

Wendat Community Programs Celebrates National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 2021 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

To celebrate this day, Wendat Community Programs has placed a land acknowledgement sign on both of their buildings located at 237 Second Street in Midland and 44 Dufferin Street in Penetanguishene.

“When our organization was founded, we named it after the Wendat first nations people who were the original inhabitants of North Simcoe. Like our clients, they survived against all odds and now live with dignity, dreams and hope” said Executive Director, Andrea Abbott-Kokosin. “We wanted to do something to acknowledge this very important day and honour all the generations of First Nations people who have taken care of these lands and waters for thousands of years”

With the guidance and assistance of Dr. Laurie Wells and Robin Adams (pictured below) as well as wisdom and knowledge generously shared through elders Dr Ed Connors, John Rice and Erin Dixon, Feather Carriers and in living a life of honour to all of creation, Wendat commissioned local artist Cory Smith (pictured below) to create the signs



Pictured above, Dr. Laurie Wells, Staff and Board Members of Wendat Community Programs.

Wendat Community Programs was founded in 1987 and provides high quality care, treatment and rehabilitation services to both frail elderly and to persons experiencing a mental illness who are living in the North Simcoe-Muskoka area. For more information contact: Andrea Abbott-Kokosin at Wendat andrea@wendatprograms.com or 705-526-1305 ext. 223.