

**Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win  
Annual Report  
(August 2007 – March 2008)**



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North-South Partnership for Children in Remote  
First Nations Communities

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Canada's apology to its Aboriginal peoples on June 11, 2008 was an important event in Canadian history. It signals a new beginning in relationships, as expressed by Grand Chief Phil Fontaine from the Assembly of First Nations:

“What happened today signifies a new dawn in the relationship between us and the rest of Canada.....a respectful and therefore liberating relationship”.

The significance of this apology will be neutralized if it is not followed up with meaningful action to change the conditions, circumstances and life experiences faced by many First Peoples. Change however, will only be driven through relationships; relationships that are enduring and built on mutual trust and respect. Recognition of and resolution to the power imbalances in the existing relationships are a necessary first step to promote relationships worthy of trust. Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win models for governments and non governmental sectors new relationships between First Nations and non Aboriginal peoples that are healing, enduring and facilitate resource exchange and development.



## Greetings from the Co-Chairs



The Partnership addresses needs around food, safe water,

adequate shelter, clothing and emotional health, but this is not just a First Nations problem. We need everyone in Ontario to contribute and everyone should benefit because these issues can affect anyone. When I was incarcerated, I didn't just stand for my community. I did it for my own community and I did it for all municipalities and homeowners everywhere that are affected by the mining act. All of these issues touch everyone.

Chief Donny Morris  
Co-Chair



The activities and events of this year for Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win have been both challenging and

inspiring. We have witnessed an increased investment in the Partnership by the north and the south which has shaped its growth and development. Undoubtedly, the equity in the Partnership is its relationships. These relationships are marked by respect, courage, social justice and a shared vision. Canada is at a cross roads in terms of the nations relationship with its First Peoples. I hope that the lessons we are learning through Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win will contribute to this moment in history.

Judy Finlay  
Co-Chair



## Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs



At this time the goals for Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win are clear and we believe achievable. However the pathway to those goals is only becoming visible on the horizon. The upcoming year will be devoted to consolidating the knowledge and understanding we have gained from our challenges and successes. We will use this learning to develop a sustainable model to maintain the existing momentum and to propel this fledgling organization forward. It is only through this development that we will be able to respond to the vision that the First Nations leaders have for their communities.

We are committed to remaining non-partisan in our approach but acknowledge that most activities that we undertake are political in nature. The work of the Partnership is focussed on resource development, relationship building and equalizing the power base which

have political undercurrents. Members of the Partnership were alarmed by the incarceration of its Co-chair, Chief Morris for standing up for the rights of his people. His courage and conviction were inspiring and compelled many members of the Partnership to mobilize and bring to the public's attention the implications of the court's decision. This, in combination with other initiatives, influenced public and political reaction which led to a successful outcome. This illustrated to us that we could not side step the political realities facing the organization but needed to approach these political relationships, like all relationships, with respect and integrity.

This annual report speaks to the activities, the achievements and the directions undertaken by the Partnership over the past year. It lays the foundation for the journey ahead.



# About Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win



Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win, the North-South Partnership for Children, is a unique and developing partnership, established in collaboration with First Nation Chiefs, Elders, youth and community members living in remote communities in North-Western Ontario and individuals and voluntary organizations based in 'Southern' Ontario. The building of a viable structure, with increasing membership in the South and the engagement of self identified communities in the north, is an evolving process. The collective goal, to work toward trust and commitment, is essential to genuine reconciliation. The depth of exchange, unique to the Partnership, promotes and strengthens immediate and long term solutions to urgent conditions and challenges faced by children, youth and families in these communities.

## Guiding Principles

The First Nations partners from the onset have defined the principles which drive the organization's policy, practice and culture as follow:

### 1. Awareness:

Canadians need to better understand the dire needs and third world like conditions experienced in remote First Nations Communities. This can be achieved through increased public awareness, education and accountability.

### 2. Long Term Commitment:

First Nations communities are increasingly sceptical of well intentioned visitors who witness their "lived experience" and leave behind broken promises. This pattern was established historically and persists today. A requirement of membership in the Partnership is a commitment for a period of a decade. This promotes enduring relationships that lead to change.

### 3. Non Partisan Approach:

The day to day reality of First Nation persons on reserve is based on layers of intergovernmental policies and actions. Although the Partnership cannot divest themselves from these political realities, it makes every effort not to be encumbered by them. The Partnership attempts to move their agenda forward avoiding bureaucratic and inter-jurisdictional entanglements.



