



WIGWAM TO WIGWAM

YOUR HOUSE TO HOUSE NEWS



RUN FOR



WIGWAMEN



A MARATHON OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Shout out to our incredible tenants and staff who participated in the Run for Wigwamen at the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon!

Our slow and steady team came together with determination and heart, successfully raising over \$72,000.00 for Wigwamen's new affordable housing through the TCS Charity Challenge.

Congrats to the team for beating their fundraising goal!

Wigwamen also won 3rd place for largest total dollars raised receiving the prize of \$1,750 from TCS Charity Challenge!

Thank you, Angus, Lena, Andrew, Donna, Paul and Dina, for your efforts in helping us provide more affordable housing!



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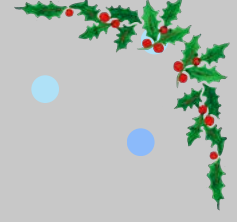
COUNCIL FIRE'S INDIGENOUS LEGACY GATHERING

Wigwamen staff had the honour of attending the Indigenous Legacy Gathering, a vibrant event dedicated to celebrating and sharing the rich diversity of Indigenous culture. Wigwamen is proud to support initiatives that honour and amplify Indigenous voices, ensuring their legacies continue to inspire future generations



Dear Santa 2024

A big Chi Miigwetch to the big guy himself, Santa, for making a special visit and delivering gifts to the children of Wigwamen this year.



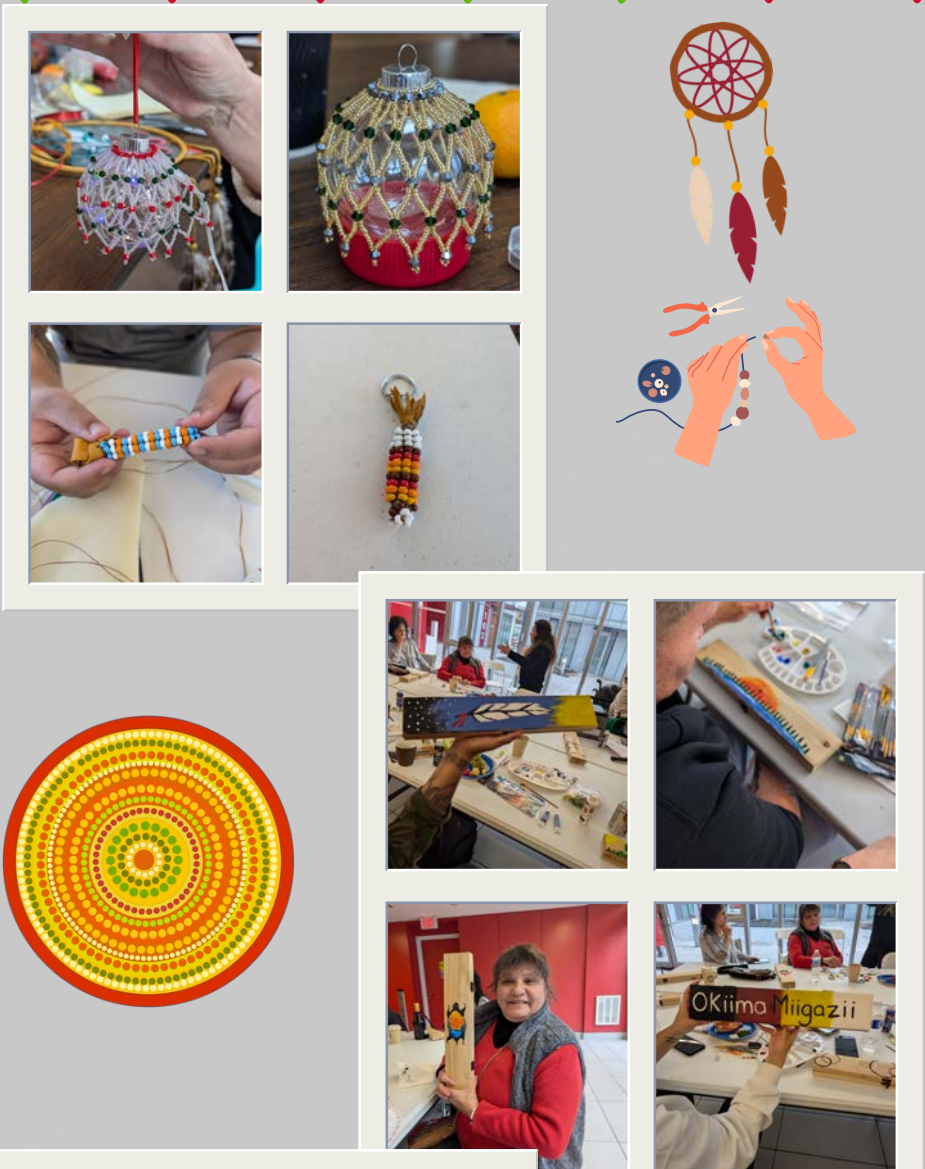
Cultural Support Program

Our tenants and clients have been embracing creativity and culture with exciting initiatives! Participants have come together for Cultural Crafts, where we've explored fun and engaging DIY projects, from seasonal decor to personalized art pieces. It's been a wonderful way to connect, unwind, and showcase artistic talents!

