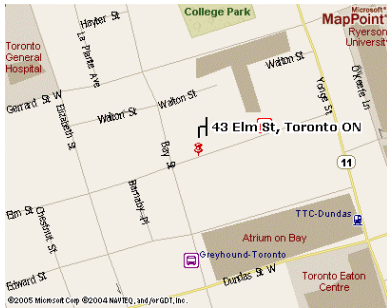


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Message from the Executive Director

Art Zoccole

Its one year away until the Indigenous Peoples' Satellite at the XVI International AIDS Conference being held here in Toronto on August 12, 2006. Check out our web site at www.2spirits.com for updates in hosting this important event for Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples from Australia, New Zealand, United States, Canada and Latin America.

Our volunteer coordinator (Johl) is currently sending out letters to renew memberships in time for our Annual General Meeting, to be held in October 2005. Please check our web site for further details.

2 Spirits has started with our project on "HIV/AIDS Prevention Initiative for 2 Spirit men". The pilot test was held here in Toronto. There will be focus groups in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Regina (during CAAN's APHA Caucus, Skills Building and Annual General Meeting.)

Our research project entitled "A Study Comparing Aboriginal 2 Spirit men who utilize Aboriginal AIDS Service organizations and Those Who Do Not" is expecting to be completed by the end of September 2005. This research report will be available on 2 Spirits web site.

2 Spirits with other stakeholders from across Canada have contributed to AIDS Vancouver's new national campaign focused on validating and supporting gay men's safer sex practices. The humorous campaign, called "Gay Men Play Safe" is themed around the cross-cultural phenomenon of naming the human male penis – Dick, Wang, Johnson, even the Big Baguette. We have contributed words in different Aboriginal languages (i.e., pajaagan, wiinag, dishiwe, K'u, Key-tuc-see, Key-tuc-sees, Key-tuc-guy, Ki Mistikoom, nnshiw, Dow Dow, Peege, Gah Ne', Onra', Onenionties. The tagline reads: "Whatever you call it, thanks for keeping it safe."

The usage statistics for 2spirits.com reached over sixteen thousand hits during June 2005 and over eight thousand hits for July 2005. Our web site has been updated and people from all over the world are visiting our site. We will be adding new information in the coming months, so check it out!

Look for us at the Aboriginal Festival (Toronto Pow-wow) at the Rogers Centre on Friday, November 25th through to Sunday, November 27th.

Join us for activities being planned for Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day in Canada on Thursday, December 1st and through Aboriginal AIDS Awareness week from December 1st through to Monday, December 5th.

Have a great summer and join us for our many activities at our office.

Message from the Long-Term Care Counselor

Corena Ryan

Ahnee!

Summer greetings from the Long-Term Care Coordinator, Corena Ryan. As we greet the hot sun for this season, I just wanted to remind you of how 2 –Spirited People of the 1st Nations can help you keep your cool.

We receive daily smog and heat alerts from Toronto Public Health. The heat waves we have been experiencing can be detrimental to your health, especially if you live with HIV/AIDS. We help out by having cool spring water accessible for all members, volunteers and their pets when they come by to visit. We have an air conditioned office where members and volunteers can drop by, play cards, watch videos, check emails, use the kitchen and stay connected. Normally our office is open to the public Monday to Thursday from 1 – 6pm. During these heat and smog alerts we have been opening our doors at 9 am for those seeking cover from the heat.

If you are living with a compromised immune system and you are experiencing chest pain, chronic coughing, muscle aches or extreme fatigue, please seek help from your doctor immediately. It could be a little sunstroke or something that needs medical attention. Drink lots of water and natural fruit juices. Stay out of the blazing sun or heat. Avoid strenuous physical activity outdoors. Go to places like 2 Spirits that are air conditioned. Never leave children and pets unattended in a car. Signs of heat illness include rapid breathing, headache, weakness or fainting, confusion and more tiredness than usual.

The most severe health effect is heat stroke, when the body temperature is greater than 40.6 degrees Celsius, with no sweating, and altered consciousness

or coma. Anyone who has difficulty breathing or feels confused or disoriented should seek medical attention immediately. Be smart and caution on the safe side, seek medical attention if you are unsure.

Play safe, live safe.

Everybody Dance, its Pow Wow Time!

