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HEATHER GEORGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In October of 2022, the House of Commons unanimously voted to declare that Residential Schools are a genocide. The United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Genocide Convention) is an instrument of international law that was codified in 1948. The United Nations defines genocide as "any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group, as such: (a) Killing members of the group; (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

There is no doubt that the Woodland Cultural Centre is a site of genocide. How we address this for and with survivors, our community, the public, and our own staff is always a monumental and ongoing task. In addition to our work supporting language reclamation, multi-disciplinary arts, and education programming, we are focused on the ongoing restoration and interpretation of the former Mohawk Institute building, a task we could not achieve without the support of all levels of government and many private donors. As we look to reopen the building to the public in 2025, we have been honoured to receive our largest private donation to date for the restoration project from the Barry and Laurie Green Family Trust. In making this donation, Barry shared this thought: "Investment in the Woodland Cultural Centre reflects our core mission—to promote reconciliation with and social justice for all First Peoples..."

It is the responsibility of all Canadians to address this history of genocide in Canada, and I, along with the staff at Woodland, am incredibly grateful for the ongoing support that everyone has shown us in this significant and meaningful work.

We at the Woodland Cultural Centre would like to express our sincerest gratitude for our donors and their continued support of (re)conciliation efforts. Your donations this September would allow the Centre to continue our work and mission towards a future where Hodinohsho:ni people will speak their language, know and practice their culture, and share their history. We would be grateful if you visited our [Support Page](#) to find out more on how you can help.



Heather George
Executive Director

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Have you registered for Woodland Cultural Centre's Orange Shirt Day programming this September?



The Woodland Cultural Centre is excited to announce changes in our Orange Shirt Day programming! We will be having OSD events for two weeks during the month of September.

There is virtual programming for elementary and in-depth programming for middle and high-school, as well as education opportunities for Organizations.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day or National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th) is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to Residential Schools in Canada and learn more about the history of these schools. It has become a National Campaign to raise awareness and provide education about Residential Schools in Canada.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous supporters who have already registered their classrooms and organizations. As a non-profit, the revenue generated from our education programming is crucial for sustaining the operations of our entire Centre. With your support, we can continue to provide high-quality programs grounded in a Hodinohsho:ni worldview, celebrating and sharing Indigenous cultures, languages, and art. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission.



School Programming

These virtual events will take place over Zoom, and will be \$10.00/participant. There will be a pre and post package provided. To secure your spot, register early! Number of participants can be adjusted and this form is to secure your spot for a virtual tour. A follow-up email will be sent out to confirm number of participants closer to booking date. Download our booking form to get full descriptions of programming.

Program Options:

- Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour and Debrief - Grade 6+, 1.5-2 Hours
- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Workshop - Grade 7+, 45 Minutes
- Thanksgiving Address -K+, 45 Minutes
- Importance of Apples and Orange Shirt Day - K+. 45 Minutes

[School Registration Form](#)

Organization Programming

This virtual event will take place over Zoom, it will be \$13.00/participant. Each session includes a debrief/Q&A session with one of our Cultural Interpreters to give your group a chance to ask questions. To secure your spot, register early. Number of participants can be adjusted. This form is to secure your spot for a virtual tour. A follow-up email will be sent out to confirm number of participants closer to booking date. Download our booking form to get full descriptions of programming.

Program Options:

- Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour and Debrief - 1.5-2 Hours
- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Workshop - 45 Minutes

[Organization Registration Form](#)

Nya:wəh/Niá:wen to everyone who participated in the #GivingChallengeCA this June!

Your contributions during the month of June went towards the restoration project of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School. Thanks to our community of supporters we were able to raise \$26,292, which will assist in our vision is to turn the building into an Interpretive Historic Site and Educational Resource, shedding light on a significant chapter in Canadian history.



Thanks to donors like you, we are able to shed light on a significant chapter in Canadian history and commemorate the resilience of Indigenous children who endured the residential school system. Your donation not only helps us in our efforts towards truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation but also in promoting Indigenous culture and fostering understanding among diverse communities.

As we navigate through financial hurdles and challenges, your support provides a beacon of hope for the future of the Cultural Centre. Your generosity allows us to make progress in critical endeavors like elevator installation, masonry repairs, and accessibility ramp enhancements, bringing us closer to our goal of a 2025 public reopening.

We are truly grateful for your commitment to our cause and for joining us in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. Together, we can continue to share these important truths and revitalize this historic landmark, serving as a testament to a dark chapter in history that must never be forgotten.



Trisha Kelley
Development and Marketing Manager



Fundraise this September for the Woodland Cultural Centre

Here at the Woodland Cultural Centre we continue to be overwhelmed by the amount of outreach and support we receive from our third-party community fundraisers. Seeing the passion and hard work that goes into these volunteer run initiatives is truly inspiring and we cherish the opportunity to work with these dedicated individuals and organizations.

We would be honoured to have the opportunity to work and collaborate with our third-party fundraisers again this year! [Click here to check out our third-party fundraising form.](#)

What would your fundraising contributions go towards? Your efforts will go towards your choice of our departments and will ensure they can continue to develop and provide programming and resources to our community and the public; they will also ensure that we continue to grow and thrive as a Cultural Centre.

We hope that you all can continue to be a vital part of our giving community and we can't wait to connect with you again this year!



Do you have any questions about fundraising? Please reach out to our Development and Marketing Manager, Trisha Kelley at development@woodlandculturalcentre.ca or 519-759-2650 x 232.

Looking to Purchase Orange Shirts this Septemeber?



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 third 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!

Spend National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with the Woodland Cultural Centre

Join us for a full day of programming from 1PM - 6PM, including:

- Screening of the film Silent No More
- Survivor Talk and Q&A
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) activities
- And more!

A BBQ will be available starting at 4 PM, followed by a Social at 5 PM. The first 200 attendees will receive an educational resource bag with valuable TRC information!



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM 1 PM - 6 PM

Woodland Cultural Centre
184 MOHAWK STREET
BRANTFORD, ON N3S 2X2

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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!

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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

NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

STREET NAME _____ SUITE/APT # _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

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