## 2007 Chiefs Resolution



**WHEREAS** the *North-South Partnership for Children – Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win* is a developing partnership that represents the coming together of First Nation Chiefs, Elders, youth and community members living in remote communities in North-Western Ontario and caring individuals and voluntary organizations based in 'Southern' Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Partnership is attempting to expand the circle of help and hope and effectively address the challenges and support the aspirations of First Nation communities in North-Western Ontario for their children, youth and families; and

**WHEREAS** the intent is to together in a partnership that includes and follows the lead of First Nations voices to build a network of caring relationships.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly continues to support the goals and efforts of *Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win* and approves Tikinagan's continued involvement in this partnership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following chiefs be appointed to represent the interest of area First Nations on *Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win*:

Chief Donny Morris  
Chief Connie Gray-McKay  
Chief Scott Jacob



# Visioning



**Our collective goal, to work toward trust and commitment, is essential to genuine reconciliation. The depth of exchange, unique to the Partnership, promotes and strengthens immediate and long term solutions to urgent conditions and challenges faced by children, youth and families in these communities. Our vision for the future includes both short- and long-term objectives for the organization moving forward.**

## SHORT TERM HORIZON

*1. To create a sustainable structure for Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win, the North-South Partnership for Children.*

Structure shapes the work of any organization and the members of the Partnership are determined to create a structure that offers flexibility and the ability to grow incrementally; provides form to the principles as set out by the First Nations partners; honours the established relationships and facilitates the building of new relationships. This to date has been achieved through ongoing dialogue, knowledge exchange and development, and a unique decision making process that is a convergence of Southern partner actions with the decisions of the Northern partners. The structure of the organization albeit malleable, will emerge from this continued process.

*2. To continue community capacity building initiatives.*

Through "Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win – Everyone searching for the answers together" the Partnership documents the needs,

strengths, challenges, existing resources, history and story of individual communities, as told by members of the communities themselves.

Often used as a 'starting point' these exchanges begin the process of understanding and learning from each other. The information is used to direct Southern efforts and to ensure ongoing accountability to the First Nation. The process also provides First Nations with some detail as to the resources available in the South. By understanding the community needs, the Partnership is able to make links and broker with Southern supports including: funding agencies; volunteers; training resources and donations. To date initiatives in two communities are well established with visible outcomes; three are underway and three communities are preparing to participate in mid summer, 2008. Each "searching together" initiative is molded by the leadership and the members of the community. The nature of the support from Southern partners is guided by the community.



3. To solidify and further describe the mandate of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win, the North-South Partnership for Children.

Through the process of developing an organizational structure and the continuation of “searching together” in the remote communities, clarification of the mandate will emerge. A plan for long term sustainability will evolve from these dialogues. The Governance Circle will undertake to develop a financially sustainable model that is consistent with the emerging mandate and structure.

### LONG TERM HORIZON

1. To bring visibility and awareness to the circumstances, conditions and life experiences of the First Nations people in the remote North.

Public awareness will promote accountability and change. This will be achieved through the collection of stories and oral histories, and through the documentation of “searching together” initiatives and outcomes.

**“Policy will not change until public attitudes change.”**

**“We are not starving, we are hungry, but we are not starving.”**



2. To promote change through the clarification of systemic issues.

This may be achieved through:

- the building of networks and coalitions to influence policy development and to build resource sharing opportunities
- the modernization of aboriginal rights (i.e. land claim rights) in a manner that incorporates economic development
- the promotion of housing policy that builds on local resources and capacity

3. To model new relationships with First Nations people.

To model meaningful relationships with First Nations people in order to influence public funders, governmental and non governmental sectors as they negotiate relationship and resource development.



# Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win 2007/2008 Highlights



**“You have helped us plant this seed of change; we hope you have a chance to come back and see the garden.”**

Elder, Pikangikum First Nation

## **Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win: Community Assessments and Capacity Building** (Co-Chairs: Jackie Rae, Ruth Hislop & Dick Meen)

Through “Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win – Everyone searching for the answers together” Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win documents the needs, strengths, challenges, existing resources, history and story of individual communities, as told by members of the communities themselves. Often used as a ‘starting point’ these exchanges begin the process of understanding and learning from each other.

