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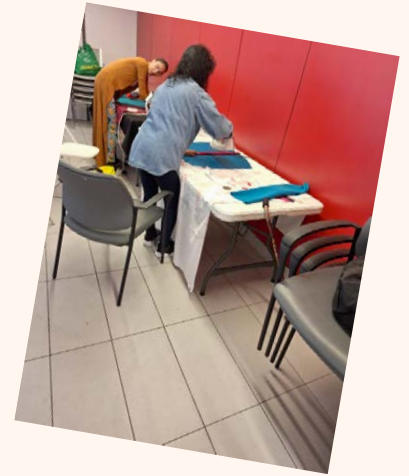
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WIGWAMEN 2024 ANNUAL PICNIC



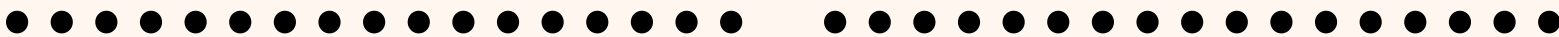
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Storytelling Through Fabric



This past July tenants were invited to design and create their own T-Dress or ribbon shirt. The project emphasized personal expression, as each participant selected their own colors, weaving their unique stories into the fabric. Guided by the artistic vision of E.J. Kwandibens, tenants learned the cultural and historical significance of these garments, the tenants used this opportunity to connect with their culture and express their individuality.

The T-dress, often a symbol of cultural grace and femininity, and the ribbon shirt, a garment tied to Indigenous traditions, both became canvases for storytelling. The selected colors, whether bold, earthy, or vibrant, reflected emotions, memories, and personal journeys, allowing the wearers to honor their ancestry. This blending of tradition and personal narrative through fabric turned the project into both a creative and cultural experience, highlighting the power of clothing to tell deeper stories about who we are.



Congratulations to our Flower Power Contest

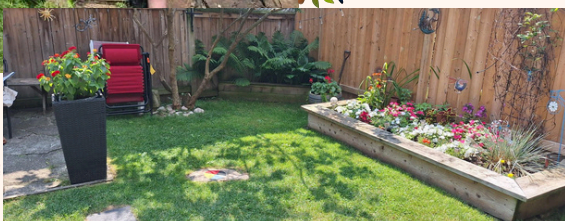
Winners!



On July 31st, Wigwamen held its annual Flower Power contest. This contest gave tenants the opportunity to showcase their gardening talents, creativity, and community spirit for a chance to win cash prizes. Pictured are some of our winning gardens, a beautiful display of dedication and skill.

Winners for the Flower Power Contest:

- 1) Dorothy \$200
- 2) Courtney \$100
- 3) Shanell \$75





RUN FOR



WIGWAMEN



Ontario's oldest and largest urban Indigenous housing provider

Wigwamen has officially become a partner charity for the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon 2024!
By participating, Wigwamen can raise funds for its incredible mission. You can also join us in this marathon by:

- Running or volunteering in the event
- Spreading the word about our fundraiser
- Liking and sharing our posts on social media

With your support, Wigwamen will:

- Construct more affordable housing
- Decrease the waiting time for the many individuals and families on our affordable housing waiting list
- Provide additional assistance to our tenants

For more updates, check out our social media on Facebook and Instagram and show some love
(See last page for contact details)

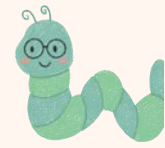
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**OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER OF
THE TCS CHARITY CHALLENGE**



Children's Book Club



Wigwamen's Special Initiatives program sent out age-appropriate books to registered children ages 3 to 13. Each selection was carefully curated to inspire a love for reading and nurture imagination. The program provides young readers with the opportunity to explore new stories and expand their literary horizons throughout the year.

Each child will receive a new book every two months for a year.

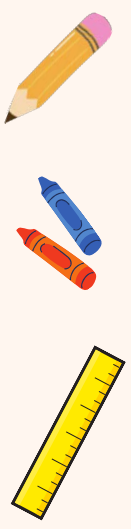


Back To School Backpacks



In a continued effort to support students and families, Wigwamen's Special Initiatives Program distributed backpacks filled with essential school supplies to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. The initiative, now an annual tradition, ensures that students are well-prepared for the school year.

This year, the backpacks were handed out by Wigwamen staff in August, just in time for the upcoming school year. Each backpack was filled with notebooks, pencils, markers, and other necessary tools for learning. For many families, this initiative relieves the financial burden of purchasing school supplies and provides children with a positive start to their academic year.



