

Land Acknowledgement - February 2025



Hello! Aanii! Tansi!

We acknowledge our presence within this land that is the ancestral home of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Tonight's meeting is on the land of the 1805 Toronto Purchase Treaty also known as Treaty 13.

On February 14 of this month Indigenous communities celebrate Have a Heart Day. It is a part of the larger movement of the First Nations Child and Caring Society and Family Services of Canada. Ever since its inception in 1998, the organization has worked to bring awareness to the discrimination faced by Aboriginal children. It also connects the families of victims with resources and support.

Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event. It brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. The central effort is to build a bridge between communities, by addressing the hardships faced by Aboriginal families.

The goal is that children and youth will have equitable opportunities to grow up safely at home, be healthy, get a good education and be proud of who they are.

On this Have a Heart Day and Valentine's Day we support Indigenous children and their families in their endeavours to create a more just environment.

Looking for More Information? Check out some or all of the following.

1. Learn more about [Have a Heart Day](#) here.
2. Learn more about the The Caring Society - First Nations Child and Family Caring Society - <https://fncaringsociety.com/>
3. Cindy Blackstock - <https://fncaringsociety.com/cindy-blackstock-phd-social-work>
4. The Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) - has been engaged in focused Indigenous Education work in the Toronto District School Board since 2008.
5. Guided by the UIEC Elders Council, the UIEC is dedicated to enhancing First Nations, Métis and Inuit students' well-being and achievement and creating opportunities for Indigenous Education for all staff and students in the TDSB. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/IndigenousEducation>
6. Sixties Scoop - <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/sixties-scoop>
7. Native Learning Centre (Grade 09-12) - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/Schools/schno/5512>