



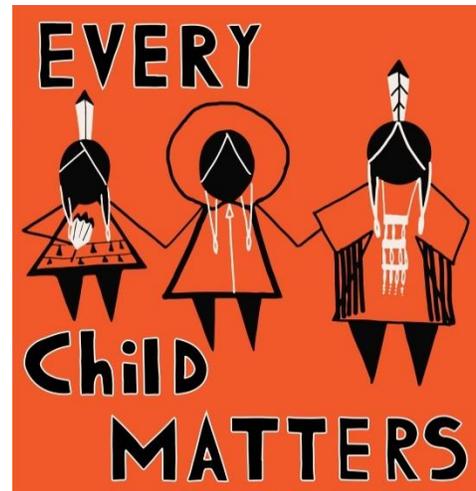
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Orange Shirt Society and Tolko Industries Ltd. (Tolko), together with our partner Leading Edge Promo, are pleased to announce this year's winner of the Society's art contest, sponsored by Tolko, and to introduce the official 2021 Orange Shirt Day design.

Shayne Hommy, a Grade 11 First Nation Cree student at South Peace Secondary School, in Dawson Creek, submitted the winning entry. She said, "Orange Shirt Day means justice and awareness for indigenous people. My Moosum (grandfather) attended residential school so it means a lot to me that someone I love and care about so much had to experience residential school. My design is three little indigenous girls from different tribes, holding hands to represent the unity of our people, (indigenous peoples) resilience and strength throughout the many years of suffering indigenous peoples had to face."



Her design was chosen from entries submitted from across Canada. Shayne received a \$200 prize, and will travel to Mission, BC, to meet Phyllis Webstad on Orange Shirt Day 2021, providing that travel is deemed safe by then. Phyllis said, "I am so thankful that Tolko has partnered with us to sponsor our annual t-shirt art contest. Because of their sponsorship, Shayne and her mother will come from their home in Dawson Creek and spend the day with me in Mission on September 30, Orange Shirt Day."

"The annual art contest provides students across Canada the opportunity to reflect on Orange Shirt Day and reconciliation," said Brad Thorlakson, President & CEO of Tolko. "I would like to congratulate Shayne on her winning design, demonstrating the unity of Indigenous peoples, especially girls, in the face of adversity."

Patricia Lessard, owner of Leading Edge Promo, said, "We are excited to launch the Official Orange Shirt Day 2021 Campaign design March 1, 2021 and to partner with the Orange Shirt Society to provide this thoughtful design on merchandise for people to enjoy for many years. Building awareness and reconciliation is something that gives us purpose and is rewarding."

To order official Orange Shirt Day shirts and other merchandise through Leading Edge Promo, visit the Shirts and Gifts tab at [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org), or Leading Edge's website at [www.orangeshirtday.net](http://www.orangeshirtday.net).

### **About Tolko**

Tolko is a leading manufacturer of a wide range of forest products for customers around the world, including lumber, plywood and veneer-oriented strand board co-products, biomass power, and a

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