During the Civic Holiday weekend, I was fortunate to travel to Wikwemikong aka Wiki for their Annual Competition Pow Wow. This year was the first time I decided to explore Wiki through different eyes. I saw a sign on the way into Wiki advertising "Wawashkesh Wilderness ATV Tours". Now that is something different to do on a long weekend. I followed the signs to a house off Cape Smith Rd (very easy to find in "downtown" Wiki).

I found out that Bon and Carol are the owners and operators of the Aboriginal Guided Quad Tours. They have 4 ATV's per tour. There are 2 adults and 2 small (7 & 6 years old) children in my family. They were able to accommodate the kids by doubling the leader (Bon) and my partner doubled with our other child. We signed up for the 2 hour tour.

It had rained the day and night before so there were a hundred mud puddles to splash in. The youngest child loved every single one of them, giggling as we sloshed through. It was a good idea to go after a rain so it wasn't so dusty on the trail. I wore my sunglasses for the ride, just in case. Bon gave us some trial time with the ATV's before heading out. They were very easy to handle and changing gears was not an issue. I drive automatic, but not much instruction is needed to drive the ATV's. Everything is accessible at your fingertips. We made sure we had our sunscreen and long pants on.

The trail was most amazing! I found out it was originally used as a snowmobile trail but hardly anyone was using it. Bon and Carol came up with ATV tours while visiting the trail. Great thinking!

Bon guided us through vast fields, tight cliffhangers and enchanting forests. He would stop and point out Blue Herons, loons, Canadian geese and edible wild berries. He showed us which ones to eat. The children had little tree frogs bounce on and off their laps. It was a beautiful day.

He was an excellent guide and when we reached out halfway point we stopped at a lookout point. We were now facing Wiki from the other side of Georgian Bay. What a beautiful site! It was breath taking. Carol was snapping digital photos during our ride and at the lookout point. They brought soft coolers with cold drinks and snacks for everyone. Major brownie points all around. 😊

We talked about some of the other events on the island both native and non-native. I never realized how much action goes on during the summer on Manitoulin Island. Every other weekend there is a major event to attend.

Bon and Carol have arranged a variety of trails to explore. The one we rode on was Ne-Osh-Shwig (Cape Smith). It was a 2 hour tour of ecological beauty. They also have Be-Nong –Ghong (The Clay Cliffs) which is a 4 hour tour with a spectacular view of Georgian Bay and lastly, Mid-Weh-Ghong (Where you can hear the rapids). An 8 hour tour ranging from Easy to Difficult including a Native cuisine lunch.

I highly recommend the Wawashkesh Wilderness ATV Tours. It is an exciting and thrilling experience. Depending on the time of day and season, you can also see bears, moose, deer, wolves and foxes. I would love to return during the fall and see all the maples with “colorful coats”.

Chi-Meegwetch to Bon and Carol, keep up the great work! ☺



To book your ATV tour, phone: (705)859-2913, toll free at 1-866-822-3518, fax 705-859-3386, email mkwa@amtelecom.net and check out their web page at www.quadtours.com. Tell them Corena sent you and I said hi!

Award/Acknowledgement.

2 Spirits welcomes aboard our new volunteer food bank driver, Ron F. and new kitchen supervisor assistant Allen S. and our new p/t volunteer receptionist Adrina.

Presently Volunteers are needed for the following;

- Licensed drivers with insured vans/cars every 2nd Tuesday 9 – 10
- Volunteers familiar with food bank intake
- Baking/Frying/Cooking volunteers
- Crafts
- Data Input
- Hand Drumming -workshop coordinator
- Moccasin Making - teacher
- Porcupine Quill Box making -instructor
- Fundraising - with or without experience
- Dramatic Art Healing techniques
- Massage therapy
- Aroma therapy
- Facial Skin care
- Please contact Johl Ringuette if you are interested in volunteering or making donation to make a difference. johl@2spirits.com

FOOD BANK

2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations is thrilled to announce they are now offering FOOD BANK items.

We now have canned veggies, pasta sauces, salsa, pasta, laundry soap and dryer sheets, rice, cereal, drinks, snacks and more! **The FOOD BANK is available from Monday – Thursday from 1 – 5 pm and on Fridays by appointment only.** Please bring your own bags, knapsacks, etc. The FOOD BANK is for all members (full, associate or life-long) of the organization and volunteers. You are welcome to come and take some items home or make yourself something to eat in the kitchen (as long as you clean up after yourself!) If you wish to donate some items to the food bank please speak to a staff member.

