



## Orange Shirt Society Highlights Year End 2020

We are filled with gratitude for the incredible support the Society has received in 2020, despite the pandemic and our inability to travel and hold gatherings. Phyllis Webstad, our Executive Director and founder, was extremely busy as she switched from in-person presentations to virtual, and we found that they are still powerful and effective in raising awareness of the continuing impacts of the Indian Residential Schools. An unexpected benefit has been the large numbers of people reached through the virtual platforms. Orange Shirt Day 2020 was very powerful this year as it was observed, mostly virtually, across the country. To all of you, whether you are an individual or corporate sponsor or donor, bought shirts or other promotional items, or booked or participated in a presentation or event, we are overwhelmed by your generosity and we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

### AGM

The Society held its AGM in November. Current Board members are President Jerome Beauchamp, Vice President Shannon Henderson, Secretary Blair Cunningham, Treasurer Joan Sorley, and Directors Harriet Hird, Bruce Baptiste, Joan Charleyboy, Kerry Cook and Gabe Garfinkel. We wish to thank past Vice President Renee Fougere for her service, we welcome our new Directors, and we thank all of our volunteer Board members for their service.

### 2021 Orange Shirt Day Official Design

The contest, sponsored by Tolko Industries Ltd., is now over, and the Board has chosen the official design for 2021, to be announced early in the New Year. The artist will receive \$200 and a trip to meet with Phyllis on Orange Shirt Day, 2021, provided travel and gatherings are safe again.

### Orange Shirt Day book

The Society's book, *Orange Shirt Day*, is available in bookstores, through Amazon.ca, and Chapters/Indigo, or through <http://medicinewheel.education/store/>. A companion study guide is available, and our publisher is currently working on an online classroom.

### Bookings/Donations/Shirts/Pins

To book a presentation, please email [bookings@orangeshirtday.org](mailto:bookings@orangeshirtday.org). For shirts, pins and other promotional items, visit <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/shirts--gifts.html>. To make a donation, visit <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/donations.html>, and use your credit card or donate by e-transfer. Other options include e-transfer to: [donations@orangeshirtday.org](mailto:donations@orangeshirtday.org) or by cheque payable to the Orange Shirt Society and mailed to PO Box 4240, Williams Lake, BC V2G 2V3. All donors, corporate and individual are listed on our website. Once again, we are extremely grateful for all the donations and sponsorships we receive – we would not survive without you! Kukwstsetsemc (Thanks to all)!

Our office is closed for the holidays until January 4<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of our Board and staff, we wish you a safe and joyous holiday season, and the very best in 2021!