

2021-2022

ANNUAL REPORT



Mikinakoos Childrens Fund



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In 2021, there was a lessening of pandemic restrictions; however, most continued to meet virtually rather than in person. The need to 'wall' off remote northern communities for protection continued; as did the additional challenges for families to access healthy, affordable food and other necessities for their children. The global pandemic continued to create challenges for us all with increases in pricing, gaps in supply chain and service delivery, and signs pointing to significant inflation moving into 2022.

Throughout 2021, the Mikinakoos Children's Fund was able to send much-needed shipments of essential items, school supplies, winter clothing, recreational equipment, and other necessities into communities. A unique campaign for winter clothing for hundreds of Keewaytinook Internet High School students was a resounding success; thanks to the generosity of donors, every student received new mitts and boots, while Wuxly® donated new winter coats and hats. This gesture is significant as it allows students to fully participate in the land-based curriculum which is vital to preserving the traditional knowledge for their way of life.

Mikinakoos Children's Fund purchases items identified as a need by community contacts on a just-in-time-to-ship basis limiting the costly overhead associated with office and warehouse infrastructure. Shipping costs continued to be a challenge; however, potential partnerships were identified in our strategic plan to work at keeping these costs reasonable.

As we look forward, we recognize that the employee-giving pillar of our strategic plan is integral to future success. Monthly donors are essential to establishing a continual revenue flow to sustain the staffing required to build community relationships and respond to communities' individual needs.

Thank you to all our donors, from the children giving pennies to the adults giving dollars to the corporations giving large.

The future of Mikinakoos Children's Fund is in your hands!

Colleen Martin
Board Chair



Mikinakoos
Children's Fund



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Colleen Martin
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James Morris
Past Chair



Brian Calleja
Treasurer



Corinne Fox
Director



Brent Massaro
Director



Jeff Stout
Director

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Jessica McLaughlin
Director



Tyra Ohman
Director



Emily Shandruk
Executive Director



Kielly McDonough
Marketing &
Community Capacity
Building Specialist

Highlights

Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities – Government of Canada

In May of 2021, we received a grant from the Government of Canada's Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities (SSIDC) program with funding of \$230,605 over the course of two years. This program is focused on supporting positive outcomes in the areas of health, education, at-risk behaviour and/or employability, consistent with priorities set out in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

This funding has been incredibly beneficial in assisting us to provide sporting and play equipment to our communities that allow kids to be kids. It also provided us with an honorarium to those in the community that are leading, coaching and assisting in activities, such as tournaments, clubs and organized play.

Some highlights of the first year of this funding have been sending up a variety of sporting equipment to 9 different communities. In total, we have sent 15 full baseball equipment sets and 4 other shipments including volleyball and miscellaneous gym equipment for the purpose of inspiring and motivating a healthy lifestyle.



Canada

Funded by the Government of Canada

Highlights

Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities - Government of Canada



Highlights

Giving Tuesday Campaign leads to 230 parkas donated to 15 different communities

We began our Giving Tuesday campaign in October with a goal to raise \$25,000 to help provide the Keewaytinook Internet High School (KIHS) students with warm winter clothing.

KIHS is a program that allows students to remain in their home community while taking a rich variety of ministry-inspected courses toward their high school diploma.

Following multiple fundraising initiatives and incredibly generous donations from Superior Strategies, and The Sweet North Bakery, located in Thunder Bay Ontario, we reached our goal of \$25,000.

Subsequent to reaching our goal, we attained a partnership with Canadian ethical outerwear company Wuxly Movement®, who donated more than 230 winter parkas to the youth from 15 remote First Nations throughout Northwestern Ontario who are students of KiHS.

The partnership came in response to challenges around shipping and distributing necessities like food, sporting equipment and winter gear to these remote regions, many of which have no permanent roads in and out.

Using the \$25,000 raised Mikinakoos provided snow pants and winter boots to the students of KiHS.



