



# Legacy of Hope Foundation

Annual Report 2015-2016



LHF Annual Report  
**1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016**

**About the LHF**

The Legacy of Hope Foundation (LHF) is a national Indigenous-led charitable organization whose purposes are to educate, to raise awareness and understanding of the legacy of residential schools, including the effects and intergenerational impacts on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, and to support the ongoing healing process of Residential School Survivors. Fulfilling this mandate contributes to reconciliation among generations of Indigenous peoples, and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada.

The LHF fulfills this mandate by: working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, and with communities, governments, and organizations across Canada; and by undertaking communications, research and policy initiatives that support the development and implementation of our educational programming. All of these activities are informed by the experiences and stories of Residential Schools Survivors, their families, and communities.

Our work is guided by ethical guidelines and principles for working with Survivors and Indigenous communities. These ethical guidelines are based on: 1) a deep concern and compassion for, and honouring of, Survivors, their families and communities; and 2) a clear understanding of the need for and importance of the oral tradition of Indigenous peoples. We take as our fundamental guiding principle that the work of the LHF must contribute to the health, safety, well being and healing of Survivors, their families and communities, and towards promoting reconciliation in Canada.

Fiscal year 2015-2016 was a year of change and of forward momentum for the Legacy of Hope Foundation. The term for the Executive Director, who was engaged to start work at the beginning of FY 2015-2016, concluded at the end of this year. As a result, the Director of Operations assumed the lead position in the organization. It is anticipated that a new Executive Director will be hired during the next fiscal year.

**Board of Directors**

Richard Kistabish, President

Mr. Kistabish is an Algonquin from the Abitibiwinni First Nation, Quebec, who speaks English, French and Algonquin fluently. He is the former president of Social Services Minokin and has been involved in the field of health and social services at the regional and provincial levels for many years. He served as administrator and manager of the health committee, at Kitcisakik First Nation. He was Chief of Abitibiwinni First Nation, and Grand Chief of the Algonquin Council of Quebec for two terms. His publications

include Mental Health and Aboriginal People of Quebec, the Green Book Position Paper of the Algonquin Nation on Environmental Issues, and the National Inquiry into First Nation Child Care. He is the Vice-Chair of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and the President of Legacy of Hope Foundation. Mr. Kistabish has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2002.

Elizebeth Hourie Palfrey, Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. Palfrey is a Métis grandmother born in BC and currently residing in Manitoba. For three decades she lived and worked in Nunavut. With a long history of community development initiatives in both the public and private sector, she has had extensive experience as a Managing Partner and board member of several privately owned businesses. Ms. Palfrey served as Chair of the Keewatin Regional Health Board for eight years, working diligently with other board members to foster increased health accessibility for residents of their communities. She was a member of the NWT Health Care Association and a board member of the Churchill Hospital Board and the Winnipeg Regional Health Board. She has contributed to many other local and regional community groups and boards as a volunteer. She served as Director of the Business Loan Fund and as a member of the Minister's Advisory Council on Business and Economic Issues. She was President of the Tourism Industry Association for several years and was an active participant in fostering increased business development and employment opportunities as a board member with the regional Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Palfrey continues as a community service volunteer with a special interest and focus on Aboriginal youth initiatives.

Ms. Palfrey has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2002.

Dr Marlyn Cook

Dr. Cook is a member of the Grand Rapids First Nation in Manitoba. A graduate of the University of Manitoba (M.D.), she currently practices Family Medicine in her home community of Grand Rapids as well as in Sagkeeng First Nation. She left the James Bay area where she was Chief of Staff and Director of the Traditional Healing Program in 2012. She has also worked in Pikangikum in the Sioux Lookout zone, and in Akwesasne in the past. Among her previous positions are Co-Chair, First Nations Task Force on Child and Family Services (in Winnipeg, MB), Consultant to the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (Winnipeg, MB), Province of Manitoba Medical Examiner, University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine's Traditional Teachings Program – Debriefing Tutorials, and Assistant Director, Clinical Operations, at the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada (Winnipeg, MB). Marlyn Cook has sat on numerous Committees and Boards including the Swampy Cree AIDS Steering Committee, the Manitoba Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada Board, the Mino-Ayaawin Advisory Committee of the Native Women's Transition Centre, the Thompson General Hospital Perinatal Mortality Committee, and the Balancing Choices and Opportunities in Sciences and Technology for Aboriginal People National Steering Committee. She was also the Chair of the Facility Planning Committee and a Board Member at the Sioux Lookout

Mino-Ya-Win Health Centre. Dr. Cook was a Member of the Ontario College of Family Physicians, co-chairs the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Drug Therapeutic Advisory Committee, and sits on the advisory Council of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

Dr. Cook has served on the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Hope Foundation since 2005 and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation since 2003.

