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## Annual General Meeting

# 2018



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## executive director report

It has been a busy and exciting year at Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad during which we have expanded our programming in support of Indigenous youth in our community.

I am happy to share that through the incredible support of our community, partners and funders we are now operating the Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre as a full 24/7 safe space. Some of you may recall our event in the spring announcing the generous support of Indigenous Services Canada which in addition to our existing funders, ensures Indigenous youth will have a safe, barrier free place to go any time of day or night when they are in need of support and resources. We are incredibly humbled to have received the blessing of Tina Fontaine's family to operate this centre as a safe space in honor of Tina's memory. Tina touched all of us at Ndinwemaaganag Endaawaad and her story and experiences are far too common among Indigenous youth in our community. Offering this safe space for youth to access in times of crisis is a step to changing the narrative, to better protecting our young people and building their resiliency. We will be hosting a community gathering in the coming months to recognize and honor her legacy. I welcome you all to join us.

Another community event we will soon be hosting will be a grand opening of our newest location! We have a new site located at 650 Burrows where we will house our operational team along with existing and new programming; including a dedicated space for Indigenous youth 18 – 24 years of age. This space provides food, shower facilities, hygiene products, and laundry facilities to respect their dignity and well being. In addition, workers will be on site to support youth as they tackle the challenges they face as they make the transition to adulthood. Additionally, we are excited to share space with The Here and Now: Winnipeg's Plan to End Youth Homelessness team as they move the plan forward to address the issue of youth homelessness in our city.

The Ndinawe Child and Youth Care Program has also relocated to the new site as they move into their 12th year! We now have over 100 graduates of this program bringing their knowledge, care and compassion to the field!

On the subject of knowledge, care and compassion, with so much happening it is important to recognize the individuals that have dedicated themselves to this organization and acknowledge their hard work. While I gratefully acknowledge the work of all of our employees, board members and volunteers, I would like to recognize those staff celebrating 5, 10 and 15 year anniversaries including, Carol Cochrane and Vanessa Parisien (5 years); Dustyne LeFurgey and Susan Berthiaume (10 years); Eleanor Paulic and Margaret Parenteau (15 years). Each of these individuals positively impacts the lives of young people in our community each and every day through their work.

As always, I gratefully acknowledge our community partners and funders whose ongoing support allows Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad to continue to support Indigenous youth in our community. We could not do it without you.

**Respectfully,**

**Tammy Christensen, Executive Director**





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## board report

Tansi! Boozhoo! Welcome to the 2017-2018 annual general meeting of Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. We are honored to share this day with you.

Ndinawe has grown and developed so much in the years I have served on this board, continuously evolving to provide the Indigenous youth in our community meaningful services that address their cultural, social, economic and personal needs.

In keeping with our continued evolution, we are pleased to share the redesign of our logo created by the incredible team from Vincent Designs. The logo captures the values and philosophy inherent in our name, 'our relative's home', reflecting the protection, healing and unconditional love we strive to provide to Indigenous youth. Simple lines and geometry were used to honor the original concept and connect the old and new generations. We hope this beautiful symbol of nurturing reflects as well with you, as it has with us. In addition to the redesign, the team has supported the organization with a revamped marketing and communications strategy.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow board members; those that have been with the organization for some time, the new faces we welcomed over the past year, as well as those who have moved on from the board to pursue new opportunities. Thank you for your time and dedication not only to Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc but to creating a better community for Indigenous youth in our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I gratefully acknowledge all of our funders, community partners, our employees and volunteers for supporting Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad and making each and every day a new opportunity for hope, healing and unconditional love.

