



Ndinawe

Our Facilities

The Ndinawe Safe Home

The Ndinawe Safe Home is a 16 bed facility that provides accessible 24 hour shelter and basic necessities for Winnipeg children and youth who are living on the streets and are at risk of abuse and exploitation. Including; youth who have had previous conflict with the law. Unlike most group homes, youth can admit themselves into the Ndinawe safe home without the help of child and family service workers. The staff of Ndinawe offer culturally appropriate counselling and recreational services which help our youth develop a positive and safe lifestyle in a welcoming, supportive and safe home. In an average year this amounts to 5,500 nights of food, shelter and support to children in our community.

Ndinawe Second Stage Home

Our newest facility offers supportive long term independent living opportunities for youth between the ages of 16 and 17. Youth will develop the necessary life skills and capacities to transition to independent living in the community. All suites in the building are self contained, individual apartments with common areas, an on-site caretaking couple and 24 hour staffing.

Youth are supported throughout various supplement programming and skill building opportunities.

Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre

Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre is located on Selkirk Avenue, within walking distance from the Ndinawe Safe Home. The resource centre provides nurturing longer-term support for Winnipeg youth living independently, or with families. With the relationships we build, we have the opportunity to encourage positive directions in children's lives in areas of education, personal relationships, life skills, parenting and culture. Our drop-in is a place for youth to call their own, where youth can go in the evenings. Services and programs help youth get their primary needs met, gain skills and see their potential. It is a place where youth are given the ability to develop into the leaders of tomorrow.



Mission and Philosophy

Ndinawe provides a safe, nurturing home for male and female youth ages 11 to 17 who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation or at risk of experiencing serious physical, emotional, or spiritual harm.

Our Programs

Child and Youth Care Certificate Program

The Child and Youth Care Certificate Program is heading into its fourth year. To date we have 28 graduates from our program who have moved on to further education or employment in the child and youth care field. The Red River College Accredited course is one year in length and offered by Ndinawe in a community setting. The goal of the program is to offer individuals who were themselves sexually exploited as youth and opportunity to gain experience and education in the field of child and youth care. The graduates of the program, by combining their life experience and education, can truly connect and support youth at risk of exploitation in a unique and meaningful way.

Turning the Tides

The Turning the Tides Project will address and support safety and crime prevention in our communities by providing holistic and cultural support to community youth 15-19 years of age at high risk of and/or involved with gang related issues.

The program will provide youth support through mentorship, resources and employment opportunities to develop skills and capacities which will assist them in while providing an alternative to gang involvement. This program offers recreational opportunities, skill building opportunities, and support to youth and families.



Transitional School

The Ndinawe Youth Transitional School provides a structured and integrated learning environment for youth in transition from formal school. In partnership with R.B. Russell the Transitional School provides a positive educational atmosphere for youth in transition (in between school placements) participants maybe Youth who have been suspended from school, have been non-attendees for years, released from the Youth Centre, or who are waiting to be placed in a school. By utilizing traditional and non-traditional supports the Transitional School helps to ensure that students do not fall behind in the educational system and increases the success of a positive transition back into the main stream school system. The program in its first year was met with remarkable success and response from the community. This program has a continuous intake, working with up to 15-20 youth at a time.

Ndinawe believes we are all related!



Lord Selkirk Youth Resource

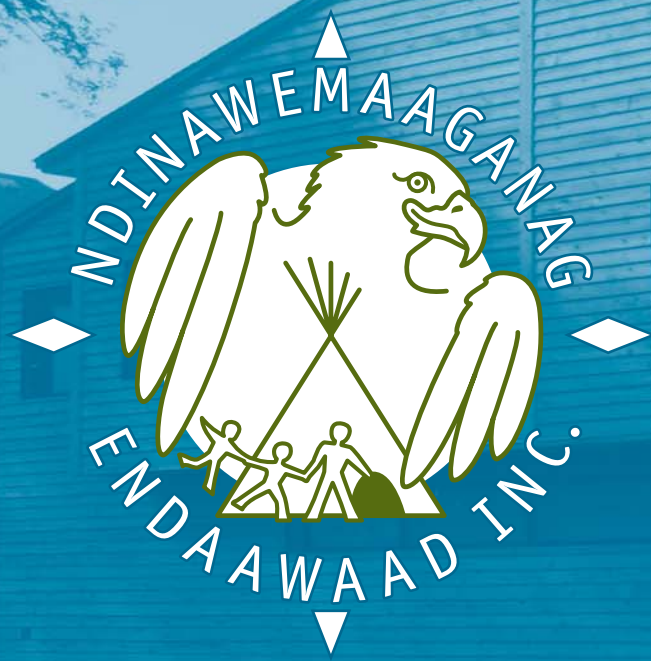
Our drop-in facility located at the Turtle Island Neighbourhood Centre provides a safe and familiar environment where youth between the ages of 8 to 12 can attend in the evening and weekends. Our services help youth meet their primary needs, gain skills and realize their potential. Some of our programs include: Drop-in Hours: Monday to Friday 3:00pm till 11:00pm Weekends 1:00pm till 9:00pm.

