



# Indspire

Indigenous education,  
Canada's future.

L'éducation des autochtones.  
L'avenir du Canada.

## DONOR UPDATE

### A message from Roberta Jamieson

Did you know that only 8% of Indigenous youth continue their studies after high school, compared to 23% of other Canadians? Our mission at Indspire is to close this gap.

Thanks to your generous support, Indspire continues to encourage Indigenous students to complete their education. We do this through mentorship and career programs that show them what's possible, and through scholarships that remove the financial barriers they face. We also provide resources to their teachers, who play a key role in helping them to succeed.

We aim to provide support to as many students as we can, but the need is much greater than the funds we have available. But with your continued support, we are making a difference in the lives of many young people. Read on to learn more about the impact we are making together.

Thank you for your support!

**Roberta Jamieson**  
President & CEO, Indspire





# Investing in our teachers

By Tanya C. Leary, OCT, K-12 Community Engagement Specialist

With the support of donors like you, Indspire invests in Indigenous youth so they will achieve their highest potential. How does Indspire do that? One way is by supporting teachers with successful programs and resources.

Indspire has recognized the need for supporting elementary and high school teachers across the country, so they can, in turn, help Indigenous students complete high school and begin their post-secondary educational journey.

As a teacher, mother, and employee of Indspire, I am whole-heartedly committed to the proactive approach Indspire takes in supporting Indigenous youth and their teachers. We provide much more than just funding. Indspire leads the way by taking our support systems one step further. We offer many useful

programs for teachers of Indigenous students, including teacher-to-teacher mentorship; a wealth of resources that share successful education programs and curriculum; an online community and annual conference for teachers, parents, and Indigenous community leaders to discuss education issues; and career seminars that teachers can bring into their classrooms.

Indspire is there for teachers and students, every step of the way, inspiring achievement and enriching Canada through Indigenous education. ●

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We believe in the power of education and the incredible potential of Indigenous youth. As the fastest growing demographic group in Canada, our youth are positioned to achieve their dreams.

**280+**

educators attended our 1st annual conference on Indigenous education.

## Did you know?

Only 4 out of 10 on-reserve Indigenous students finish high school?

**A+**

We're matching 150 pairs of new and experienced teachers to work together to improve graduation rates.

## Here's how your donation helped Carl change his life.

Carl shares the story of how he turned his life around through education.

My name is Carl. I was born to a Métis mother and Romanian father. I grew up in poverty and experienced more racism than I would like to remember. My 11 brothers and sisters and I were raised in Winnipeg's North End.

My parents were divorced by the time I was 3 years old. I bounced back and forth between the two homes of my parents and changed schools over ten times. I could have used some stability at that time in my life.

I believe the experiences I endured during those days were the ones that shaped the core of the man that I am today, and fuelled my passion to improve myself.

When I was a teen, my oldest sister Amber began to connect with our Indigenous heritage, and she inspired me to join her. My life changed forever. I realized that my calling was to integrate Indigenous culture with my education and work to revitalize my community.

Today, I am a father of 3, with a 3.63 GPA, and I am working on completing my Honours Degree in Arts with Indigenous and Urban & Inner City Studies majors.

Indspire, thank you for believing in me! Your support has allowed me to make my dreams a reality. ●

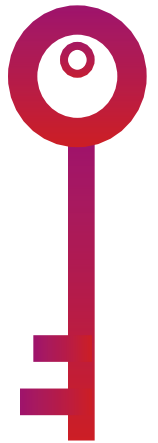
Since 1987 we've awarded more than

# \$54 million

through 16,000 scholarships and bursaries to First Nation, Inuit and Métis students nationwide.



Education is a powerful key to unlocking the tremendous potential of Indigenous youth



Indigenous youth have the potential to contribute their talents and skills to their communities and the rest of Canada. Indspire is here to help them succeed.



With your support, Indspire helps thousands of Indigenous students who are just like Carl from across Canada each year. **Your support helps us reach more.**





## Building brighter futures for Indigenous people

Each year, with your support, Indspire changes the lives of thousands of Indigenous people across Canada.

We deliver a range of programs to support and motivate Indigenous students to complete their education in order to help them find rewarding careers and contribute to their families, their communities, and the economic prosperity of Canada.

Indspire is one of the largest providers of bursaries and scholarships to Indigenous students. Our support

also includes mentorship and career programs, as well as resources for teachers of Indigenous youth. There are many ways that you can support Indspire's work – by becoming a monthly donor and including Indspire in your will, to name a few. To learn more, please give us a call. ●

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](http://www.indspire.ca/donor).



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