By understanding the community needs, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win is able to make links and broker with Southern supports including: funding agencies; volunteers; training resources and donations.

To date, initiatives in two communities (Mishkeegogamang and Webequie First Nations) are well established with visible outcomes; and six other communities are engaged for 2008: Pikangikum First Nation; North Spirit Lake First Nation; Kasabonika Lake First Nation; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; Sandy Lake First Nation; Bearskin Lake First Nation.

Each “searching together” initiative is molded by the leadership and the members of the community. The

nature of the support from southern partners is guided by the community.

### **Pikangikum First Nation**

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win has had a number of conversations with the leadership, Elders, youth and community members of Pikangikum First Nation. The Partnership seeks to support the Pikangikum community by collaborating with its leadership’s efforts to build on community capacity and strengths in order to fulfill its vision.

- In December of 2007 representatives of The Laidlaw Foundation and The Atkinson Charitable Foundation visited Pikangikum First Nation.

- In February of 2008 as part of the process Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win, a team of Northern and Southern members joined together to meet with the leadership, children, youth, Elders and community members of Pikangikum.



**Bearskin Lake First Nation  
Kasabonika Lake First Nation  
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI)  
North Spirit Lake First Nation  
Sandy Lake First Nation**

During the 2007 Chiefs Assembly, an additional five communities stepped forward, requesting support from Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win to conduct assessments in 2008.



To date, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win has successfully secured the needed resources and is working with the communities to develop individual strategies and to identify Community Coordinators that will assist the Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win – ‘searching together’ process. Job descriptions have been distributed and training is expected to take place in August/September 2008.

### **Youth Engagement**



Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win is ensuring that the voice of youth is heard within each working group. Youth are an integral part of each community and therefore it is vital that youth have a platform where they can genuinely engage in open dialogue with Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win to direct the working groups based on their own identified objectives and goals.

### **Housing, Infrastructure and Economic Development**

(Harvey Kakegamic & Bill Clarke)

#### **Short Term Impact – Long Term Planning**

First Nations have identified Housing and Infrastructure as a key priority for Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win recognizing that housing is central to the wellbeing of families and community alike. Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win applies a holistic approach, addressing both social and economic issues, while combating the housing crisis. Working together with internationally recognized partners and local volunteers, solutions are explored that are community driven, increase community capacity, and provide economic growth and training opportunities while respecting current approaches and strengths.



## Housing Repair Project in Mishkeegogamang

A team of six volunteers spent one week on site in Mishkeegogamang Ojibway Nation in August 2007. In collaboration with the First Nation Operations and Maintenance Committee, the team conducted major repairs on two homes: replacing windows; addressing a sewage blockage; replacing kitchen cabinets and; building an insulation skirt around a trailer.

The project was initiated in direct response to Mishkeegogamang's 2007 Assessment Report where housing was identified as one of the key challenges impacting the community. In addition to further educating southern partners and gaining a better understanding of First Nation realities, the project helped to strengthen relationships and form new friendships.

Special thanks to the 2007 volunteers: David Cervi; Richard Finch; Christina Lee; Hannelore Schroeder; Bill Somogyi; Kaegan Walsh.



## Sustainable Housing and Economic Development Project

In late 2007, John van Nostrand, an international Housing/Infrastructure expert visited Sandy Lake First Nation and Mishkeegogamang Ojibway Nation and met with Chief and Council, the Housing Authorities, Technical Advisors (Housing), and other staff, focusing on current housing and infrastructure conditions. In addition, he toured the communities extensively, visited a number of houses, and talked with various families and individuals about their individual problems and aspirations.

The overall purpose was to prepare a Housing and Infrastructure Programme for the First Nations allowing for increased community participation in planning, design, construction and maintenance processes. The programme aims to create new economic development opportunities for residents and is being developed in close collaboration with the communities, their leaders, and potential funding agencies.



The project is also intended to serve as a model, to be introduced to other First Nation communities facing similar housing and infrastructure problems.

**Fundraising and Donations** (Co- Chairs: Chief Scott Jacob & Judy Finlay)

This group is working on broadening the membership with people who are members of other organizations or businesses who wish to be affiliated with Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win. The first order of business was to become part of the Kinark Foundation and we are currently working toward charitable status in order to increase our fundraising capacity.



