



# WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE DONOR NEWS



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# Help the Woodland Cultural Centre this June to win \$10,000 in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge to secure funding support needed for operational costs of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School

Woodland Cultural Centre is thrilled to participate in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge in the hopes of winning one of the grand prizes of \$10,000. WCC is aiming to secure funding support needed for the restoration project of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School building. The vision is to turn the building into an Interpretive Historic Site and Educational Resource, shedding light on a significant chapter in Canadian history.



As one of the few remaining Residential School

buildings within Canada and the only site in Ontario offering guided tours until undergoing closure for refurbishment, the Mohawk Institute stands as a living testament to the tragic legacy of the residential school system in the country.



Image Courtesy of Canada Post

In partnership with the Great Canadian Giving Challenge, a month-long fundraising initiative held each June, Woodland Cultural Centre invites donors to contribute through [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org) or CanadaHelps fundraising tools. Every donation made between June 1st to 30th to WCC serves as an entry for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 prizes.

Marking decades of resilience, the former Mohawk Institute will emerge as a platform for truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation, commemorating the resilience of Indigenous children who endured the residential school system.

Through a multifaceted approach encompassing historical exhibitions, community engagement, and educational programming, Woodland Cultural Centre stands at the forefront of promoting Indigenous culture and fostering understanding among diverse communities.

As the Woodland Cultural Centre strives towards a Spring 2025 public reopening, our operational budget has faced some unforeseen financial hurdles necessitating communal support. Despite weathering setbacks from the pandemic, inflation, and logistics issues, significant progress has been made in critical endeavors such as elevator installation, masonry repairs, and accessibility ramp enhancements. The support of our giving community is vital for the future of the Cultural Centre.

This June, support the Woodland Cultural Centre in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge so we can continue to share these truths and realize the shared vision of revitalizing this historic landmark as a testament to this dark chapter in history.

This June

Help our charity  
**WIN \$10,000!**



History should be accurately recorded, archived and the best “Evidence” comes from a lived experience. The Woodland Cultural Centre had a very important, yet difficult job, ethically and morally, to ask survivors to relive childhood abuse and trauma. The gathering of evidence occurred over several years and through the collaborative efforts of the Woodland Cultural Centre, many survivors were able to have their truths documented and archived. The former school will now educate, not destroy.

“Save the Evidence” opened the doors for any and all survivors that were able to speak

about the horrific circumstances they were forced to endure during their time at the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School. Even though the Save the Evidence campaign has ended, according to a conversation I had with John Elliott “We are not done yet, there is more to tell” and as evidenced by the voices of the survivors, “We Are Still Here”.

Roberta Hill  
Mushhole 1957-1961  
Excerpt from Save the Evidence Newsletter, March 2022



## Additional ways to support WCC this June



Looking for orange shirts this June?

Show your support for Residential School Survivors and Reconciliation with the knowledge that the proceeds from your purchase will benefit the Woodland Cultural Centre to run the former Mohawk Institute as a space of Cultural Interpretation and Indigenous Resilience. Features the Woodland Centre’s 50th anniversary logo on the backside.

[Click here to shop WCC 50th Anniversary Orange Shirts!](#)



Or scan  
here  
to shop!



# Nya:wəh/Niá:wen to Ontario Trillium Foundation for granting \$73,100 from Resilient Communities Fund



Through this grant of \$73,100 over 12 months, the Woodland Cultural Centre will recruit and train new volunteers from Brantford and Six Nations who will help to leverage the organization's exceptional Indigenous arts and cultural programming and facilitate the delivery of more and larger events while building stronger community engagement.

The project will also provide new wellness supports for staff who deal daily with the highly emotional work of educating visitors about the traumatic events that took place at the former residential school where the Centre is located. These new supports will include both traditional Indigenous healing practices and contemporary wellness workshops which will increase staff job satisfaction, reduce burnout, and decrease staff turnover.

Nya:wəh/Niá:wen to Ontario Trillium Foundation for their continued support of our mission and mandate and recognizing the vital role that WCC holds in our community and educating our visitors.



