

MA MAWI WI CHI ITATA CENTRE INC.

We all work together to help one another.



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our 34 years of being a Helper to Winnipeg's urban Indigenous community is an honour. This past year we are celebrating the success of our Family Group Conference Program and so grateful to our Maori family for guiding this important expansion. The loss of Windy Hill has given us a unique opportunity to rebuild and invest more into our land based programming.

Honoring Indigenous Knowledge is how we have retained our Indigenous traditional values and practices in caring for one another throughout our programs and services. Caring for Our Relatives best describes our work with families and community partners in collaboration with CFS Authorities and agencies to achieve our shared goal to protect, support and strengthen families.

Special thank you to our Board, staff, volunteers, donors, funders and allies for walking with us and supporting our heard medicine work!

Respectfully,
Diane Redsky, Executive Director

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Miigwech, thank you for celebrating the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre's 34th Annual General Meeting with us. Our Theme this year represents our traditional values in Caring for Our Relatives that was our focus this past year.

Our heart medicine work has brought us more aligned with the directions in our Strategic Plan: Family VOICES, OPPORTUNITIES to bring children home through meaningful RELATIONSHIPS between children, youth and their families, CFS Authorities and their agencies, community partners and our network of support across Winnipeg and Manitoba resulting in LEADERSHIP IN ACTION. This is made possible because everyone is committed to work together.

We are so appreciative of our staff, volunteers, sister organizations, donors and funders for supporting us along our journey and we look forward to another year of working together to help one another.

In Friendship,
Tammy Christensen, Chairperson

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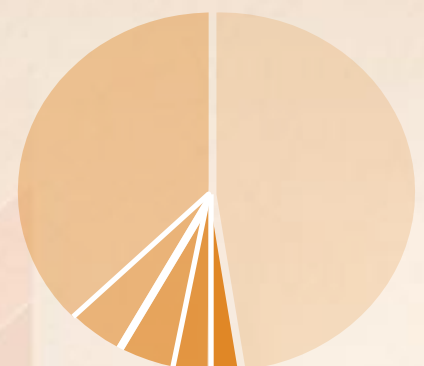
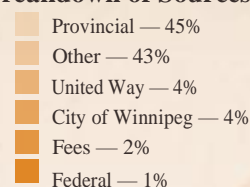
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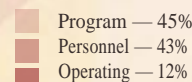
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REVENUES & EXPENSES

Breakdown of Sources



Breakdown of Expenses



HIGHLIGHTS IN 2018-2019

- Family Group Conference (FGC) Program – 350 children returned to family
- Our Maori sister Rima helped us expand FGC for six-months
- 14,094 people attended 445 King Street Gathering Place
- 57,200 meals served at our Community Care Sites
- Part of sister-organization networks representing over 30+ organizations
- Trained 792 people in 76 Training sessions that builds capacity
- Winnipeg Friendship Centre Partnership with AVNE & WIEC
- Worked with every CFS Authority in Manitoba to support urban Indigenous children, youth and their families

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OUR VISION

A safe, healthy, happy and interdependent community



OUR MISSION

Strengthening children, families and community.... investing in our future

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre is a Grandmother in the Winnipeg family of community service providers. She was established in 1984 to reclaim Indigenous people's inherent role and responsibility as the caregivers for Indigenous children and families. We are a community directed, Indigenous-led family support service organization delivering community-based programs and services to Indigenous children, youth and families living in Winnipeg. The name Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata translates from Ojibway into the phrase "we all work together to help one another" and our programs and services are developed and operate within a philosophy that is embodied in our name. Today, with over fifty (50) programs, sixteen (16) sites, 250+ Indigenous staff and 850 Indigenous volunteers, we provide a valued local presence in key neighbourhoods where our community lives.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Community of Caring DIRECTIONS

COMMUNITY VOICE

Honouring the voices of Neighbourhood Councils, Youth Councils, Board of Directors to inform and guide our services.

RELATIONSHIPS

A Community of Caring requires partnerships. We value partnerships in the community by building, working with and maintaining relationships; and ensuring strong internal relations.

OPPORTUNITIES

More community capacity for self-care. Increased skills and knowledge. Building on strengths. Being value based.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Fostering leadership opportunities. Affecting positive change in how the 'systems' delivers to families and community (the Ma Mawi way).

CODE OF HONOUR

- WE TELL THE TRUTH
- We SEEK *only peace*
- We keep OUR WORD
- We STAND UP for *what is right*
- We treat each other with RESPECT
- We LISTEN with our heart, then speak from OUR HEART
- We SUPPORT *one another to follow the code*

Community of Caring SERVICES



COMMUNITY CARE

3 locations

Natural gathering places for Winnipeg's urban Indigenous community that are community driven, culturally relevant prevention and support-based programs that include drop-in, emergency services, workshops, training and volunteer opportunities.

PROGRAMS:

- Asset Builders Program
- Community Drop-In
- Short-term Emergency Services
- In-home Support Services
- Lunch Program *Winnipeg Harvest meal replacement*
- Parenting Program: *embracing the family spirit*
- Personal Growth and Development
- Referrals and Advocacy
- Senior and Youth programming
- Community Mobile Outreach
- Volunteer Program



CARING FOR OUR RELATIVES

3 care home programs, 5 youth care homes

Protect children and honour the sacred bond of families with their children by ensuring Indigenous children remain connected to their family and community. (*formerly named "children in care programs"*)

PROGRAMS:

- Care Homes (*also known as foster care*): Emergency placement, short and on-going Indigenous care homes
- Youth Care Homes (*also known as group care*): female and transgender 13-17 and boys 11-14 years of age
- Family Group Conferencing (FGC)
- All Our Relations Lodge – visiting-reunification home resource
- Nicikwe/Niciwam – in-home support
- Youth Housing Programs (*also known as youth aging out*): Yellow Shawl Mentorship Housing, Youth Housing First Program and In-Home Mentorship Support.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

youth driven programs

Honours youth as the current and future generation of leaders through culture, education, recreation, empowerment, training, employment and leadership development opportunities.

PROGRAMS:

- Pow Wow Clubs: all ages
- Hunters and Gatherers: scouts program
- Positive Athletic Cultural Experiences: PACE
- Positive Adolescent Sexuality Support Workshops: PASS
- Future is Yours – employment readiness
- Summer programming and camps
- Rites of Passage for girls and boys
- Youth Leadership Development opportunities
- Youth Mental Health Workshops
- Sacred 7 Youth Council



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

1 healing centre, 1 gathering place, 1 daycare

Returning to our INDIGENOUS values and practices for caring for one another. Specialized programs to lead truth and reconciliation initiatives and leadership role to support our strong sister organization network.

PROGRAMS:

- Windy Hill Cultural Training, Healing Learning Centre
- King Street Gathering Place for Truth and Reconciliation
- Family Group Conferencing (FGC)
- Spirit of Peace – *family violence prevention*
- Aboriginal Head Start – Little Red Spirit
- Child Development Centre - *daycare*
- Housing First for adults and youth
- Partnerships with sister organizations
- Training Centre for professional development