**From the experience I had with the North South Partnership, it was very good. I didn't realize that there were organizations out there able to help out the communities of the north, especially with our community, the poor conditions of our community. I now have the North South Partnership, who are will and able to help out those in need, our people, our First Nations People of Ontario.**

Mr. H Moose



## Communications and Advocacy (Chair: Lisa Wolff)

The Communications and Advocacy Committee developed a work plan and key advocacy messages to shape the contours of the Partnership's ongoing engagement with Northern and Southern partners, contributors and other stakeholders. Committee members provided support to the Partnership secretariat in the development, design and production of communications vehicles including the web site, community assessment reports, media materials (press release and media kits) and media relations for events including the release of community assessments and the press conference to articulate the Partnership's advocacy position in support of the children of KI.

**"I am alarmed  
that this is the second  
Chief in Ontario  
that we see in this situation.  
I am alarmed  
to see who may be next.  
I am saddened at the message  
the government of Ontario  
is giving to the  
most vulnerable of its citizens,  
the First Nation  
children and youth,"**

Chief Scott Jacob of Webequie First Nation.

### Supporting the "Right to Say NO"

On Wednesday, March 26, 10:00am EST Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win: The North-South Partnership for Children held a press conference to voice strong opposition to the incarceration of six First Nation Leaders. The Partnership was concerned about the court decision to incarcerate six members of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) and the impact on the community at large and most importantly, the children.



**University Consortium: Mamow ki-ken-da-ma-win** (Co-Chairs: Chief Connie Gray-McKay & Judy Finlay)

The Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win study initiative was created to collaboratively design a culturally appropriate model of community capacity building and assist in the evaluation of the Partnership. The development of the model will be directed by First Nations people and will maximally utilize the resources provided by the southern partners. Ultimately, the work will draw on a consortium of university professors and members from across the province.

Participants in this consortium include: The Faculties of Child and Youth Care, Psychology and Social Work, Ryerson University; the Faculty of Education, Lakehead University; the Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario; and Aboriginal Studies, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto. The proposed Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win study initiative has been ratified by the Governance Circle. Mamow ki-ken-da-ma-win is co-chaired by a Northern and a Southern partner.



## Donations

**“It was wonderful to see children, parents and grandparents smiling walking out with all the goodies in their hands because, as workers, we have attended this church in sad occasions...We want to say a BIG THANK YOU for all the people that donated.”**

A Partner

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win is committed to building long-lasting enduring relationships. Initiatives focus on sustainable outcomes for First Nations at the same time, recognizing the immediate needs facing children, families, Elders and communities at large. In response, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win continues to secure donations and needed resources, as identified by communities.



### **Power of Kids Sports Program**

During the summer of 2007, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win was pleased to receive donations from the Power of Kids Sports Program, supporting recreation and sporting activities in the remote First Nation communities we serve.

### **The Atkinson Charitable Foundation and the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario**

A very special thank you to The Atkinson Charitable Foundation and The Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario for their generous support. Their generosity has allowed Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win the ability to begin the process of relationship development.

The Atkinson Charitable Foundation contributes a sizable donation annually which directly allows teams to travel to communities and allows First Nation Partners the ability to travel south to participate in Partnership activities and meetings.

The contributions of The Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth



Mental Health at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario creates the ability to form teams of partners, both from the North and South, who participate with the community in the 'searching together' process known as Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win. This was formerly referred to as the assessment process.

In particular, support from both has ensured the beginning of the "Heal the Healer" program which will develop much needed support for the natural Healers within communities. These Healers are vital because they inspire the strength and resilience seen in all communities. With the support of The Atkinson Charitable Foundation and The Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario the work of these Healers will only be enhanced.

**Donation Highlights for 2007/08 include:**

- Land-Based Equipment (ex. Canoes)
- Youth Recreation Equipment (Baseball mitts)
- Several skids of food and clothing.
- Tools for Technical Trades program.
- Hand Crafted Quilts, Blankets and Clothing.
- Musical Instruments
- Dozens of fully operating computers with Windows 2000 and Windows XP.
- Christmas Gifts



## Northern Tours:

### Building Relationships & Raising Awareness

**“We had all been briefed on the situation in Pikangikum. We knew what to expect. But the visit shook us all.”**

Feedback from Southern partners

### Foundation Visit

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win brought representatives from the Laidlaw Foundation and The Atkinson Charitable Foundation to three First Nation Communities December 11-13, 2007. Included in the tour were Judy Finlay, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win Co-Chair, Charles Pascal, CEO of The Atkinson Charitable Foundation, Nathan Gilbert,

CEO of Laidlaw Foundation and Rev. Eagle, The Atkinson Charitable Foundation. The group visited Pikangikum, Sandy Lake and Webequie. The tour provided an unforgettable experience for the participants and galvanized their interest in supporting Partnership initiatives to help children, families and communities in this region.

