



The Crisis/Support Line is available 24/7 to Women, Men and Youth who are seeking information or support for themselves, friends, family or neighbors. All calls are confidential.

*Strong Women  
& Spirit Journal*



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*Journal Cover will be created by Koren Smoke.*

Submissions Due  
August 31st



Please submit your creation in PDF or jpeg form to Sherry at [akgcc@eagle.ca](mailto:akgcc@eagle.ca) or call (905)352-3896 ext 3 to arrange pick up.  
Each Submission will receive a copy of the Journal and a chance to win a prize.

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## **Annual General Meeting**

On July 22, AKG hosted their Annual General Meeting. We would like to share with you some stats from the last year, April 2020– March 2021.

This is an opportunity for Staff to share our achievements, our challenges and on a successful 2020-2021. AKG Staff would like to say Chi Miigwetch to the Wanda for all her support through out this past year.

**Total Nights Women & Children– 497**

Total Outreach Appointments:  
Women-19  
Children-33  
Family Circles– 3

Outreach Support given  
Women-101  
Children-58

**Total Crisis Calls- 263**

Prevention, Educating and Support Groups & Workshops– 49 sessions

Court support-6

Virtual Board of Director meetings– 5

Christmas Hamper Participants-  
24

## Child & Youth Program

### International Youth Day August 12<sup>th</sup>

Youth Day is meant as an opportunity for governments and others to highlight the issues and gifts of youth worldwide. This year the celebration of current Indigenous youth contributions seems even more poignant as the search for Indigenous children throughout Canada on the sites of former residential schools remains ongoing. A stark remembrance with each recovery of the loss and damage that colonization and assimilative policies have had on generations of youth and Indigenous communities.

Youth Day was designated by the United Nations in 1999, the purpose to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal concerns surrounding the youth population. The day recognizes the contributions of young people to preventing conflict, supporting inclusion, social justice, and in sustaining peace.

In honor of International Youth Day, here are three outstanding youth advocates to check out!

#### **Larissa Crawford, Age 26, Métis (Penetanguishene) and Afro-Caribbean (Jamaica)**

The Calgary-based Jamaican-Métis activist and anti-racism researcher has served as the youth head delegate of Canada and successfully lobbied for Indigenous worldviews and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at the G7 Summit in 2018. She is the founder of *Future Ancestors Services*, which is a youth-led professional-services social enterprise which focuses on our responsibility for equity and climate change. She also works contracts that center restorative practice and decolonized engagement.

#### **Xiutezcatl Martinez, Age 19, Mashika People, (Mexico)**

By the time he was six years old, Xiutezcatl had spoken at his first climate event and by eight years old he had organized his first protest. He's continued to rise as a strong voice within the field of environmental justice. Youth Director of *Earth Guardians*, he keeps busy speaking out on a variety of topics from the harmful effects of pesticides to fracking. Also, a hip-hop artist, he was recognized as one of DoSomething's 2019 Youth Empower Players.

#### **Landyn Toney, Age 12, Mi'kmaw (Nova Scotia)**

Landyn led a six day 157-kilometre walk to raise awareness about the trauma of residential schools. Landyn's great-grandmother a residential school survivor. Raising over \$12,000 dollars, he began his journey on Canada Day on the site where the former Shubenacadie Residential School stood. His goal was to walk all the way to his home at Annapolis Valley First Nation—significant because he wanted to draw attention to all the Indigenous children who never made it home from residential schools. Toney shared that the reason he planned the walk was to spread the word and to try and make the world a better place.



#### **AKG Board of Directors**

**President**  
Lynn Mooney

Fran Masterson  
Vikki Niles  
Hilda Tennisco  
**Elder - Shirley Kohoko**

***AKG is currently looking to fill seats for AKG Board members from Moose Deer Point First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, & Scugog Island First Nation***

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#### **Ojibway Language**

Kwe-Woman  
Nookomis– Grandmother  
Eshkakimig-kwe– Mother  
earth