Need more information on Wigwamen's Special Initiatives? Get in touch with your property manager, or contact Teresa twile@wigwamen.com

OTHER EDUCATION ↘



The Urban Indigenous Education Centre at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) offers a variety of services with the goal of enhancing First Nations, Métis and Inuit students' well-being and achievement, and creating opportunities for Indigenous Education for all staff and students in the TDSB. This mandate is guided by the Elders Council, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

For a full list of services or to make a referral check out their website: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/indigenouseducation/Home/Programs>

Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Winners!!!



From left to right: Phoenix Maye-Bright, Ashley Hunt, Benedicte Rehema, Danielle White, Cassandra Half, Stephanie Hansell, Richard Recollet, Ewaen Osunde, Christopher Robertson
Absent from photo: Jimmy Constant, Owen Osunde

Each year, Wigwamen proudly awards scholarships to tenants pursuing higher education at accredited colleges and universities. Scholarship applications were sent out in June and all tenants currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution were encouraged to apply. We are excited to announce our 2024 scholarship award winners! Congratulations to all the recipients, and best wishes for a continued success in your academic journey!



525 Markham Rd New Addition



Wigwamen is advancing its vision to create new housing opportunities through the development of 62 new units of affordable housing at 525 Markham Road. The need to create new affordable housing for individuals and families in Toronto continues to grow. Wigwamen is committed to closing this housing gap and creating new affordable housing with quality design, operations and supports that benefit tenants.



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Wigwamen Cultural Support Program

UPCOMING EVENTS:



THE MUCH ANTICIPATED ANNUAL PUMPKIN CONTEST AT 75 COOPERAGE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, BRINGING WITH IT THE EXCITEMENT OF FALL AND A BURST OF COMMUNITY CREATIVITY.



20 SEWELLS HALLOWEEN PARTY WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH. FOLLOW OUR CULTURAL SUPPORTS SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR MORE INFO.



Halloween Safety Sorting

Safe	Not Safe

Running outside	Wearing a mask at night	Walking with a grownup	eating opened candy
Going inside a stranger's home	Having an adult check your treats	Carrying a flash light	Wearing dark costumes

NATIVE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE OF TORONTO

TO HONOR AND COMMEMORATE THE LIVES OF MMIWG2S

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

VIGIL

Honoring our Sisters

Day time activities and Evening Vigil from 4:00pm - 7:00p.m.



Friday, October 4th, 2024

Agenda To Follow

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.



WIGWAMEN Incorporated provides safe and affordable housing to hundreds of Indigenous and non-Indigenous families, singles, and seniors throughout Toronto and Ottawa.



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WIGWAMEN HOUSING

- The Terrace (127 units for Indigenous seniors)
14 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON, M5R 3M4
- 20 Sewells Road (92 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1B 3G5
- 228 Galloway Road (60 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families)
Scarborough, ON, M1E 5G6
- Pan Am (145 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) 75 Cooperage Street, Toronto, ON, M5A 0J5
- Scattered Housing (for Indigenous families) 221 homes located throughout the GTA
- Place Perrault (41 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families)
205 Eric Czarnik Way, Ottawa, K1E0A5
- 55 Thora Avenue (20 units for Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1L 2P7
- 3738 St. Clair Avenue East (22 units for Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1M 1T7
- 525 Markham Road, Scarborough, ON M1H 3H7 (115 units for Indigenous/non-indigenous individuals



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From York Mills Station take the 122 bus, which stops directly in front of the building; or any 95 bus, which all stop at Upjohn, just 200 metres south of Head Office. Alternately, from Pape Station, take the 25 Bus, get off at York Mills and transfer to a westbound bus, or walk west for about 5 minutes.

TO APPLY FOR WIGWAMEN HOUSING:

Indigenous households interested in applying for housing with Wigwamen can obtain an application in one of the following ways:

Online at www.wigwamen.com
By phone: 416-481-4451

All applications must be submitted with verification of Indigenous ancestry and status in Canada for each household member.

For a list of acceptable documents, please contact our office.

Non-Indigenous Families and Individuals should fill out an application that is available:

By mail: call 416-981-6111
or 613-702-5358 (Ottawa) to request a form

Online: www.housingconnections.ca (Toronto)
or www.placeperrault.ca (Ottawa)

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and your income with your application



Wigwamen Maintenance



If you have a maintenance issue, please contact your building manager. If you do not have a building manager on site, please call the Head Office at 416-481-4451.

Online Maintenance Request Form:
www.wigwamen.com/housing/maintenance or <http://www.wigwamen.com/housing/maintenance-request-form/>

In the event of an after-hours emergency (e.g. a flood or heating failure), please call 416-481-4451 (Toronto) or 613-805-9604 (Ottawa).

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