Please note! We need volunteer drivers with vehicles for picking up food bank items. If you are available every other Tuesday from 9 – 10 am, please contact Johl Whitewolf Ringuette at johl@2spirits.com.

TREATMENT/MEDICAL UPDATES



PRESS RELEASE

Look out for The Big Baguette!

National HIV-prevention campaign challenges myths & affirms “Gay Men Play Safe”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - September 12, 2005

VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA – Men, check your button-fly because a new national awareness campaign hits the streets today that makes light of the curious phenomenon of naming the human male penis – Dick, Dong, Johnson, even The Big Baguette. The appreciative tagline on billboards, bus shelters and bathroom ads reads: “Whatever you call it, thanks for keeping it safe.”

“Studies show that gay men fall into three groups: those who take HIV risks frequently, very rarely, and not at all. Three out of four gay men are in the latter two groups - they choose safety,” explains epidemiologist Dr. Tom Lampinen of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV “The really exciting news involves that second kind of guy, the one who takes HIV risks rarely. Real power and potential rests with him. If he can commit to no HIV risk for just one to two years, he will force a decline in new infections.”

The humorous “Gay Men Play Safe” campaign was created to validate and support gay men’s safer sex practices while reinforcing the fact that sexual safety, including condom use, is a community norm. AIDS Vancouver and partner AIDS organizations from across the country worked with Rethink Advertising to create a new kind of HIV message that challenges the widely held perception that gay men suffer from condom-use fatigue and apathy.

“It’s time we recognize gay men for more than 20 years of practicing safer sex and using condoms,” says Phillip Banks, Director of HIV Prevention at AIDS

Vancouver and national coordinator of the campaign. "It's undeniable that gay men's efforts in the early days of HIV had the greatest impact on reducing HIV infection rates. This campaign validates these efforts and encourages gay men to keep it up."

Health

According to Dr. Terry Trussler, Research Director at the Community Based Research Centre in Vancouver: "Surveys show that gay men are aware and concerned about the continuing threat to health posed by HIV. This campaign doesn't threaten or blame gay men. Rather, it acknowledges that as a community, gay men continue to support HIV prevention."

"Gay Men Play Safe" is the second and final campaign as part of a \$562,500 grant by the Public Health Agency of Canada to fund national HIV-prevention campaigns targeted at gay men – the first program of its kind in Canada.

The bilingual campaign includes an Internet/TV commercial and websites at www.GayMenPlaySafe.com and www.NousJouonsSafe.com. It is being launched today in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax.

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MACLEANS.CA

August 31, 2005

Device blasts HIV drug through the skin Canadian study suggests the Biojector is a better way to take enfuvirtide British Columbia researchers say a needle-free device that uses compressed gas to shoot medication through the skin may offer HIV-positive patients a more user-friendly way to take enfuvirtide, the only anti-HIV drug that can't be taken by mouth.

Enfuvirtide (known originally as T-20 and now sold as Fuzeon) is the first in a class of medications called HIV fusion inhibitors. It works by stopping HIV from entering healthy cells. People who take enfuvirtide normally inject themselves under the skin twice a day.

But Dr. Marianne Harris, clinical research adviser at the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS in Vancouver, says the needle-free device, called the Biojector, can get the drug into the body just as well as a needle, making it easier for people with "needle phobia" to take the medication.

Because the drug is dispersed under the skin when fired from the Biojector, it may cause fewer injection site reactions than needles do, says Dr. Julio Montaner, a co-researcher on the project and professor of medicine and chair in AIDS Research at the University of British Columbia. "Many patients start to have bumps of hard tissue around their body after months of injecting themselves. The Biojector should relieve that problem."

In a study of 33 HIV patients, there were a few cases in which use of the Biojector close to joints appeared to cause nerve pain that in some cases radiated through a limb and caused numbness that lasted for weeks or months before clearing up. However, only two individuals stopped use of the device due to those reactions.

Dr. Celso Ramos, a professor of medicine at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro who was not involved in the research, says the Biojector also eliminates having to dispose of used syringes.

"While there is little chance these safe syringes could transmit disease, they, nevertheless, represent a health risk that has to be considered as well as these other factors," Ramos says. "I think the Biojector will make a great difference in getting people to use T-20."

