

The Outfront

BHF Quarterly Newsletter



BHF HELD ITS 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

For the second year in a row, covid concerns meant the AGM was held outside with socially distanced seating, and regretfully we could not offer our usual feast and tours of the facility. Nevertheless, it was a lovely sunny day for the presentation of our 2020 - 2021 Annual Report and Financial Statements, a brief report on highlights of the past year from BHF President Peter Kingsley, and the announcement of the 2021- 2022 Board of Directors. The guest speaker was Sean Gallop, long time member and supporter, who spoke about the Foundation's long history and the deep impact of its wholistic programs. Sean particularly applauded the courage it takes for people to make the decision to come into treatment and to stick it out through the first weeks. He told them not to give up - things can not only turn out pretty well, they can turn out "better than you ever thought possible".



Sean Gallop, BHF member and supporter

Peter Kingsley QC continues as the President of the Board of Directors along with Sachit Mehra, Vice President; Marlene Gallagher; Karen Beaudin; Dr. Kent Somers; Naureen Punjani; Dr. Lesia Shepel; Michelle Ducharme; Doug Mercer; Marian Deegan; Lori Van Dongen. We appreciate that they volunteer their time and expertise to BHF.

Teachers and students at our independent kindergarten – grade six school have been back in class since September 7, busy with activities both in the classroom and outdoors. They will be spending the next eight Monday afternoons on the traditional grounds with Angela, learning the seven sacred teachings and ending with a feast.

Fort Garry Access Nurses have resumed weekly on-site medical clinics for our members. This is so very helpful to us - physical, emotional and spiritual health are all part of wholistic treatment and the support of the medical staff at Fort Garry Access has been really important.



BHF Board President, Peter Kingsley

It has been a busy few months at BHF. Stewart Westlake has moved into the Facility Manager position and Angela Antoine is now Director of Indigenous Services, working closely with Mike Calder on the traditional grounds. Weekly sweats have resumed with limited numbers and a request that all participants be fully vaccinated. BHF outreach groups are meeting in person again at River Pont Centre – it was nice to see people come out to a pot luck lunch on Thanksgiving weekend



Mike Calder, Winnipeg Police Chief Danny Smyth, Angela Antoine and Acting Police Chief of MB First Nation Policing Service (MFNPS) Bruno Rossi

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Bell Let's Talk Mental Health** and **Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living** for supporting our Indigenous Services. We cannot say too often how important this is to us.

Thank you to **Direct Farm Manitoba** for including BHF members in the Farmer's Market Currency program.

Thank you to **Canada Summer Jobs** for a contribution toward hiring two Groundskeepers and a Child Care Assistant.

Thank you to **Pembina Active Living** for the donation of a tv and a sound system for our special events.

Thank you to the **Jewish Foundation of Manitoba** for a grant to purchase tools to be used on the traditional grounds.

Thank you to **End Homelessness Winnipeg** for a grant toward Indigenous cultural programming.

Thank you to the friends and family of **Boyd Barber** who sent memorial donations in his honour. Boyd was a lifelong friend and supporter of BHF and will be remembered with respect.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS, FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND NEIGHBOURS.
YOUR SUPPORT MEANS SO MUCH.**