Highlights

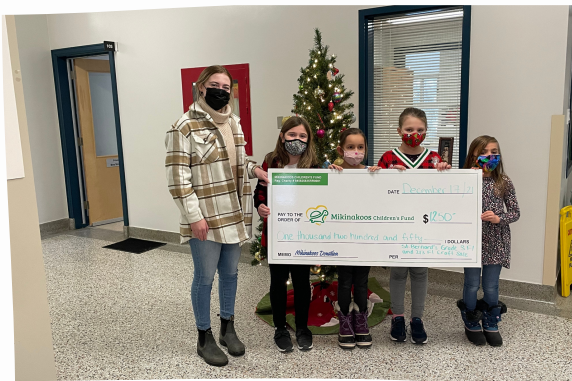
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Highlights

Businesses putting #FirstNationsKidsFirst

Throughout 2021-2022 there were a multitude of businesses, organizations and schools that held their own personal campaigns in support of the Mikinakoos Children's Fund. We are truly grateful, as a small grassroots charity, to have been given this immense amount of trust and support from all over Ontario.



This support is the reason Mikinakoos has been able to expand and deliver more consistent programming to the communities that we serve.

Special recognition to:

- Dream 519 Rental
- Superior Strategies
- The Sweet North Bakery
- Sleeping Giant Brewery
- Dawson Trail Brewery
- The Waterfront School
- St. Bernard Elementary School
- Nexus Health & Fitness Centre



Highlights

Leanne Children's Foundation Donation

One of our generous donors, Fern Jordan, wanted to support students returning to school in September of 2021. Mikinakoos knew that students who attend school at the Missabay Community School located in Mishkeegogamang First Nation needed backpacks. We worked together to send up 200 backpacks, 100 packs of granola bars and apple sauces, 200 binders (donated by Staples Canada), and 5 iPads (donated by Bank of Montreal). The donation from Fern Jordan was made through the Leanne Children's Foundation.

Food Banks Canada Grant

In October of 2021, we were approved for a \$72,000 grant from Food Banks Canada for food, meals & food distribution. This grant allowed us to send up food shipments to eight different communities with a total of approximately 24,000 lbs of food and other bulk ingredients

Food Banks
Canada



Year in Review



New Followers

On Facebook, we gained 215 followers, and 275 followers on Instagram.



Gifts per Donor

On average, our donors gave 3.07 each gifts versus 2.25 gifts in the previous fiscal year



Total Gifts

We received a total of 1,105 gifts versus 72 gifts in the previous fiscal year



Recurring Donors

We increased our number of recurring donors by 700%, a total of 114 versus only 14 in the previous fiscal year



New Donors

We welcomed 330 new donors into our community this year, an increase of 330% compared to the 67 new donors from the previous fiscal year



Monthly Donors

We welcomed 54 monthly donors to our community, an increase of 675% compared to 8 monthly donors the previous fiscal year

Year in Review



Shipments

In the previous fiscal year we completed 6 shipments, this year we increased this number by 483% completing a total of 35 shipments.



Community Outreach

In the previous fiscal year we reached four communities, this year we were able to increase that number by 300% reaching, a total of 16 communities.



Financial Statements

Independent Auditor's Report



To the Board of Directors of Mikinakoos Children's Fund:

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mikinakoos Children's Fund (the "Charity"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Charity as at March 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Charity derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Charity and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue and excess of revenue over expenses for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 and assets, liabilities and net assets as at March 31, 2022 and 2021. The audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021 was qualified accordingly because of the possible effects of these limitations in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 3 of the financial statements, which describes the effects of the restatement of the prior year figures with respect to the correction of certain errors. The prior year financial statements have not been amended and the audit report has not been reissued with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Financial Statements

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Charity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Thunder Bay, Ontario

October 30, 2022

MNP LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Licensed Public Accountants

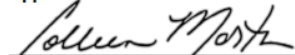
Financial Statements

Mikinakoos Children's Fund Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Assets		
Current		
Cash	227,533	91,201
Accounts receivable	23,156	15,000
	250,689	106,201
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals (Note 8)	28,162	13,163
Due to SLFNHA (Note 6)	49,297	31,810
	77,459	44,973
Net Assets	173,230	61,228
	250,689	106,201

Approved on behalf of the Board


Director

Mikinakoos Children's Fund Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Revenue		
Donations	146,848	44,940
In-kind donations (Note 7)	161,520	-
Food Banks Canada	72,000	-
Ministry of Economic Development	28,472	18,778
Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation	109,297	-
Second Harvest	50,000	-
Superior Strategies	20,802	-
United Way	-	50,000
	588,939	113,718
Expenses		
Administrative (Note 6)	103,232	31,810
Advertising	6,357	-
Bank charges and interest	782	58
Materials	2,034	-
Office supplies	3,272	-
Program expenses (Note 7), (Note 8)	360,260	61,798
Wages and benefits	1,000	750
	476,937	94,416
Excess of revenue over expenses	112,002	19,302
Net assets, beginning of year	72,891	41,926
Correction of an error (Note 3)	(11,663)	-
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	61,228	41,926
Net assets, end of year	173,230	61,228