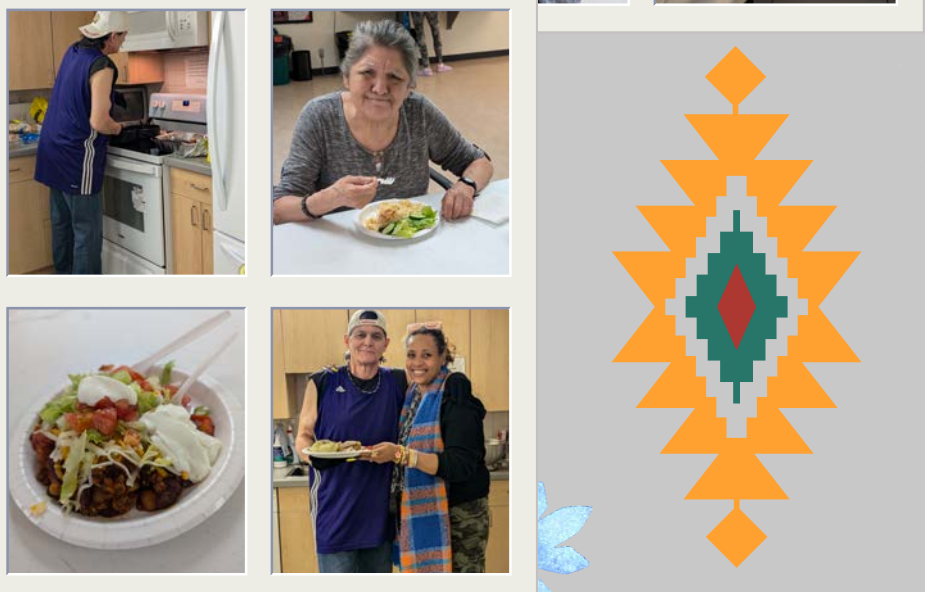
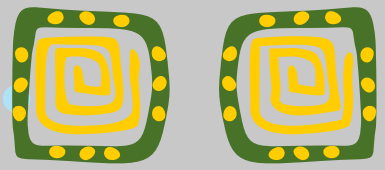
The Indigenous Cooking Club at 20 Sewells Rd provides a wonderful opportunity for tenants to come together and cook a meal as a community. This program has been a meaningful way to share stories, learn new skills, enjoy delicious meals together, and foster a sense of connection and belonging.

A big thank you to Charlene at 75 Cooperage, the Follow-up support team, and Toronto Council Fire for helping us host and run these meaningful programs.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for these programs! If you haven't had a chance to participate yet, stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to connect and create with the Wigwamen community.



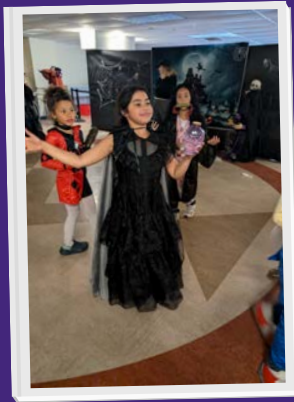
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFO REGARDING THE CULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAM? EMAIL THE TEAM CulturalSupports@Wigwamen.com



HALLOWEEN 2024



WIGWAMEN CELEBRATED HALLOWEEN WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES ACROSS OUR BUILDINGS! FAMILIES AND KIDS ENJOYED PUMPKIN CARVING, SPOOKY GAMES, AND FUN THAT BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. IT WAS A JOY TO SEE EVERYONE'S CREATIVITY AND HALLOWEEN SPIRIT IN ACTION!



Welcome to the Wigwamen Community!

We are thrilled to announce the recent purchase of **231 Melrose Street**, and warmly welcome its tenants to the Wigwamen Incorporated family. This addition marks an exciting milestone for us, bringing our total portfolio to 875 units across our housing network.



525 Markham Rd Update:

Our growth doesn't stop there! Construction is underway for an additional 62 units beside **525 Markham Rd**, further expanding our mission of providing safe and affordable housing.



HOLIDAY CHEER AT WIGWAMEN

This holiday season, Wigwamen tenants came together to celebrate the spirit of the season with festive dinners held at various locations. These events offered a wonderful opportunity for neighbours to connect, share laughter, and create lasting memories.

Tenants enjoyed beautifully prepared dinners, that were served by the dedicated staff, who ensured that everyone felt welcomed and cared for. The celebration also featured exciting prize giveaways, adding extra cheer and excitement to the evening.

Beyond the food and festivities, the events were a true celebration of community. It was heartwarming to see tenants coming together, sharing stories, and building stronger bonds.

Chi Miigwetch to everyone who participated and helped organize these unforgettable events. Here's to more celebrations and cherished moments in the year ahead!





WELCOME BABY BASKET

Congratulations to Amsay, and her new bundle of Joy. Wigwamen wish you and baby all the best!



WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFO REGARDING WIGWAMEN'S SPECIAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM? EMAIL TERESA twile@Wigwamen.com

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Honouring our Ancestors

COMMUNITY ROUND DANCE

Saturday, February 15, 2025

EMCEE
Gordon Sands

STICK MAN
Gary Parker

ELDERS
Marie Gaudet
Jimmy Dick

INVITED SINGERS
Nathan Roy
Wayne Moberly
Jayden Wemigwans
Liam Sands
Isiah MacFarlane
Elijah Stevens
Jared Big Canoe

MLSE Launchpad
259 Jarvis St.
Toronto ON

AGENDA
3 PM Pipe Ceremony
4 PM Feast
5 PM Round Dance
8 PM Give Away
9 PM Closing

culture@nativechild.org

20TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY CEREMONY

FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, TRANS & TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE


TORONTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, 40 COLLEGE ST

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 12:30 - 1:30



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

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 Czapnik 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)
- 2419 Keele St North York, ON M6L 2N3 (12 units for Indigenous/non-Indigenous individuals & families)
- 25 Hotspur Rd Toronto, ON M6A 1X7 (11 units for Indigenous/non-Indigenous individuals & families)
- 231 Melrose Street, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 1B8 (9 units for Indigenous individuals & families) 

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



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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.



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"<http://www.wigwamen.com/housing/maintenance-request-form/>"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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