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DONOR UPDATE

A message from Roberta Jamieson

Thanks to your generosity, we have supported thousands of Indigenous youth as they strive to finish high school and to pursue their educational dreams.

Last year, we gave financial support to 2,200 young students, but we were only able to support 16% of the actual financial need that our students identified.

This year, we have received a record number of applications, and we hope to get closer to meeting their need for support. Together, we have a big opportunity to make an even greater impact through matching dollars provided by the federal government. Your donation will

support twice as many Indigenous students through this matching program! This is an exciting opportunity for individual Canadians to take an active role in supporting the success of our Indigenous youth.

Our work is leading to change, and together we can create a transformation. Turn the page to learn more about what your donation helps us accomplish.

Thank you for your support!

Roberta Jamieson
President & CEO,
Indspire





Indigenous is the internationally accepted term for Aboriginal or Native peoples. In Canada, the term Indigenous includes a number of diverse communities, including First Nation, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

1.4 million

Indigenous peoples live in Canada.



Indigenous youth are the fastest growing segment of Canada's population.

Why do I support Indspire?

By Ms. Bridget Marsden

Indspire's vision is a testament of truth that has influenced a magnitude of success for First Nation, Inuit and Métis youth in Canada. *Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conferences* was my first introduction to this organization.

I was able to experience firsthand the benefits of mentorship. This enabled me to pursue my goals toward education, regardless of the obstacles that I faced financially.

I feel very passionate that Indigenous youth should be able to achieve anything they set their minds to and not have to worry about the lack of financial support to pursue their education.

I've learned that there is always a "push" and a "pull" in life. Indspire helps provide youth the "push" to achieve more, which helps reduce the "pull" that prevents them from fulfilling their potential.

In my professional life, I can appreciate the benefits of education and mentorship for those wishing to further their own dreams and careers. Understanding this inspires me even further to promote these values in youth whose lives and careers are only beginning to evolve.

As a parent, I also carry forward the spirit and values of *Soaring* among my own children's pathway to education.

I am proud to support Indspire as a monthly donor. It is easy, convenient, and I know that my small monthly support is the best way I can support the work of Indspire. ●

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Only 8% continue their studies after high school, compared to 23% of other Canadians.

Here's how your support helped a single mother pursue her dream

Kristin Aimoe, a single mother, shares her story of pursuing a career in occupational health and safety with the support of Indspire.

Kristen received two bursaries from Indspire over the course of her studies. She successfully completed the Occupational Health and Safety Certificate program at the University of Alberta in April 2012, then went on to achieve her National Construction Safety Officer designation.

How important was receiving funding from Indspire?

I spent the past 8 months trying to accommodate my work duties as a full time health and safety coordinator and attending post secondary schooling during the nights and weekends to "formalize" my career. Though I've welcomed challenges that arise when raising a child alone as a blessing, real life setbacks still occur. Indspire's awards were very influential factors to the success of my past and current studies.

What challenges did you face during your studies?

The biggest challenge I faced during my studies was coordinating childcare and being able to afford the associated costs.

Have you found a job related to the schooling you just completed?

I have been fortunate to have found an amazing employer and team at SafeTech Consulting Group Ltd., a company that assists organizations with the development, maintenance, and management of their health and safety systems.

Any final words?

Thank you to all the individual donors who have supported my journey and career aspirations. ●

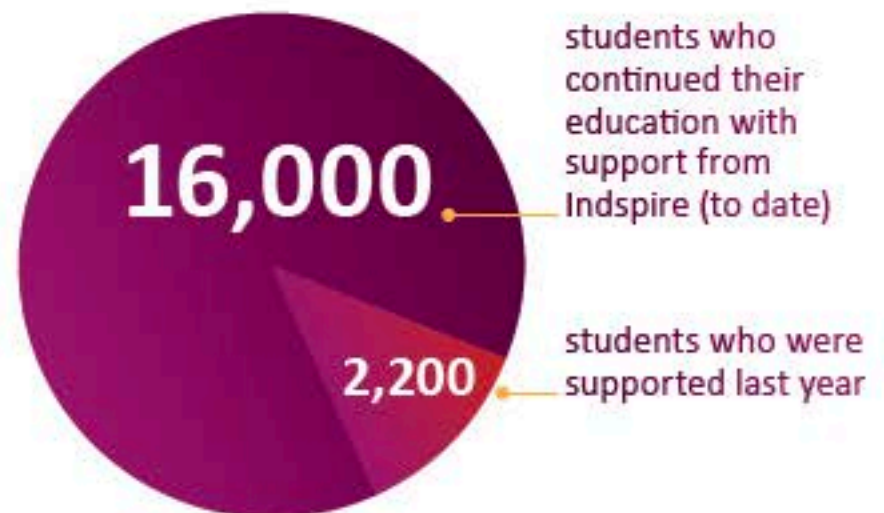


35,000

Indigenous high school students gained skills and confidence to plan their career with help from Indspire.

The reality about "free" education

The government provides some money to some Indigenous communities to help pay for post secondary education. But there's not enough for all eligible students, and thousands are excluded. Many of those who don't finish their education eventually rely on government support to make ends meet. If we can close this gap over the next 15 years by helping Indigenous students complete their education, we will save the government more than \$115 billion, while adding more than \$400 billion to Canada's economy.



Only **16%** of the actual needs of our students were met due to lack of funds.



New mentorship program sets students up for success

At Indspire, we know that an education provides us with wings, but mentorship teaches us to fly! Hence, we are thrilled to announce our new program, *Rivers to Success: Mentoring Indigenous Youth*, which provides much needed mentorship to Indigenous students.

Mentorship is an effective way to help students gain invaluable insight beyond their education and to position them for success as they make the transition into the workforce. As the program grows, these students will become mentors to younger Indigenous students, to provide

guidance and encourage them to achieve their dreams.

Your donation helps us to grow our mentorship program and directly support the learning experience and career navigation of Indigenous youth. ●

Indspire is a national registered charity that is dedicated to delivering programs and providing the necessary tools and support for Indigenous youth to complete their education and achieve their potential.

Indspire is committed to transforming Indigenous education. And it's good for Canada. Please support us by making a donation today. For more information, visit www.indspire.ca/donor.



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