

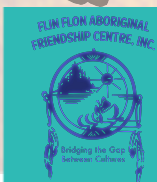
Flin Flon Aboriginal Friendship Centre Inc.

Our Year in Review for 2023-2024

Our Friendship Centre is a community-based urban Indigenous service provider, offering culturally based programs and resources to support quality of life and cultural identity.



Our committed team of board members, staff, volunteers, partnerships, and community support enables us to attain positive results and move towards community wellness, while honoring and working with Indigenous peoples in an inclusive and accessible society.



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Our Path of Truth with our Community

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Bridging the Gap Between Cultures

Support Indigenous cultural identity, provide learning opportunities, encourage community engagement, and foster personal development among youth.

Cultural Learning & Development: Smudging / Sharing Circles, Tobacco offerings for Spirit Names, Drum Group development, Grass Dancing, Traditional teachings, Drumming & Singing teachings and practice, Sacred Medicine teachings, Sweatlodge teachings, Tipi teachings, Wilderness Warriors program - land-based teachings

Youth Leadership: Participation at MB Assoc. of Friendship Centres Youth Gathering, Youth guided Program planning, Jay's Care Baseball Program, Facilitated Drum teachings, Drumming/singing/dancing performances at community events

Life Skills/Wellness: Sexual Exploitation awareness and prevention, National Substance Use Awareness Week activities, Pink Day - learning about peer pressures and coping skills, Safe Food Handling certification

Butterfly Lodge Teachings: Sharing tipi values to raise awareness about sexual exploitation, Recognizing signs in children, Talking with children on ways to protect themselves from exploitation

Recreational Engagement Community Involvement: Every Child Matters Crosswalk painting, Participation in Santa parade, Festival of Trees, Pride parade, Assisted with activities at various community events

Parent/Caregiver Supports: Elder Visits, Prenatal program, Food Bank, Primary Health Care services, Women's Resource Centre, Access to clothing, footwear, and household items & Traditional Medicines

Flin Flon Sweetgrass Aboriginal Head Start provides early childhood education and development, through an Indigenous lens which includes the importance of family engagement.

Education Bursaries

Granny's Place
Transitional housing lends to long term housing stability by means of a supported living environment. Eleven basic rooms are located on the second floor of the Friendship Centre facility, along with common washroom/shower facilities, a lounge area, and laundry facilities. Wireless internet access is available. The Centre also owns and rents a small bungalow home, advancing safe and affordable housing.

National Indigenous Peoples Day Events

Elders Gatherings and Cultural activities

Employment Links: Provides tools and resources to increase employment participation, return to secondary education or pursuing post-secondary education. Project activities are created to work with individuals unemployed, underemployed, job threatened or facing employment barriers by providing job search strategies, career planning services, access to technological equipment, skill building activities and supports.

The Wikipow Restaurant offers affordable meals to transition housing residents, medical transport patients from outlying communities and the community at large.

Kôkom's Korner Gift Shop markets Indigenous arts & crafts, sells raw materials, and accepts consignment items to support economic participation and development.

Community Cultural Development

Women's Wellness Circles: provides a safe space and nonjudgmental environment where voices are heard, and women feel valued, with Indigenous teachings braided in.

Cultural activities: Naming ceremonies, Sweat Lodge teachings, Sweat Lodge ceremonies, Making moccasins and ribbon skirts

Parent&Child events : Community gardening, Family skating and sliding, Park and spray pool event

Christmas Gift Program for Children & Families

Programming for children ages 6-9 involved: Crafts/Games, Making dream boards, Learning about virtues, Applying social skills



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