## Check this out! Nya:wəh/Niá:wen to Ikea for renovating our lobby as part of their community partnership program

Many thanks to Ikea Canada and the Burlington location team for their collaboration with Woodland Cultural Centre in renovating our museum building's lobby. This project, under Ikea's Community Partnership Program, showcases the dedication and hard work of the Burlington team in revitalizing our lobby space.



Special thanks to Brian Fortier, Kiana Yu, and Hilary Toller; we couldn't have done this without you!

Stay tuned for the final results to be shared on our social media, coming soon!!



# I&S Crafts continues to support the Woodland Cultural Centre with the sales of their orange shirts

In April 2024, I&S Crafts made another donation to the Woodland Cultural Centre from the sale of their orange shirts. They generously donated \$435, bringing their total contributions over the last three years to \$7,909.80. Nya:wəh/Niá:wen for your continued support!

Is your school or organization looking to purchase a bulk order of orange shirts for this September?

I&S Crafts will be selling Every Child Matters orange shirts on behalf of the Woodland Cultural Centre for the fourth year in a row! We are endlessly grateful for their continued support and generosity.

Please contact Lacey from I&S Crafts at 226-934-8403 to place your bulk orders!



## Come golf with the Woodland Cultural Centre

Join Woodland Cultural Centre on Tuesday June 11th at The Greens at Renton for their second annual Community Day golf tournament!

Let's come together and make a meaningful difference to support 27 incredible local charities and raise \$70,000. Whether you're a golf enthusiast or just looking to enjoy a fantastic day out, there's something for everyone!

Book your tee times now with The Greens at Renton pro-shop at 519-426-3308 X 1 and tee off for a cause. And remember, you don't need to swing a club to be part of the action! Visit the Greens Bistro for a delicious meal and show your support by participating in the amazing raffle tables and silent auction held in the Greens Ballroom.

Our team would love to see some of our donors out there on the green! Let's make this day one to remember as we unite for our community and make a positive impact together. See you there!



### THE GREENS AT RENTON COMMUNITY DAY

**JUNE 11, 2024**

Join us to support 27 local charities and exceed 2023's \$34,000 donation. All proceeds raised will be donated back to the participating 27 charities.

**\$70.00/GOLFER**

Includes:  
9 Holes of Golf & Interactive games at each hole with a different participating charity for a chance at different prizes at each hole.

Book your tee time at  
519-426-3308 EXT 1

Dwadə'nyota' Dwaga:'sho:'q̄h  
"We Celebrate Our Stories"

## National Indigenous Peoples Day

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE



## Upcoming Event

[Click here](#) or scan to find out more!





# SUPPORT WOODLAND

## Donation Levels

- **\$100 – \$499** -will receive acknowledgement on the WCC website updated twice per year (downloadable PDF)
- **\$500 – \$1,499** -will receive invitation to screening of a special virtual tour event and Q & A session and acknowledgement in the WCC Annual Report
- **\$1,500 - \$4,999** - will receive preview invitation to exhibitions, acknowledgement on the WCC website for the fiscal year period of the donation and invitation to donor recognition event
- **\$5,000 +** - will receive a copy of WCC anniversary and other publications

# DONATE NOW!

Woodland Cultural Centre needs your help to ensure that we can continue to develop and provide programming and resources to our community and the public!

## Support Woodland

# INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUNDRAISER?

We can't thank our fundraisers enough for all the hard work they put into their initiatives!

[Click here to access our third-party fundraising forms!](#)

If you're interested in running a fundraiser for the Woodland Cultural Centre, please contact us at 519-759-2650 x 232 or [email here](#). We are here to support you and we can't wait to work with you!

## PAYMENT DETAILS

- I have enclosed a cheque (payable to Woodland Cultural Centre)
- Donate online (www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca/donate/)

## Charitable registration number: 891177990RR0001

Woodland Cultural Centre respects your privacy. We protect your personal information and adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting privacy. We do not rent, sell or trade our mailing lists. The information you provide will be used to deliver services and to keep you informed and up-to-date on the activities of Woodland Cultural Centre through periodic contact. If at any time you wish to be removed from any of these lists, simply contact Woodland Cultural Centre at 519-759-2650 X 232.

With my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I am please to support the Woodland Cultural Centre

## CONTACT DETAILS

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR RECOGNITION ON WCC WEBSITE (FOR DONORS \$100 AND UP) \_\_\_\_\_