With files from The Medical Post.

Upcoming Events:

Date for 18th International Gathering

We have set the date for the 18th International **Two Spirit Gathering** which will be held in Montreal. It will be from **September 25 to 30, 2006**. For people arriving on the Sunday September 24th they are welcome to join us in walking in the Walk for Life AIDS walk.

We will be staying at a beautiful camp grounds in the Laurentians which are private. We will be on a private lake with a full dining room and kitchen which we have access too and will be cooking for > ourselves.

At that time the leaves should be changing colours, which is breath taking. There are already sweatlodge grounds available and we will be setting up some sweatlodges. We look forward to welcoming you all to Montreal.

We looked at originally doing the gathering in the summer but it just did not work. We would not have been able to have a private camp ground, there is a lot happening in the summer of 2006 with the worldwide Two Spirit Gathering, Worldwide Healing our Spirit, International AIDS Conference.

We did not want to hold the gathering in the city due to the fact that we will lose people to the city of Montreal. It is for these reasons we decided to host the gathering in the fall.

We will have a website in the near future and I will let you know when it is up and running. Thank you.

Natalie Lloyd

Traditional Awareness Gathering

October 14-16, 2005
Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
16 Spadina Rd
416-967-9087

Upcoming events at 2 Spirits:

September 18th, 2005: AIDS Walk for LIFE. . Two Spirits walking team meets south east corner of Church and Alexander at noon for team photo. The actual walk departs at 2:00pm from Church and Wellesley. If you would like to register and raise funds for the AIDS Walk, visit www.actoronto.com. To sponsor one of 2 Spirit's walkers, go to <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/PersonalPage.aspx?EID=3436&RegistrationID=128180>.

September 22, 2005: 2 Spirits Fall Equinox Feast and Potluck at 6pm in the 2 Spirits Community Lounge. Please bring a dish to help contribute to the feast and or an item of food. Thank you and meegwetch!

October 12, 2005: 2 Spirit's Annual General Meeting. Let your voices and votes count at this years Annual General Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this year's AGM in order to advance your ideas and thoughts regarding the direction and policy making procedures of the agency as well as vote for new board members. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information go to www.2spirits.com.

November on the 25-27, 2005: Aboriginal Skydome POW WOW. 2 Spirits will have a information table at this annual event.

December 2nd. 2005: 2 Spirits Drag Queen fundraiser on Friday. Details to be announced.

Links for Two-Spirits 1sites:

<http://denvertwospirit.com/tulsa.html>

Tulsa Two-Spirit Gathering

<http://www.baaits.org/>

Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits

<http://www.nwtwospiritsociety.org/>

Northwest Two-Spirit Society

<http://denvertwospirit.com/>

Denver Two-Spirit Society

<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/theprideoftwospirits/>

<http://spaces.msn.com/members/troyupham/>

Pride, 2005

We are proud to announce that this year's Pride Parade was a success and we thank all of the volunteers and Johl Whitewolf Ringuette for developing a float that won "**Best community float!**"

This acknowledgment is special to TPFN due in part with the partnership that has been developing between Pride Toronto and TPFN over the past few years. As many of you may be aware, TPFN also shares the spotlight with Pride Toronto during the flag raising ceremonies as we celebrate National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2005.

OUT ON THE SHELF NOW OPEN!

September 3, 2005

Queer Resource Centre and Library for the LGBTTTSIQQ* Communities of Guelph

Out on the Shelf is a resource center and library for the lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirited, intersex, queer and questioning communities of Guelph. The centre is staffed by our friendly volunteers to allow you to borrow books, and find out about a diverse range of events, resources and services while sharing a queer-friendly space. We currently have over 800 books to borrow, plus dozens of magazines and zines for you to read within the centre!

Location: 147 Wyndham Street, Downtown Guelph, (3rd floor , same building as the Canadian Mental Health Association)
(Ring the door bell after 6:00 pm for entry).

Hours: Tuesdays 5 pm to 8 pm
 Wednesdays 10 am to 1 pm
 Thursdays 10 am to 1 pm & 5 pm to 8 pm

Website: www.OutOnTheShelf.ca

E-mail: info@outontheshelf.ca

Phone: 519-821-1789

Grand Opening: Oct 20, 2005 – More details to follow.

(*LGBTTSIQQ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Two-Spirited, Intersex, Queer, & Questioning).

