

Message from Roberta Jamieson, President and CEO, Indspire

We would like you to know we care deeply not only for those we serve but also for our community of supporters. As Coronavirus [COVID 19] evolves, we are working hard to remain accessible and deliver on our promises.

Indspire continues to follow the recommendations of government and health officials in order to help prevent the spread of the virus. During this time, our staff are working from home and will continue to support students with the financial help and support they need. These will be financially challenging times for students and many others. We will continue to support students with funding and by expanding the online opportunities and tools we offer to help them continue in their programs of study and begin their careers.

Over the past two weeks, we have distributed \$3,528,852 to 888 First Nations, Inuit and Métis students throughout the country in order to help them with their studies.

Our *Rivers to Success: Mentoring Indigenous Students (R2S)* team continues to work on building content and delivering this program's exclusive blend of mentorship, guidance and cultural resources to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis high school and post-secondary students. Launched on March 3, our online portal already has 2,850 students who have already expressed an interest in joining the program

We were fortunate to host the *Soaring: Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering* and to recognize the achievements of 11 outstanding Indigenous leaders from a diverse array of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities at the *Indspire Awards* in Ottawa in early March. The 2020 Indspire Awards will be broadcast on Sunday, June 21 at 8 p.m. (8:30 p.m. NT) on CBC, APTN and CBC RadioOne.

We recognize that you are also being impacted by the challenges we're facing today and want you to know how much your contribution means to students across the country and how grateful we are to have your support.

Our primary focus during this critical time is to operate in a way that instills your trust. We will continue to stay in touch with key updates as the situation changes and you can also visit indspire.ca.

Stay well and be safe.

Sincerely,



Roberta Jamieson