

## 2025 Healing Fund Initiatives (Spring)

We are pleased to introduce the following Healing Fund Initiatives who aims to supports healing, language, and cultural projects for Indigenous communities affected by the Indian Residential School System and its intergenerational impacts. The overall purpose of every initiative is to promote healing.

### Organization/COF + Healing Initiative + Summary

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#### Jiiwitagan-Ni-Quek Native Women's Alliance (ON): **Ojibwa Traditional Crafts**

Provides a unique opportunity to learn from experienced Ojibwa craft artists, aimed at promoting skill development, and community engagement through hands-on crafting session

#### Healing Spirit Lodge Society (BC): **Traditional Elk Harvest Workshop**

A land based healing initiative designed to address the ongoing impacts of colonization and reconnect urban indigenous people with cultural practices and traditions.

#### Anishnaabe Kateri Association (ON): **Traditional Values for our Well-Being**

Cultural teaching circles, elders and reconnect traditional teachings, promote health ongoing activities for youth and elders.

#### Knowledge Makers / Indigiqueer Firekeepers (BC): **Weaving Pride with Tradition**

facilitate at least two community workshops that would allow gathering to learn traditions, designs, and create ribbon garments that align with their gender identity.

#### Sha Shāw Corporation (BC): **Tsu Ghay Opening Ceremonies**

A powerful moment of reflection, resilience, and renewal for the community. CAFN Elders, residential school survivors, youth, and citizens will come together in a meaningful event that acknowledges the past while looking toward the future.

#### Mamawi Tapewin Fellowship (AB): **Mamawi Tapwein Cultural Teachings and PowWow**

Celebration of Indigenous Peoples Educational Day, The Dancing with Dinosaurs PowWow and National Truth and Reconciliation Educational event.

#### The Tahiuqtiit Women's Society (YK): **Gender-specific Wellness Circles**

Providing opportunities for intergenerational learning and leadership development, the initiative empowers Inuit women and men to reclaim their mutual roles as cultural and community leaders, fostering long-term healing and a return to social balance and cohesion.

#### Elders Knowledge Circle Society (AB): **Elders Story Project**

The project will engage Indigenous youth from Treaty Seven communities and Elders in a collaborative effort to create an educational curriculum grounded in the personal stories of residential school survivors, alongside their teachings on resilience, cultural survival, and community strength.

#### Heiltsuk Tribal Council (BC): **Land Based Healing Initiative**

A land-based healing initiative aims to provide culturally appropriate opportunities for Urban Hailzaqv individuals and families to reconnect with culture, language, and community by activities such as traditional food preparation, cultural sharing, language lessons, canoeing, hiking, and archery.

#### Stoney's Ceremonial Fireplace Inc (SK): **Prayer Family Healing Project**

Hosting eleven healing workshops, ceremonies, and feasts to honor residential school survivors and commemorate those who did not survive.

#### Nanaandwejigejig Bezhigoogizhiik (ON): **Healing Grief & Families Impacted by Substance Abuse**

Two summer programs that are immersive healing experience designed to support individuals navigating grief through the power of equine assisted therapy, Indigenous teachings and creative expression.

If you want to learn about these past initiatives, please email [healing@united-church.ca](mailto:healing@united-church.ca)