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Serving the LGBTTSIQQ Communities

Keeping Our Youth Strong

September 1, 2005 - NEWS RELEASE: for immediate publication

HOMOPHOBIA IS KILLING US (Saskatoon) “Homophobia is killing us,” says Gens Hellquist, executive director of the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC). “Each year at least 5,500 gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered (GLBT) Canadians die a premature death because of the stressors of living in a homophobic environment that doesn’t value our lives. Many in our community adopt unhealthy habits to cope with the stress including abusing drugs and alcohol or smoking, while others end up with severe depression with some killing themselves because they see that as preferable to living in what they perceive as a hostile environment.”

Health care professionals receive little or no training on the specific health and wellness issues that GLBT people face. Earlier this year the CRHC conducted an environmental scan of some medical colleges and schools of nursing and social work to see how many have specific curriculum on GLBT health issues. “Few of the educational institutions we surveyed had specific curriculum on queer health issues,” Hellquist said. “As a result few health care professionals have the knowledge to be able to address our unique needs.”

The CRHC has been working for the past two years to see an improvement in the training of health care professionals as well as improving access to care for GLBT people. They are hosting a national conference in Halifax November 3 to 5 to provide opportunities for health care professionals to learn effective ways to address GLBT health and wellness issues. The conference is expected to attract 400 people from across Canada.

“There are numerous exciting projects underway across the country and our conference will highlight models that are shown to be effective in providing more informed and supportive services to queer people,” Hellquist said. “There are a number of GLBT organizations and programs across Canada that is providing

programs to improve the health status of people in our community. The theme of our conference this year is 'Developing Capacity To Address Our Health & Wellness' and we will be showcasing many of the innovative programs and resources that are in place across the country. We will provide tools and models that people can take home to implement in their community and health care setting."

Keynote speakers that have been confirmed for the conference include Dr. Blye Frank from the Division of Medical Education at Dalhousie University who will speak on meeting the needs of the GLBT community; Laurent McCutcheon, President of Gai Écoute and Fondation Émergence in Montreal who will highlight Québec initiatives to address homophobia; and Alastair Pringle, Patient Focus Manager with the National Health Services in Scotland and the author of reports on addressing GLBT health and wellness issues who will speak on the pioneering work being done in Scotland to address GLBT health issues. Other speakers will be announced shortly.

Numerous workshops will also take place highlighting the eight partnerships projects funded by the CRHC as well as other innovative initiatives across Canada addressing GLBT health and wellness issues.

"This conference is aimed at health care professionals, health delivery institutions, health care students and people in the queer community working on health issues," said Hellquist. "Last year's conference was groundbreaking and we expect this year's to be even more exciting."

Information on the conference is available online at www.rainbowhealth.ca. For additional information contact Gens Hellquist, 306-955-5130 or 1-800-955-5129 ext. 6

Residential School Survivors Information

Corena Ryan

As of August 22, 2005, the Assembly of First Nations is attempting to make a contact database with all residential school survivors for expedient resolution of claims (compensation) and residential school issues. As the Long-Term Care Coordinator, I have taken it upon myself to promote their survivors contact database. If you are connected, you can download the form at <http://www.afn.ca/residentialschools/index.html> .

If not, call me at 416-944-9300 x 225 and I can snail mail it to you or you can drop by the office and pick up a hard copy.

Upon surfing the website, I came across some very useful information. They have a telephone number to call for the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada Help Desk, available at 1-800-816-7293 and an Indian Residential School Survivors Society, a 24 hour national crisis line, available at 1-866-925-4419. It provides free, immediate, confidential, non-judgmental support for Residential School Survivors across Canada 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a toll free call.

I also came across an interesting concept called the Alternative Dispute Resolution. What is Alternative Dispute Resolution? You ask? It is a Federal Government Initiative. The Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) is a voluntary process that offers a timely and out-of-court way to resolve claims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and wrongful confinement suffered at Indian residential schools. As well, it provides health services such as counselling and commemoration. The government is giving priority to elderly claimants who are 70 years and older and those in failing health in the first six months of the ADR process.

For more information on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process please visit the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada website:

http://www.irsr-rqpa.gc.ca/english/dispute_resolution.html

To Apply for ADR

Applications for ADR are available by calling the toll-free Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada Help Desk at 1-800-816-7293.

Thank you to the Assembly of First Nations for the information!

