

United Way Releases Eagle's Eye View : A comprehensive scan of the Aboriginal Community in Winnipeg

Winnipeg United Way of Winnipeg today released the Eagle's Eye View a holistic, comprehensive and balanced snapshot of the Aboriginal Community in Winnipeg. This document is the first resource of its kind for our city and for Canada, said Dr. Judith Bartlett, Chair of United Way's Aboriginal Task Group. It is presented without analysis or interpretation so that it may be used to build knowledge, understanding, trust, connections and relationships. The Eagle's Eye View looks at the Aboriginal Community from holistic perspectives, including: cultural; social; economic; and political, etc.

So much has been written about the Aboriginal Community but it exists in hundreds of separate publications and tends to focus on the challenges facing Aboriginal peoples, not their successes and capabilities, says Bartlett. The Eagle's Eye View takes a different approach - compiling existing information as well as providing balanced information. The information contained in the Eagle's Eye View has already helped to inform United Way's actions. United Way is also announcing the creation of an Aboriginal Relations position within United Way. In addition, and as the result of a very successful 2003 Annual Campaign, United Way has approximately \$400,000 new dollars available for investment in the community in 2004. Half of these dollars will go to Aboriginal-led projects.



Dr. Judith Bartlett, Chair of United Way's Aboriginal Task Group.

Aboriginal Human Resource Development; The Right Reverend Stanley McKay; The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair; Dr. Fred Shore, University of Manitoba; and Fausto Yadao, (retired) Dean of Education, Red River College.

The Eagle's Eye View is the product of the work of the Aboriginal Task Group of United Way of Winnipeg's Board of Trustees. Task Group members include: Dr. Judith Bartlett; Irene Hamilton Assistant Deputy Minister Justice Courts Division; Rick Joyal, Program Manager Downtown Winnipeg Biz; Crystal Laborero; Director of the Aboriginal Employment Initiative, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce; Rhonda McCorriston, Education Consultant, Centre for



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United Way is committed to building long-lasting, trusted relationships with all members of the community, says Jeff Schnoor, Executive Member and former Chair of the Board of Trustees for United Way of Winnipeg. We have built many strong and meaningful relationships with members of the Aboriginal Community a community that represents a significant and growing part of Winnipeg's population. Our long-term goal is to strengthen these relationships and strengthen our support of Aboriginal-led and Aboriginal focused organizations.

Copies of the Eagles Eye View are available to the public by calling United Way at 477-5360 or [click here](#) to download your copy in PDF.

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