Cindy Swanson

Cindy Swanson is a Cree Métis woman from Edmonton, Alberta, who is currently a PhD student in the Centre for Research for Teacher Education and Development in the Faculty of Elementary Education at the University of Alberta. Her doctoral studies will focus on the experiences of Indigenous children and their families as they first enter into school spaces. She will narratively inquire into how their familial curriculum-making world is shaped within, by, and in-between, their experiences in the school curriculum-making world. Prior to entering the PhD program she taught elementary children for twelve years with the Edmonton Public School Board. She has also served on the Board of Directors with the Aboriginal Healing Foundation since 1998. She has served on the LHF Board since 2005.

### **Program Accomplishments**

#### 1. Exhibition Installations:

The LHF circulates its exhibitions to venues in all parts of the country on an almost continuous basis. The venues are listed according to exhibition:

100 Years of Loss (both versions):

- The Reach Gallery and Museum, Abbotsford, B.C., 12 December 2014 – 31 May 2015
- Lakefield District Secondary School, Lakefield, ON, 4 – 27 May 2015
- TRC Closing Ceremonies Education Day, Ottawa, ON, 31 May 2015
- City Hall, Hamilton, ON, 3 June – 10 July 2015
- Mohawk Council, Kanésatake, QC, 23 June – 15 July 2015
- Red River College, Winnipeg, MB, 12 – 19 November 2015
- City of Edmonton, AB, 20 November – 11 December 2015
- National Arts Centre, Ottawa, ON, 12 January – 2 February 2016
- Langley Secondary School, Langley, BC, 3 February – 4 March 2016
- Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Toronto, ON, 1 – 31 March 2016

Where Are The Children:

- Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre in Whistler, B.C., 11 January 2016 – Spring 2017

We Were So Far Away:

- TRC Closing Ceremonies Education Day, Ottawa, ON, 31 May 2015

- United Way, Winnipeg, MB, 26 October – 11 December 2015
- Memorial University, St. John's, NL, 8 March – 15 April 2016

#### Forgotten: The Métis Experience of Residential Schools

- Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Winnipeg, MB, 16-18 November 2015
- Red River College, Winnipeg, MB, 26 November – 6 December 2015

In addition to these venues, we negotiated requests from other venues that did not develop into a formal loan agreement even though, in many cases, the conversations were extensive. Lack of funding to cover shipping costs was the reason given most often by the venues for the cancellation of the request.

We currently have six active loan files for exhibitions scheduled to open between September 2016 and March 2017.

#### 2. Asset Enhancements:

LHF staff strives to keep our assets current and pertinent for all users. In addition, our assets – the exhibitions in particular – periodically need refurbishment or repair. During FY 2015-2016, the following was accomplished:

- A new exhibition agreement was drafted, reviewed by the Foundation's lawyer, and will be implemented as of 1 September 2016.
- Work has continued throughout the fiscal year on the development of new content for the 100 Years of Loss exhibition timeline, the addition of youth banners, and the development of a new participatory workshop guide.
- A Museum Assistance Program (Department of Canadian Heritage) grant was developed and approved for the creation of an entirely new exhibition, this one focussing on the experiences of Adoptees in the Sixties Scoop.
- The Anglican Healing Fund provided monies to develop two workshops to accompany *We Were So Far Away: The Inuit Experience of Residential Schools*. The workshops have been developed, the guide printed, and it is now available for distribution in both hard copy and digital formats.
- The LHF website was entirely re-designed, the content refreshed, and it was launched in May 2016.

#### 3. In-Service Sessions and Student Workshops –

- May 6, 2015 – Met with staff of the Rotiwennakehte School and the Mohawk Council, Kanasatake to plan for workshops to be held in the fall of 2015.

- May 29, 2015 – Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, Kemptville – conducted two in-service sessions for approximately 100 teachers.
- May 31, 2015 - Truth and Reconciliation Commission Education Day, EY Centre, Ottawa, ON  
Both exhibitions, 100 Years of Loss + We Were So Far Away were installed at EY Centre for TRC Closing Event Education Day and a number of workshops were delivered in the exhibition space. Over eight scavenger hunt activities and four workshops, one of which was a new workshop for WWSFA, were delivered to over 300 students by LHF staff, supported by the President of the LHF board, Richard Kistabish.
- November 18, 2015 - President of the LHF board, Richard Kistabish and staff visited students at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School in Selkirk, MB
- January- March, 2016 – Staff delivered five workshops to teachers and students at five Ottawa Carleton District School Board locations.
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4. Distribution of 100 Years of Loss Edu-Kits and teacher bundles:

Item	English	French
Edu kit	11	2
Teacher's Bundles	215	16

5. Book launch – With the dissolution of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF), the LHF became the copyright holder and steward for all of the AHF publications. The very last book published by the AHF called *Reconciliation and the Way Forward*, had never been formally launched so the LHF decided to take the opportunity to introduce the book at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's final event. Held on June 1, 2015, in the Frontenac Room at the Marriott Hotel in Ottawa, the event was hosted by CBC personality Shelagh Rogers, was well-attended, and saw the distribution of well over 300 copies of the publication.

**Outreach**

Item	English	French
Hope and Healing	1921	312
Tebatchimowin	241	29
Trilingual LHF DVDs	2077	
AHF Publications	1287	