Subject: FW: Fwd: Please pass on to as many Indigenous People as Possible.
Thank you.

Attention to all Indigenous Quilters, Sewers, schools, universities, organizations, Elders, Women, and Youth.

A CALL FOR QUILT SQUARES FOR THE FIRST MINISTERS MEETING FALL 2005

Healthy Land, Healthy People

The theme for the First Ministers' Meeting has to do with health issues. Our interpretation of that is: our health is intimately tied to the Land, for we are a People of the Land. If what they call, the "ecology", the "environment", is good, then our health is good. It is the state of the Land that determines how our health is, which is one of the reasons we are taught to look after the Earth, the Great Mother.

Each block should be about the connection between the Land and the People of this great and sacred Turtle Island. You can show how Mother Earth is connected to Women, for example. Any idea that shows the intimate relationship between the health and wellness of the Land being connected directly with the health and wellness of The People is great. For example, there was a TV program showing one of the nations of the Northwest Coast talking about the intimate relationship the People have with the salmon.

The People of that particular nation explained how, with the encroachment of salmon farming, they themselves are feeling and living as if they were being caged, choked out, claustrophobic and totally controlled by outside forces, because that was how the salmon are living and feeling. One of The People said at the end, "When the salmon are free, we are free."

The project is to create a quilt comprised of the squares sent in to me by those Indigenous People who contribute a square depicting the theme. The squares should be 12½" X 12½", the main picture being 12"X12" with ¼" space left around it for seam allowance. The design is yours; the colours are yours; the embellishments are yours; the materials you use are your choice. Just make sure the blocks can be added and used in the quilt. (For example, if you make your block from spider webs, it probably can't be part of the quilt. (ha, ha)

Please include:

1. a long or short story telling what your square is about,
2. your name and address,
3. your email address and
4. your phone #. I may need to ask you something about your square and I would like to keep you informed about the progress of the quilt and maybe even be able to send you a picture of the completed quilt.

I shall organize the putting together of the blocks and the quilting of this quilt. All the blocks have to be in my hands by Oct. 21, 2005. It is proposed that the completed quilt will be a back-drop at the First Ministers Conference. It will have great visibility. After the conference, it will be showcased and displayed in the office of the Women's Council at AFN. As this is purely a volunteer project created by Alice Olsen Williams there are no funds for the project. When your square is finished, please send it to:

Alice Olsen Williams
Curve Lake First Nation, ON K0L 1R0
Phone: (705) 657-3319.
E-mail: alwilliams@trentu.ca

For more information about me and my work, you can check out this web site:
www.arts.knet.ca/crafts/awilliams/

GOOD LUCK TO US ALL ON THIS PROJECT!!

Kichi Miikwech,

Alice Olsen Williams, Quilter
Anishinaabe-kwe of the Curve Lake First Nation in Ontario.

NOT A MEMBER YET?

Please fill out the following application to receive our quarterly newsletter and many other benefits! Bring or mail in your completed application with corresponding payment. Chi-meegwetch for supporting 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

All information is strictly confidential—our membership list is not shared with anyone.

Name:

Address:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (month/date/year)

First Nation/Reservation Affiliation:

Please check one only:

FULL MEMBERSHIPS (are available to people who are Native and two - spirited gay/lesbian, bisexual, transgendered)):

Regular \$10.00 ___ & you are a student and/or unemployed and/or on disability or receiving social assistance \$5.00 ___ and you are a U.S. resident \$20.00 ___ and you are a resident over seas \$35.00 ___

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS: are available to people who are not native and/or not two - spirited:
regular \$10.00 ___ & you are a student and/or unemployed and/or on disability or receiving social assistance and/or a person living with HIV/AIDS \$ 5.00 ___ and you are a U.S. resident \$20.00 ___ and you are overseas \$35.00 ___

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:
organizations in Canada \$25.00 ___
organizations in the USA \$35.00 ___
organizations overseas \$45.00 ___

YES!

I WILL SUPPORT 2-SPIRITS AND WOULD PREFER TO DONATE \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP POLICY: Full membership is open to all members of any Aboriginal person who defines themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered. Associate membership is open to any individual who wishes to support TPFN and its objectives. All members receive regular updates and The Sacred Fire newsletter. **ONLY FULL MEMBERS MAY VOTE AT THE TPFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

Have a great day!