**Miigwetch!**

**Betty Edel**

Board Chairperson



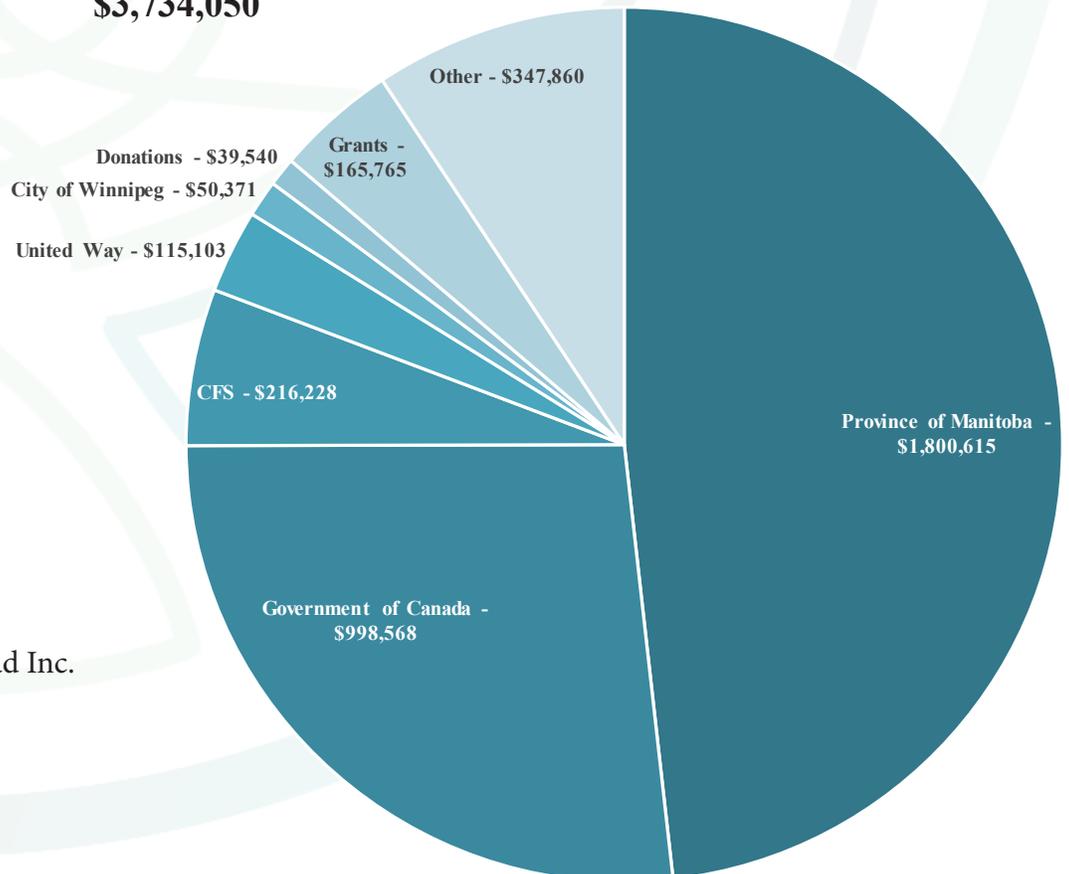


# financial report 2018

## revenue

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Province of Manitoba	\$1,800,615
Government of Canada	\$998,568
CFS	\$216,228
United Way	\$115,103
City of Winnipeg	\$50,371
Donations	\$39,540
Grants	\$165,765
Other	\$347,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,734,050</b>





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## here and now - winnipeg's plan to end youth homelessness

Here and Now: Winnipeg's Plan to End Youth Homelessness is currently being hosted by Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. The vision for Here and Now is to have a city where all youth have a safe place to live and thrive. We are committed to preventing and ending youth homelessness by implementing a community-sanctioned strategy that ensures youth and their families have what they need to thrive. We work in collaboration with several youth serving agencies (Tammy Christensen is the Co-Chair of the Governance Committee), various levels and department of government and, most importantly, youth who are experiencing homelessness and who have experienced homelessness. Here and Now is guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action and Principles of Reconciliation and by the Collective Impact Model.

Over the last couple of months we have established a Youth Research Team to help with the implementation of the Plan and we are currently working on developing a youth engagement strategy and toolkit as well as a 5-year plan to guide the work of Here and Now in the coming years. We are also actively working to advocate and influence policy changes that support the healthy development of youth and youth transition from or between these systems so they may have the means, skills and supports needed for success.

We are very fortunate to be part of the amazing family at Ndinawe over the past couple of months! We recently moved to their new location at 650 Burrows and we are very excited about being located at their new youth hub. At this new location, Ndinawe will be able to provide youth experiencing homelessness access to housing and employment support, have a meal, do their laundry or have a shower. Its an amazing space and we look forward to all new opportunities ahead!

**Denisa Gavan-Koop**  
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## Wahkohtowin - The Strengthening Families Program (SFP)



