







# **YOUTH SYMPOSIUM**

# **EVENT OVERVIEW & EVALUATION**

### Hear Our Voice – Find Your Call! *Reconciliation Regina's Youth* Empowerment Symposium on Truth and Reconciliation in our

**Community** was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. This powerful event was a successful and creative way to gather youth from 10 different schools (elementary & high schools) in the Regina area, and participate in meaningful workshops covering many different subjects (Art, languages, traditional culture & hunting, pemmican making, beadwork, music etc.) and talk about reconciliation in our community. In total we had just under 200 students attend the Youth Symposium. 140 of those students used the online registration process, while close to 60 students that attended the event did not register yet were still successfully placed in workshops.

We received several emails with feedback from the teachers and principals expressing how much they and the students enjoyed the event and how they look forward to attending other events in the future.

# 10 SCHOOLS

Kitchener Community School Coronation Park Community School Martin Collegiate Thom Collegiate Albert Community School FW Johnson Collegiate Miller Comp. Catholic High School Winston Knoll Mother Teresa Middle School Thomson Community School

# **9 WORKSHOPS**

#### **Brad Bellegarde** (InfoRed Workshop) **Tristan Frav** (U of R Cougars Hockey Team) Tracy Kakakaway (Mini Moccasins Workshop) Roberto Lopez (Graffiti Workshop) Holly Rae Yuzicappi (Pemmican & Culture Workshop) **Royal Saskatchewan Museum** (Traditional Hunting Workshop) Sakewewak Artists (Acrylic Painting Workshop) **Darryl Chamakese** (Honouring Our Languages)

Jonah Toth (Passion2Action)

"Hello Danielle and Olivia,

I wanted to congratulate the Reconciliation Regina team , for organizing an incredible youth symposium. The venue was perfect, the sessions were engaging, the facilitators were inspiring, and overall, the event was certainly empowering for all of the youth in attendance. While any event of this type is not without its challenges, I hope that you can see past those road bumps and take pride in everything that was achieved. Thanks so much!"

Jonah Toth

#### "Hi Olivia!

Thank you again for inviting us to be part of the Youth Symposium. It was a ton of fun and it was a refreshing way to get out there and watch the kids experience so many different things.

Thank you for your time and all your work!"

Georgina Lee Grade 7/8 Thomson School Regina, SK

# The Reconciliation Regina Truth and Reconciliation Initiative Fund

The Reconciliation Regina Truth and Reconciliation Initiative Fund Prize was graciously sponsored by **SaskEnergy**, and was created to award one winning school with the opportunity to begin or host their own Truth and Reconciliation initiative or event. The \$750.00 Reconciliation Regina Truth & Reconciliation Initiative Fund Prize was awarded to **Thomson Community School** for their short video focused on what actions their school has already taken to commit to reconciliation and what they want to contribute to a future initiative. Reconciliation Regina coalition Coordinators will connect with them in October 2019 to help them plan and execute their initiative or event.

Our Youth Symposium Evaluation meeting on April 30th 2019 will identify successes and areas for improvement for next year's planning.

#### **NEWS:**

Eagle Feather News: "Reconciliation summit saw youth learn more about Canada's history" https://www.eaglefeathernews.com/news/index.php?detail=3910

# 20 VOLUNTEERS FROM 8 ORGANIZATIONS

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Regina Downtown Business Improvement District

YWCA

Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan

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