Ndinawe Youth Board

The Ndinawe Youth Board is volunteer-based and comprised of broad representation of community youth who regularly attending programming at Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre. The goal of the Youth Board is to engage and give voice to community youth, build their leadership capacity and ultimately cultivate a greater sense of pride and ownership. The Board meets every second week to discuss various topics and issues that concern the Resource Centre, events/activities and program content.

All youth who attend the Resource Centre are encouraged to consult with board members who then bring all suggestions and programming recommendations to meetings for discussion. Information is then forwarded to staff for direction and decision. On a voluntary basis, the Youth Board participates in the coordination of activities/events within the Centre and in the broader community. Board members act as ambassadors for the Centre and role model positive, community-minded behavior. Meetings and activities focus on ways to strengthen youth creativity, self esteem and self confidence, while building leadership skills.

Ndinawe Youth board is given a voting seat on our Ndinawe Community Board. Each board member is expected to support and contribute to the Youth Resource Centre and the community in a positive and meaningful way. This is accomplished by contributing during board meetings, volunteering at the Resource Centre or through various community events and activities.



OUR RELATIVES' HOME

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Resource Centre

472 Selkirk Avenue • Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Hours: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm – Monday to Friday
 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Saturday & Sunday
 Phone: (204) 589-5545 • Fax: (204) 589-5656

Youth Safe House

Phone: (204) 586-2588 • Fax: (204) 589-4086

Youth Transitional House

Phone: (204) 589-8344

Executive Director's Report

This past year has been one of great excitement for Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad as we continue to grow to ensure we are meeting the needs of the youth in our community through a strong continuum of integrated, supportive services.

In April 2009, we opened our newest facility, Chu Manitoo Tanka Oyati Tipi (Big Wolf Nation Lives Here). This new residential program offers youth a stable, supportive living environment where they can develop the skills and capacities which will support their transition to become independent, self sufficient adults. The house, located directly behind the Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre offers twelve self contained, furnished bachelor suites, communal living space and around the clock supervision and support. This new program is a wonderful addition to the many existing programs and services we currently offer which ensure all of our youth have a wide variety of opportunities aimed at improving their cultural, social, economic and personal prospects.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge all those who have dedicated themselves to the vision of Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad in the support of urban Aboriginal youth. From the Board of Directors for their leadership and support to our staff and volunteers who, through their hard work are leading the way for our youth to realize their full potential. Your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our community partners and funders for their ongoing support in the work we do and who partner with us in creating a brighter future for our youth. We could not do this work without you.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the youth who share their lives with us, teach us and challenge us each and every day to work with them to create a strong, healthy community. We are truly blessed to share in your life's journey.

In Friendship,

Tammy Christensen, Executive Director



Chair's Report

I would like to welcome everyone on behalf of the board, to the 2009 Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. Community celebration and AGM. Over the last year Ndinawe has opened its doors and arms to over 3000 area youth in need of a place to call home. Ndinawe has relied on the strength of the community and the support of our friends to offer positive environments for our youth to live grow and flourish.

It is our goal to maintain the programming options the community needs by properly engaging our youth in meaningful, productive dialogue. Over the past year Ndinawe has been able to engage the community in a variety of forums. PATH building workshops have been implemented to help us form the basis to further our goals of positive holistic programming. Sharing circles with the youth have frequently brought forth new ideas for immediate responses to immediate concerns such as violence, drug use, and gang related issues. Ndinawe's goal of meaningful, productive dialogue reinforces our continual commitment to the community and the youth we serve.

Congratulations to everyone involved on another year of growth for our Community, Friends and Family. As we look to the New Year it is important to reflect on our past successes. Much has transpired in the last year as Ndinawe has handled growing in size with the addition of our Second Stage home for youth. And

the continued success of our two newer programs Youth Care Worker Training and the Turning the Tides gang prevention. We need to work hard as we strive to the future and build on our success. We need to listen to the community and their needs. It is this visioning that enables us to adapt to the ever changing social climate. Our direction has come from the input of the community and as an organization we take pride in the responsiveness of the community to the challenges they face.

Thank you to all the dedicated staff and supporters who help build up our community and provide the necessary responses to the needs.

Thank you to all of our funders and community partners who support the vision of the community and the philosophies of Ndinawe.

A big thank you to the youth who have changed our lives as we work to create a better future for all involved. Without the strength of our youth; our goals wouldn't be realized.

The community is filled with the desire to succeed but lacks the many needed tools for significant change; it is with Ndinawe that the necessary changes for positive and effective development are supported.

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Betty Edel, Board Chair

Thank You

To our board members, staff and many volunteers for their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the community.

Our Funders

To our generous funders who with their support make all of our programs possible:

- Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development
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- Aboriginal Single Window
- United Way of Winnipeg
- National Crime Prevention Centre
- Justice Canada
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- City of Winnipeg
- Canadian Heritage
- Manitoba Family Services & Housing
- Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth
- Lighthouses
- Urban Arts Centre
- Aboriginal Northern Affairs
- Neighbourhoods Alive!
- Urban Green Team
- Canada Summer Jobs
- MB4Youth

