduhyaun for 17 years. Cathy suddenly began her journey to the Spirit World on June 14, 2022. Miigwetch Cathy for your volunteerism and leadership through Anduhyaun's good and challenging times. Your wonderful personality, strong leadership and gentle guidance will be missed.

To my fellow team members, Deborah, Amanda, Roma, Kailey, and Kara, thank you for your conscientiousness in supporting Anduhyaun's Mandate. Together we created a strong circle of support for the clients/tenants, staff and each other. For instance, in addition to day-to-day operations, our circle of support was evident in navigating a second year of the pandemic which meant Anduhyaun's delivery of client support programs had to be delivered in virtual formats and out-reach conducted via telephone. Stringent protocols were established and as per the Ministry of Children Community Social Services' (MCCSS) guidelines and client intake at the shelter was reduced from 18 to 9. Even with stringent protocols, we experienced 9 positive cases of COVID-19. Despite that, the team's dedication ensured that the day-to-day operations continued with as little disruption as possible.

There have been a number of accomplishments this year, for example, construction of the new 18 bed shelter began in February of this year and we are expecting completion during the summer of 2023. Further, there was an increase for in-kind donations; items that were donated were, for instance, gift cards, winter jackets and boots; non-perishable food and masks. Capital projects were completed, such as:

- Upgrading Nekenaan's social gathering space to meet COVID-19 guidelines, personal protective equipment, PPE, and two shelter contract positions, cook and cleaner. Thank you Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle (ALFDC), City of Toronto, and Women's Shelters Canada for funding these projects
- Retrofitting Nekenaan's elevator and repairing the garage flooring, thank you to the City of Toronto
- The Fundraising Committee held virtual fundraisers, such as, Winter Solstice, Orange Shirt Day, and Strawberry Moon

Regrettably, the upcoming year will see significant increases in the cost of living which can be attributed to the pandemic and Russia's war on Ukraine. So far, we have experienced exorbitant cost increases in food and utilities. There may well be additional increases in goods and services e.g., professional fees, professional development, and insurance. Finally, only time will tell us how the increased cost of living will impact Anduhyaun's fundraising efforts.



To Anduhyauun's funders we appreciate your ongoing support, notably, Toronto Social Housing and Ministry of Community and Children's Social Services (MCCSS). It would be remiss to not include Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the capacity building funds and to Basketeers for the gift cards and UNIFOR financial donations – to each of you, thank you.

To the Circle of Directors, thank you for your volunteer service and dedication.

Miigwetch,  
Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director



## **Annual Report** Annual General Meeting – September 15, 2022

### **Anduhyaun Shelter**

This past fiscal year the shelter serviced 357 women, an increase from last year's 287 women and 108 children. We offered a safe and secure place to reside during the pandemic while we provided counselling services, accessing external resources, and participation in workshops via Zoom when available. With the pandemic looming, in-person programming and presentations were affected as clients were not able to social distance safely.

Of the 357 women served 231 were indigenous. The Outreach program served 473 women, with 370 being Indigenous. Circles were not being held due to Covid-19.

Over the past year the clients participated in activities and resources that will help improve their well-being culturally, physically and spiritually. The agency relied on sister agencies who were offering online programming and clients were encouraged to participate via phone or tablets which were provided by Anduhyaun. One-on-One counselling sessions were available to clients with Dr. Taslim Alani-Verjee, Clinical Psychologist, who also created workshops for clients to heal through movement called Unwinding your Body. Dr. Alani-Verjee's counselling services were also extended to staff during the pandemic to support mental health.

Clients had access to housing information and staff assisted with housing applications for Special Priority. The agency staff were also able to place a few clients into affordable housing through the Rapid Housing program with means of application aids, follow ups, taking clients to see units, and helping make a smooth transition to their new homes.

Pandemic measures remained in place to contain the spread of this disease. Steps to ensure clients and staff remain safe during these trying times include:

- Implementation of a vaccination policy
- Frequent rapid testing
- House rule guidelines, client, kitchen and washroom protocols
- Offsite hotel program Isolation and Disclosure Protocol
- Current information on COVID-19 received and passed on to staff and clients continuously
- New client admission guidelines
- COVID-19 screening tool and steps
- Ongoing measures to securing PPE for clients and staff
- Posters placed around the shelter to promote the prevention of the spread of Covid-19
- Onsite cleaner and cook

We have had many gracious donations to the shelter which all have been directed and tracked by the fundraising staff whom have been doing a wonderful job. Special thanks to Bell Canada and Rogers who provided the clients with phones and Sim cards for use for a duration of six months. This initiative provided clients with a safe way to reach out for help and access virtual resources if needed.



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.

Anduhyauun Shelter would also like to thank the Ministry of Community, Children & Social Services for their continued guidance, direction, funding and support while we persevered in our efforts to secure and build the new shelter.