### Minister's Tour

The Partnership facilitated a tour for the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Michael Bryant and Deputy Minister Lori Sterling as well as several Ministry staff. The tour included visits to Pikangikum, Sandy Lake, Bearskin, Kl, and Webequie. The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs was established as a new stand alone Ministry last fall, it was therefore important for the Minister to see the conditions in First Nations in this region. The Partnership had a follow-up meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister on May 15 to advocate for the Ministry's support for Partnership activities and programs.



### **Mishkeegogamang and Sandy Lake**

The Partnership Director of Southern Operations, Alana Kapell, traveled to Mishkeegogamang and Sandy Lake November 2007 with John van Nostrand, a planner/architect from the Planning Alliance. Planning Alliance is an organization based in Toronto that has an international reputation working with communities to address infrastructure issues. For further details please refer to the section under Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win 2007/2008 Highlights titled 'Sustainable Housing and Economic Development Project'.



## Governance and Structure



**There is no road map or strategic plan that captures the evolutionary nature of the Partnership. The depth of the relational process represents social innovation at its core. Each partner is committed to building the organization one step at a time, meeting each challenge and opportunity with integrity and determination. This is our strength.**

### Structure

The Governance structure, although evolutionary, is built to cultivate relationships. It consists of two co-chairs, one from the north and one from the south, five northern First Nation representatives and five southern representatives, plus an Elder. The existing staffing model also replicates this north-south relationship with one Northern/First Nation Coordinator and one Southern Coordinator.

Each year the Partnership reports to the annual Chief's Assembly and seeks approval for the upcoming year's strategic plan. The 30 Chiefs nominate Chiefs to participate in the Governance Circle.

The southern partners include individuals and organizations which offer networks of influence and resources. These are critical to both the sustainability of the organization and credibility of its public profile.

### Governance Circle

#### Chief Donny Morris

Co-Chair  
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug

#### Bill Clarke

Treasurer  
Kinark Foundation

#### Chief Connie Grey-McKay

Secretary  
Mishkeegogamang First Nation

#### Lisa Wolff

UNICEF Canada

#### Chief Adam Fiddler

Sandy Lake First Nation

#### Richard Meen

Kinark Child and Family Services

#### Chief Scott Jacob

Webequie First Nation

(One Southern Position currently vacant)

#### Harvey Kakegamic

Sandy Lake First Nation

#### Ex-Officio Status:

#### Judy Finlay

Co-Chair  
Ryerson University

**Micheal Hardy** - Co-founder  
Tikinagan Child and Family Services

**Maurice Brubacher** - Co-founder

**Elder** - position currently vacant



## Staffing

In January 2008, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win employed two staff: a Northern Coordinator based in Sioux Lookout and a Southern Coordinator based in Toronto:

- Northern Coordinator  
Linda Nothing-Chapman (Jan 2008 to April 2008)
- Southern Coordinator  
Alana Kapell (April 2007 to Present)

## Working Groups

Based on the identified needs and priorities, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win has established Working Groups in the following key areas:

### **Mamow Nana-da-we-ki-ken-chi-ke-win: Community Assessment and Capacity Building**

(Co-Chairs: Jackie Rae, Ruth Hislop, & Dick Meen)

### **Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Development** (Co-Chairs: Harvey Kakegamic & Bill Clarke)

### **Advocacy and Communications** (Chair: Lisa Wolff)

### **Fundraising and Donations**

(Co-Chairs: Chief Scott Jacob & Judy Finlay)

### **Mamow ki-ken-da-ma-win**

(Co-Chairs: Chief Connie Gray-McKay & Judy Finlay)



