

## **REPORT ON OUR INDIGENOUS PROGRAM 2023/24**

131 of our teens this past year identified as Indigenous. They arrived from all over Canada through the hubs and community support systems of Toronto and Ottawa.

We plan to increase the number of Indigenous people served in 2024/25 to 250.

This large increase is due to the continued development of our multi-generational program model, intended to encircle struggling teens with care, culture and community cohesion.

Our Indigenous community partners are:

The Native Child and Family Services of Toronto Native Canadian Centre of Toronto The Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families (Ottawa) Aboriginal Legal Services

Programs for youth with problematic substance abuse, family healing circles, and large scale community cultural initiatives designed to outreach to the most recalcitrant, are all on tap for the ambitious year ahead.