



YOUR LASTING LEGACY FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



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SUPPORTING INDSPIRE

YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

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Change the future of Indigenous students and educators for generations to come.

Canada's success as a nation could be attributed to any number of areas. When we work toward a common goal, our country can achieve amazing feats. Our compassion is renowned – and on the world stage we love to be looked upon as providing a positive example.

One particular area that has helped move Canada forward has been education – we are one of the most educated countries in the world. And since education is one of the keys to success in life, we need to work together to ensure that education is available to everyone.

The vast majority of Canadian students graduate from high school. But only about 69% of Indigenous students – in many places even fewer – are able to obtain this most basic requirement. And while 63% of Canadian students go on to receive post-secondary education, only about 44% of Indigenous students do the same.

It's a self-perpetuating cycle. With many communities living in poverty, children often aren't prepared for or able to afford post-secondary education. And without education, they can't get well-paid employment, so the cycle of poverty continues.

Supporting Indigenous education does more than prepare youth for the workforce. It makes life better for everyone. Educated Indigenous students contribute to their communities, to business, to our country – and to the world.

By leaving a lasting legacy for Indigenous education, you are helping implement the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action for creating strong allies between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, spreading awareness, and courageously and compassionately confronting a dark chapter in our country's history.

Indspire is the largest funder of post-secondary Indigenous education outside the federal government. It is a financially accountable, national, registered charity that has a proven track record of delivering effective programs and achieving tangible results. We are the only Indigenous charity that provides programs to all Indigenous students – First Nation, Inuit and Métis – and supports students and educators in every part of the country.

Indspire invests in the education of Indigenous people for their long-term benefit, for their families and communities, and for Canada – inspiring achievement, providing financial awards, delivering programs, and sharing resources with the goal of removing barriers to education, so that Indigenous youth and adults can achieve their highest potential.

You can be a part of continuing to make Canada a compassionate beacon to the world, and help move us forward in a positive way. Indeed, enabling Indigenous students to graduate is a powerful force to propel Canada towards a new era of reconciliation.

By leaving a lasting legacy for Indigenous education, you are helping implement the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action for creating strong allies between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, spreading awareness, and courageously and compassionately confronting a dark chapter in our country's history. There are many challenges to overcome, and the intergenerational trauma caused by the long-lasting effects of residential schools, forced adoptions and other legislated issues, will take a concerted effort by caring Canadians, both non-Indigenous and Indigenous alike.

Your personal legacy will honour your pride in helping Indigenous students realize their dream of a post-secondary education, provide mentors to support students, give educators the right tools to teach Indigenous K-12 students, and help schools meet the needs of Indigenous students. And you will love knowing that your support will make a difference in the lives of Indigenous peoples and help Canada heal for the benefit of us all.

Indspire is proud to be selected by the Financial Post as one of Canada's Top 25 Charities Worthy of a Donation and rated as a Top 10 High Impact and Four-Star Charity by Charity Intelligence Canada.



WAYS TO GIVE

IMAGINE THE IMPACT YOU CAN MAKE

However you decide to give, the impact of your gift will make a difference to the future success of many generations of Indigenous students and educators.

Gift in Your Will

You can name Indspire to receive an amount, percentage, or residue of your estate once your family and friends have been considered. Your estate will receive a donation receipt for the value of your gift, reducing taxes payable on your final return.

Gift of Stocks or Securities

If you give a gift of appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual fund units to Indspire, you will be 100% exempt from capital gains taxes, making this one of the easiest ways to give – and you'll receive a donation receipt for the value of the securities transferred.

Gift of RRSP/RRIFs

You can name Indspire as a direct beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, or Canada Pension assets and receive tax benefits as a result. This gift will turn potential tax liabilities in your final tax return into a gift to support Indspire.

Gift of Life Insurance

There are two main ways to make a gift of life insurance: you can name Indspire as the beneficiary of an existing policy, or you can purchase a policy and name Indspire as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. This type of donation allows you to make a sizable gift with only small annual or monthly payments. In addition, there is a tax credit available for immediate tax relief.



YOUR GIFT IN ACTION

GIVING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

DID YOU KNOW:

- ▶ Indigenous youth are *Canada's fastest growing demographic*
- ▶ *Lack of finances* is the greatest barrier to completing post-secondary education for Indigenous people
- ▶ *Indigenous students do not receive full funding for their education, contrary to popular belief*

Indspire provides financial support to Indigenous students so they can complete their education and training, become self-sufficient, enhance their ability to support their families, and give back to their communities.

- In 2020-2021, Indspire awarded \$20 million through 6,242 bursaries and scholarships.
- Since 2004, Indspire has disbursed over \$152 million through more than 48,700 scholarships and bursaries, helping thousands of Indigenous students complete their post-secondary education and embark on a rewarding career.

Indspire programs are designed to encourage young people to stay in school and obtain the necessary education that will allow them to find rewarding careers and make successful contributions to the economic prosperity of Canada.

Indspire provides hundreds of online resources for educators of Indigenous students to support successful education outcomes.

- Indspire helps approximately 1,000 Indigenous students each year learn about career and education options.
- Through the annual *Guiding the Journey* awards, Indspire identifies and recognizes extraordinary Indigenous educators.
- Indspire provides a platform for schools and communities to evaluate and share successful education practices.
- The *Indspire Awards* celebrate the achievements of outstanding Indigenous people, and inspire audiences across the country through the national broadcast, providing important role models and sharing uplifting stories of perseverance and triumph.
- Mentoring programs support and encourage Indigenous students who are paired with Indigenous professionals or more senior Indigenous students.
- Indspire has more than 1,300 resources available online to educators, including webinars, lesson plans, and successful strategies, classroom models and frameworks to learn about what has worked for others.

“Education has been extremely important to us personally, and we have benefited from it greatly throughout our own lives. Truly, education is everything; it provides access to what is essential. Indspire helps fill this need for Indigenous students and this should become known to even more Canadians. You feel you are part of something greater, even in a little way. With Indspire, you belong to something worthwhile.”

Cathy and John Kelly, Indspire Donors



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**Your thoughtful gift
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Tell us about your plans for a gift to Indspire, and we will invite you to be part of the Seven Generations Legacy Circle. As part of the Circle, your thoughtful gift will be recognized and we'll send you updates on the important work being done through Indspire.

The Seven Generations Legacy Circle is named after the Seventh Generation Principle, as a reminder of the bond each of us shares with our communities, our values and everyday actions. The concept is that when decisions are made, they are done so with forethought on how they will impact seven generations to come – so that desired results will be created through sustainable relationships that last at least seven generations into the future.

While the principle is attributed to the Iroquois through The Great Law of Iroquois Confederacy, recorded several hundred years ago, the majority of, if not all, Indigenous peoples embrace this philosophy.

Relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples should be forged with the Seventh Generation Principle in mind, so that future relationships will be positive for many generations to come.



When you're ready to start planning your gift, or if you've already included Indspire in your plans, please contact Cindy Ball at 416.987.0251 or cball@indspire.ca. All inquiries are treated confidentially.

Also, speak with your own financial planner or personal advisor about your wishes to include Indspire in your will.

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