## Partners

**The relationship forged between 30 remote northern First Nations communities and over 100 southern individuals and organizations is truly unique. This relationship is built on respect, meaningful knowledge exchange and a “giving back with no expectation of a return”. The ongoing nurturing of this relationship is foundational to the success of the organization.**

### 30 First Nations

Aroland First Nation; Bearskin Lake First Nation; Cat Lake First Nation; Deer Lake First Nation; Eabametoong First Nation; Fort Severn First Nation; Kasabonika Lake First Nation; Keewaywin First Nation; Kingfisher Lake First Nation; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; Koocheching First Nation; Lac Seul First Nation; McDowell Lake First Nation; Marten Falls First Nation; Mishkeegogamang First Nation; Muskrat Dam First Nation; Neskantaga First Nation; Nibinamik First Nation; North Spirit Lake First Nation; Pikangikum First Nation; Poplar Hill First Nation; Sachigo Lake First Nation; Sandy Lake First Nation; Saugeen First Nation; Slate Falls First Nation; Wapekeka First Nation; Wawakapewin First Nation; Weagamow First Nation; Webequie First Nation; Wunnumin Lake First Nation

### Other Partners

The Atkinson Charitable Foundation; Duff's Presbyterian Church; Guelph Friends of Tikinagan; Kinark Child and Family Services; Onward Willow Better Beginnings, Better Futures, Guelph, Ont.; The Laidlaw Foundation; The Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights; The Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at CHEO; Ryerson University; UNICEF Canada; Lakehead University; Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth; Tikinagan Child and Family Services; OACAS; Wawatay News; Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement; Christian Horizons; Creighton Youth Services; Justice for Children and Youth; University of Western Ontario; University of Toronto; George Brown College; Barnes Management Group; Sheridan College; Ryerson Univeristy, and more.



### Growth and Opportunity

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win was incorporated based on the following mandate: To promote the academic, social, cultural and economic development of and provide support to children, youth and families within First nation communities in order to meet their fundamental needs and transform the conditions that promote, in a

sustainable way, their physical, emotional, economic, social, environmental and spiritual well-being and advance the potential and strengthen the development of their First Nation communities. The North-South Partnership for Children was happy to announce that as of February 29, 2008 the Partnership has been incorporated with the official title of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win, North South Partnership for



Children. Since Incorporation Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win has been working on gaining official charitable status and building a new governing structure

## Financial Report



**“Your contribution to our community will touch the lives of many young athletes. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and can't begin to tell you how appreciative we are to know that people are willing to go to such great lengths to make a difference for the children of Webequie.”**

Letter from Chief Scott Jacob

### Financial Management

### Bursary

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win is proud to announce the establishment of the Lakehead University Jack Hallam/North South Partnership Bursary. The purpose of the bursary is to encourage Aboriginal students from the remote First Nations served by the Partnership to pursue post secondary education and potentially return to work in the remote communities.



The Jack Hallam/North South Partnership Bursary consist of one award funded by Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win and Jack Hallam, a non-Aboriginal two-spirited man, whose support demonstrates his belief in the importance of education for Aboriginal persons.

The bursary will be available for the first disbursement in the 2009/10 academic year, to be awarded in June 2009.



## Condensed Financial Statement

For the year ending March 31, 2008

	2007/08	2006/07*
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions	\$94,621	\$19,060
Interest	\$909	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,530</b>	<b>\$19,060</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Children's Needs	\$48,400	-
Travel	\$40,459	-
Other	\$210	\$311
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,069</b>	<b>\$311</b>
<b>Results for Year</b>	<b>+\$6,461</b>	<b>+\$18,749</b>
Opening Balance	\$18,749	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$25,210</b>	<b>\$18,749</b>

\*Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win began fundraising efforts in February 2007, thus explaining the expenditures for 2006/07.

### In Kind Contributions

The investment of various partners (south and north) has supported not only Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win in its development and visioning but also individual First Nations. First Nations have made a substantive contribution which is even more significant when one considers their limited resources and the taxing demands on their time. This speaks to their trust and commitment to the Partnership relationships and process.



It is estimated that Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win has received over 1.9 million in kind contributions to date. Contributions have included donations of food, sports equipment; expertise; travel; staff time; shipping costs; toys; mattresses; computers; accommodation and so much more.



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"It is an incredible feeling and  
an honour to be invited into someone's home (community)  
and to have them share their personal stories with  
you."

Southern Member