We would like to thank our staff for their ongoing support and expertise in assisting our clients with all challenges faced on their personal journeys. The last two years the ever growing pandemic has challenged staff. But they have been able to thrive through it all and put the needs of the clients at Anduhyauun first. Every idea shared and every opportunity seized by them helped the clients to achieve great heights. Kudos to the team!

Anduhyauun 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 with the anticipation of the new shelter in the coming year and look forward to new growth and change along the way.

Thank you,  
Anduhyauun Shelter Management & Team  
Roma George, Shelter Manager and Kailey Misquadis, Shelter Assistant



## **Annual Report** Annual General Meeting – September 15, 2022

### **Nekenaan Second Stage Housing**

The past fiscal year continued to be a challenging time for Nekenaan Second Stage Housing, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With a low number of housing applications received and some of the tenants securing permanent housing, the occupancy rate was low. There were six move-ins and two tenants that secured permanent housing. As of March 31, 2022, there were seven women and four children, with an occupancy rate of 33%.

Anduhyaun felt that during the COVID-19 pandemic, some women and children returned to their home community to be with their family and decided not to return to the City. Other housing agencies reiterated that same thought.

Despite challenges, Anduhyaun continued to provide tenants with support programs and housing resources. We maintained pandemic protocols and health and safety measures while holding beading circles, sharing circles, and a socially distant Paint Night with artist, Patrick Hunter. To support holistic well-being and mental health, body/mind movement classes were held, and tenants had access to counselling services. We celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day by providing medicines and orange Every Child Matters t-shirts to tenants. We celebrated International Women's Day by providing activity boxes with crafts and gifts to tenants. Around the holidays an ornament making class was held and tenants received hampers filled with food, pajamas, and gifts.

With the help of funding and grants, Anduhyaun continued with improvements to the Nekenaan building. The activity room, located in the basement of the building and used for staff and tenant programs, had the floor laminated; the donation room expanded; and the addition of an office to aid in socially distant programming. There were two major improvements for Nekenaan: the resurfacing of the garage floor to repair and prevent leakage in the basement, and the upgrades to the elevator for accessibility. A huge thank you to the City of Toronto and Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle for funding these projects.

The Nekenaan team continues to provide support to our women and children who access our services to ensure they feel supported as they grow and become stronger. The Nekenaan team will continue to support each other and ensure we are taking care of ourselves, so we can continue our good work! There will always be challenges to face, but we are looking forward to the successes next year brings.

Thank you,  
Nekenaan Management  
Deborah Brant, Program Manager and Kara Mooney, Program Assistant



## **Annual Report**

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### **Fundraising**

It has been an interesting year for Anduhyaun's fundraising. We are grateful to our new and long-time supporters recognizing our evolving needs and helping us traverse difficult times. Through the support of our Circle of Directors, Fundraising Committee, team, donors, grantors, and community, Anduhyaun raised \$152,369 in monetary donations and over 1 million dollars in project and operating grants for this fiscal year.

Fundraising activities included the Winter Solstice campaign raising \$18,042, our first Orange Shirt Day Fundraiser, which quickly sold out of t-shirts and raised \$1,100, and our second virtual edition of the Strawberry Moon Fundraiser, raising \$1,351.

To celebrate the Strawberry Moon and Indigenous History Month, throughout June we had Grandmother Isabelle share Strawberry teachings, honoured Indigenous Peoples Day with our Circle of Directors, and heard song and testimony from a previous client, Brenda MacIntryre, Medicine Song Woman. We also hosted two live virtual events, a Paint Night with artist Patrick Hunter, and a yoga class led by instructor Ciara Jean Beaton.

Due to tremendous support from the community this year we saw a 47% increase in monthly donations and a 6% increase in third-party fundraisers as compared to last fiscal year. In appreciation to all our Friends of Anduhyaun we hosted another virtual yoga class with Ciara Jean Beaton in March to thank everyone their commitment during such a turbulent year.

A special thank you to our continuing benefactors including Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle, Women's Shelters Canada, Maxine Noel, Re:Sound, Unifor, Basketeers, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Toronto Foundation, ON Realtors Care Foundation, MakeWay Foundation, all levels of government and each and every monthly donor. We are grateful to have formed new relationships with United Way, Starbucks Foundation, One2Give, KPM Power, Holdbest Foundation, Sherritt International, and Global Medic.

Our sincerest gratitude to all of those who contributed to Anduhyaun in any way, allowing us to continue providing meaningful services for Indigenous women and children.

For the upcoming year, Anduhyaun will focus fund raising efforts on maintaining health and safety, and the highly anticipated opening of the new shelter. We foresee cost increases for materials, labour, and supplies and will continue to seek grants and donations to realize these goals.

Finally, to the hardworking members of the Anduhyaun team and Fundraising Committee, thank you 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 2021-2022

Thank you to all of the individuals, businesses, and organizations for your generous support throughout the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Every contribution, big or small, helps us to provide a safe space for Indigenous women and their children.

Below is an alphabetized list of donors who contributed this fiscal year in support of Anduhyaun.

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