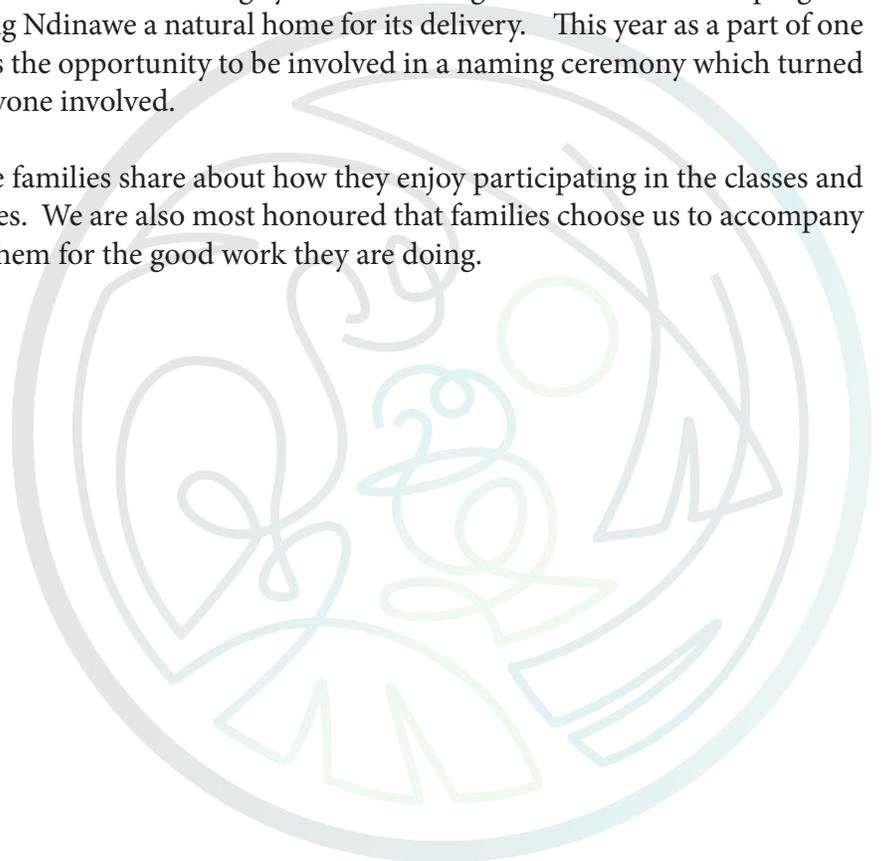
Wahkohtowin is a Cree word that means “kinship” or the state of being related. In 2018 our dedicated Teen and Adult Mentors spent their time teaching skills, offering supports to families to assist in creating familial harmony, manage crisis and helped build stronger bonds and more enjoyable lives together.

We are engaging families with youth ages 11-17 who are facing systemic challenges and barriers. This program highly values Culture and Recreation making Ndinawe a natural home for its delivery. This year as a part of one of our graduation Feasts, we offered families the opportunity to be involved in a naming ceremony which turned out to be a profoundly moving day for everyone involved.

We have been honoured to hear some of the families share about how they enjoy participating in the classes and appreciate the supports the program provides. We are also most honoured that families choose us to accompany them on their journeys and want to thank them for the good work they are doing.

**Sara McIvor-Prouty,**  
**Site Coordinator**

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## ndinawe youth resource centre



Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre (NYRC) is a 24/7 safe space for youth ages 13-24. The centre operates in a strength and value based approach with the young people who access the centre. We believe that the youth are the experts of their own challenges, and we need to invest in relationships that foster capacity building so that we can continuously learn from the youth to being able to provide appropriate services based on their needs. The centre is a safe alternative to the streets for youth who are in need of immediate support and resources, when other resources are unavailable.

On March 28, 2018, the Federal Government announced that it would provide funding to support Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. (Ndinawe) for the expansion of the 24/7 Safe Place for Indigenous Youth at the Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre - this expansion is dedicated in honor of Tina Fontaine. The centre sees approximately 32 – 40 youth during the day, and an average of 25 and 40 youth who access the overnight safe space.

The Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre has a team of experienced Youth Engagement Workers available to assist and work with youth, including offering housing and employment supports, culturally appropriate workshops, personal develop opportunities and recreational outings.

**Tony**  
**Program Manager**

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## safe house



Ndinawe Safe House is a safe place for youth ages 11 to 17. Youth can self-refer and do not need to be in care of Child and Family Services. Ndinawe Safe House provides shelter for up to 16 youth, both female and male. Youth can be admitted for a variety of reasons such as parent/teen conflict, placement break down, living on the streets, being at risk of abuse or sexual exploitation.

Ndinawe Safe House is a place where our youth can live in a positive and safe environment, where their voices will be heard. We advocate and arrange meetings for youth to address any concerns they may have and what is important to them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has offered us support whether it be volunteering, donations from individuals, schools, agencies and corporations, I can't even begin to thank you for your support and friendship.

**Eleanor Paulic**  
House Manager

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## Chu Manitou Tanka Oyati tipi

Our transitional home is offered to youth that want to live and be in a supportive environment to prepare themselves to live successfully on their own. Our program was designed for youth between the ages of 16 – 17 years of age. During their involvement in the program they are able to reside with us and we ask for a year's commitment to our program so they can gain the skills needed to be successful.

The program aims to empower youth in a safe and caring environment in which residents can explore and enhance their mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well being.

Second stage has celebrated many successes this past year with having youth graduate and receive their high school diplomas and have seen some go on to post secondary. Having the commitment from the youth we can continue to support them in achieving their goals. We are always changing our programming to reflect the needs of the youth in not only our program but in the community as well.

We would like to thank the community for all their support in helping our youth succeed and empowering them to take control of the goals and making their dreams come true.

**Kathleen Paulic**  
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