Donor Listing

Under \$100.00

Jesse Leithwood

Alexandra Dufort

Karen Avendano

Dan Dolomount

Jeanette Tauber

Jo Toth

Kassandra Rossi

J Chenier

Sheldon Cooper

Rolf Hoffman

Katie King

Anna Morrison

Amanda Phillips

Kelly Russell

Marisa Tuzi

Jenelle Browne

Jennifer Cressman

Lukas Kottschoth

Shayna Potter

Catherine Druce

Shannon Asher

Stephanie Assenza

Thanya Duvage

T Henry

Tony Iachetta

David Joines

Emily Kerton

Adrian Luzak-Ayala

Rosa Marks

Coral Mihalick

Kiersten Mosley

Angelo Pesce

L Robb

Natalie Sansone

Jared Turner

Jason Veltri

Marijana Vrankic

Jessica Wyatt

Michel Zaffarano

Elizabeth S Neelin*

Donor Listing

Under \$100.00

Lucas Corallo

Natalie Garside

Cyndi Macphee

Allison Pelow

Melissa Priest

Howard Eng

Anna Melyukova

Alison Pallister

Whitney Torres

Victoria Marshall

Lorraine Morin

Emily Torontow

Barbara Behan*

John Zinati

Lee Attard

Marilyn Belec Bittman

P Boshnick

Michelle Brisbois

Julie Chivers*

Laine Hellbling*

Phyllis Creighton

Mario D'Costa

Kathy Della-Nebbia

Katherine L Dupuis

Judith Fricker

Tanja Harrison

Delia Jacobson

Julie Klein

Paul Laing

Minna Karen Martin

Orlando Martini

J Maxwell

Emma Mercier

Cindy Morin

Kathy Mynahan

Christian Otte

Karen Park

Sylvia Poetschke

Mary Possmayer

Brian Kanakakeesic*

*Monthly Donors

Donor Listing

Under \$100.00

Sarah Riaz

David Schmitt

Valerie Smith

Elaine Steels

Elysha Wells

Lynn M Wizniak

Maryn Adlard

Danielle Alvarez

Kerry Bair-Ellis

Kathleen Currie

Lauren Denapoli

Sarah Dufresne

Carol Foreman

Stevie Gregg

Cheryl Hawley

Brian Hendery

Laura Lipton

Jacqueline Myers

Amanda Orr

Nicole Reaume

Nicole Reaume

Zemira Smith

Judy Tompkins

Emma Vaillancourt

Krista Williams

Elsy Willis

Daniel Zoetewey

Rick and Doris Wukasch

Anna Torontow

Wasi Reza

Patricia Cowtan

Patricia Delmore

Melissa Lawres

P Minsky

Andrew Rytel

Sean Spenrath

I White

Christine Partridge

Christine Sawanis*

Elizabeth Shephard*

*Monthly Donors

Donor Listing

\$100 to \$499

Elizabeth A Gladney

Lucy Ainsworth*

Tabitha Alexander

Pamela Angees*

Rose Aquino

Judy Archer

Elaine Atkinson

Dave Auger

Henry Bauer

Alan Berzen

Ionna Bomis

Betty Booi

Erin Bossons

Laurie Breton*

Albert Brule

Sandra Burns

Anthony Carfagnini

Elizabeth Carmichael

Christina Chong

Sara Cosco

Katherine Cotman

Josh Cousins

S H Coxford

Susan Cozzi

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Marisa De Souza*

Emina Dedic Losier

Damon Delong*

Jennifer Derosier*

Matthew Diegel

Stephanie Dinich

Thérèse Doyle

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Liana Frenette

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Donor Listing

\$100 to \$499

Barb Friesen

Kei Ganaha*

Andrie Gedye*

Richard Geurts

Millie Gormely

Marcel Gort*

Susan Griffiths

Wendy Hammond

Karie Hanson

Jeff Hardaker

Angie Heydon

Allison Hill*

Jenna Hitchcox*

Joanne Hough

Elizabeth Houghton

Kayla Huang

Isabel Hunter

Brenda Huska

Laura Jackson

Kyle Jessiman

Alana Johns

Roberta Keating

Lindsay Keith

Monica Klaric

Anna Klimek

Sadia Kocan

Tanya Koivusalo

Kent Kornelsen

Barbara Kosow

Lani Krantz

Roman Kremnev

Pauline Krupa

Mark Lange

Lauren Latimer

Amanda Laukys

Terrence Levine*

Margaret Lockhart

Vivian Lopez-Bondi

Diane Maceachern

Scott Magill*

*Monthly Donors

Donor Listing

\$100 to \$499

Douglas Mark*

Tamara Martin*

Honora McCabe

Maxine McDonald

Kielly McDonough*

Ashley McIver

Marilyn Meyers*

Michelle Elzby*

Erica Miskew

Cindy Moffatt*

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Marianne Moon*

