



WENDAT UPDATE

Wendat Community Programs, our staff and Board of Directors have learned to be nimble and flexible during the global COVID-19 Pandemic.


It has been a very stressful time with guidelines from the government and public health changing frequently. Our commitment to continue to support our clients to the best of our ability remains our top priority and I must commend the staff for their dedication, flexibility, creativity and patience as we learn to navigate in this new reality. For an update about operational changes, please visit our website at www.wendatprograms.com or call us at 705 526-1305.

As many fundraising events continue to be suspended, cancelled, or modified, 20/21 was a far less successful fundraising year than usual. Luckily we received COVID emergency funds from various sources and continued to be well supported by service clubs and individual donors. I am happy to report that Wendat is financially stable.

We held our second annual quilt raffle over the late fall and early winter and that event raised close to \$2,500. Wendat thanks all our donors and supporters including the United Way of Simcoe County, Huronia Community Foundation, individual donors, service clubs, foundations and those who sold or purchased raffle tickets. Thanks also to those who made in-kind donations of PPE and hand sanitizer and other items to help us stay safe.

Unfortunately, the Boston Pizza Wendat Charity Golf Scramble scheduled for June 2021 is cancelled. We thank Andy Staffen and the staff of BP Midland for their continued support despite this cancellation.

As COVID-19 vaccinations start to roll out, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We look forward to a time when we can open our doors and welcome everyone back. We look forward to returning to full, in-person operations. Meanwhile Wendat will continue to follow all directives to keep our staff, volunteers, clients and residents safe. Stay safe and be well!

Sincerely, 

Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director (pictured above)

Welcome

- Helene Patenaude, Part Time PSW
- Meghan Hagedorn, Part time Crisis Worker

Farewell

- Lisa Ford
- Yvonne Bowen
- Joe Weber
- Dora Pender
- Charlene McTague
- Rhonda Dekerf
- Linda Belcourt
- Leslie Noonan
- Monika Hollander
- Ashley Maudsley
- Tracy Coulter

At this time, three staff are on medical leaves of absence. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming them back

A new way to donate and ensure Wendat's sustainability

On July 24th, Wendat Community Programs and HCF signed an agreement to open the Wendat Community Programs Endowment Fund and make the first deposit.

An Endowment Fund creates a financial bedrock for the agency, and help sustain its services forever. Funds placed in an Endowment Fund with HCF are held in perpetuity, generating income to be disbursed to the charity on an ongoing, annual basis.

Wendat's board was encouraged to start an Endowment Fund by former Wendat Executive Director, Lorna Tomlinson who now sits on the HCF board as a volunteer.

To date, \$2,000 has been put into the fund by Wendat and an additional \$500 in matching funds was added by an anonymous donor. Grace Kidd of Realty Executives on the Bay and Wendat Board member, has agreed to make monthly donations of \$100 for the next 5 years to help build the fund.

Donors may direct their donations to the endowment fund anytime. Donation forms are available at www.wendatprograms.com. Donors can also donate directly to Wendat Community Programs Endowment Fund at Huronia Community Foundations at www.huroniacommunityfoundation.com

Please consider donating to this fund to ensure the sustainability of all of Wendat's programs and services far into the future.

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National Mental Health Awareness Week May 3 –9, 2021

These are times of extreme anxiety and stress. But mental health is something we can protect, not just something we can lose. This CMHA Mental Health Week, we focus on how naming, expressing, and dealing with our emotions — the ones we like and the ones we don't — is important for our mental health.

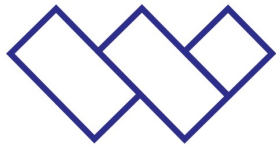
Heavy feelings lighten when you put them into words. When we voice our emotions, the pain gives way. So, let's understand and name how we feel. Angry? Glad? Frustrated? Sad? It's all good. This Mental Health Week, don't be uncomfortably numb. Get real about how you feel. And name it, don't numb it. For more information, [visit www.mentalhealthweek.ca](http://www.mentalhealthweek.ca)



The major mental health and addictions organizations in Ontario have come together in a campaign called "Everything is not OK." They have joined together as one voice to call for action to tackle wait time for access to mental health and addiction care in Ontario. To find out more, visit www.EverythingIsNotOK.ca

The mental health crisis line can be reached at 1-855-310-2673.

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Providing Services for Seniors and Adult
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Thank you!

Wendat has been fortunate to be a recipient of funds raised in the Tiny Township Mayor's Golf Tournament for the last 3 years. We appreciate this very much and hope to be involved again this year.

The Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors' has been a recipient of funds raised by the SEGBay Golf Tournament since 2018. We look forward to participating again this year.



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