Joanne Morgan*

Sharon Morin*

Trevor Orchard

Danielle Otchie

S Peesker

Lexie Penko

Henar Perales*

Carol Pollard

Connor Pratt

Gary R Purdy

Katie Ramoutar*

Jay Reid*

Anthony Ricciuti

Romy Robert*

Charla Robinson

Ariel Root*

David Rousseau*

Wayne Russell

Rick Saunders

Diane Saunders

Ed Schmidtke

Rosina Schnurr

Adrienne Scott

Emily Shandruk*

Sarah Shaw*

Alexandra Shelley

Leonard Shirchenko

Fiona Sillars

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Donor Listing

\$100 to \$499

Michel R Sizaire

Robert Smith*

Kate Stewart*

Richard Stratford

Barry Streib

Matthew Swatski

Suzan Taylor

Douglas Thomson*

Laura Torontow

Shannon Vancook

Wilma Vanderzwaag*

Jill Veenendaal*

Harry Venselaar

Claire Verney

Eric Versteeg

Shannon Vibert

John D. Walden

Uli Walther

Cathy Wang*

John Warkentin

Linda West

Evan Wheatley

Jane Williamson

Yew Keong Wong

James B. Young

Jeff Stout*

Donor Listing

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Mark Stupple

Gillian Hanley

Susan Lucas

Rosemary McKaigue

Clive Waldron

Margaret Wanlin

David Watt

Anastasia Zaver

Linda Doubleday

Francis McNulty

Melissa Sturtevant

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Donor Listing

Major Donors

Mark Clements*

Michael Fox

Georgina Hunter*

Fern Jordan

Elizabeth Moffatt

Kent Newton

Natasha Rehman

Cheryl Stargratt

Barbara J Thompson

Susan Vollmar*

Donor Listing

Organization & Foundation Donors

Media Profile

Lode Store

Dream 519 Rental

Concrete Floor Contractors Association

Morgan Fuels

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Toronto Diocesan Council

St. Bernard School

PMF Foundation

MAZON Canada

IPEX Management Inc

Milestone Churches

Anderson Speech

The Sweet North Bakery

Shaw Communications Inc.

IA Financial Group

Second Harvest

Canadian Food Bank

The Government of Canada (SSDIC)

Woolly Mammoth Outerwear Inc

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Organization & Foundation Donors

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church

Featherstone Drive Public School

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie

Dawson Trail Brewery

Sleeping Giant Brewery

The Waterfront School

Nokiiwin Tribal Council

Sencia Canada Ltd.

Share and Care Child Care Centre Ltd.

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Youth Inclusion Program

The Creative Company

Bank of Montreal

Generator

Catholic Women's League of Canada

Precious Blood Parish

Copperfin Credit Union

A-1 SEWAGE SERVICES (1989) LTD

BDC

Beanstalk Consulting

Donor Listing

Organization & Foundation Donors

Eat Local Pizza

Gary Bluestein Charitable Foundation

ITEC 2000 Equipment Inc

Jones & Associates

Kelly Mental Health

Lanel Designs

Moose Horn Lodge Ltd.

Morrow Financial Inc.

Nexus Health and Fitness

North Star Air

Nurse Next Door

RE/MAX First Choice Realty

Royal LePage Lannon Realty

Signs Now

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre

Sullivan + Associates

The Benevity Community Impact Fund

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Wakefield Oil Change Plus

Closing Message

I am proud to support Mikinakoos. I have been a lifelong advocate for health equity in First Nations communities and am thrilled to have an opportunity to help children chase their dreams and change the world! When children have their physical needs met – nutritious food, warm clothing, and access to physical activity and health education – they are able to live the good life (mino bimaadiziwin) and achieve success in the future.

- Candi Edwards, Monthly Donor

