

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



FONDATION  
**RBA**  
FOUNDATION



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# JOINT MESSAGE

## FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear readers and partners,

**It is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2024 achievements of the RBA Foundation. As we wrap up 2024, it is important to take a moment and look at the progress made as well as the exciting opportunities ahead.**

Since the creation of the Foundation, we are actively engaged in supporting First Nations and Inuit, both in urban and rural communities. The impact of socio-economic inequalities, still as relevant as ever, drives us to redouble our efforts to support organizations working towards the well-being of our members.

In 2024, we kept pursuing our mission by supporting various initiatives that play a key role in the vitality of First Nations and Inuit, thereby the Foundation supported 30 projects. With almost 1 million dollars invested since our creation, we are proud to help transform the life conditions of those who need it most.

From social support, cultural and educational programs, prevention, to mental health initiatives, various projects were created thanks to your support. These projects are intended to strengthen community bonds and promote our culture and traditions.

The Foundation is also proud to announce that it concluded its first medium-term agreement. As a result of this, and thanks to the generosity of our financial partners, we were able to significantly increase our donations towards the various projects. This new financial stability allows us to plan for the long-term and support initiatives more efficiently.

We applaud the commitment of our partners who, every year, help us provide food for thousands of kids, promote First Nations and Inuit art and culture and take concrete action towards the collective well-being. Together we can contribute towards building a more inclusive and fair future.

We truly believe that the challenges we will face in the next few years will bring new opportunities to give back to the communities. Thanks to your constant support, we will be able to reach even further and impact the lives of more people.

On behalf of the Foundation, we are immensely grateful of your unwavering commitment. It is thanks to you that we can fulfill our mission and reach new heights.

We can't express our gratitude enough.



IAN PICARD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DANIEL G. NOLETT  
RETIREMENT COMMITTEE PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel G. Nolett'.

# OUR COMMITTEES

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**The board of directors is made up of First Nations members from the NBP Retirement Committee and of independent expert members on a voluntary basis.**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Daniel G. Nolett | President

Norm Odjick | Vice-President

Johanne Castonguay | Director

Pierre Parent | Director

1 vacant seat

Me Jacques Beaudet | Secretary (non-voting member)

## MANAGEMENT

Graciously done by the RBA Financial Group  
and the Native Benefits Plan (NBP) team



# MISSION AND VISION

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF FIRST NATIONS



### THROUGH DONATIONS, THE RBA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS:

#### ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC STUDIES

Support First Nations students to undertake and pursue studies by giving out scholarships, athletic or academic scholarships or by providing financial support.

#### SOCIAL INITIATIVES

Support the different social and community initiatives focused on improving the living situation and the well-being of people in Indigenous communities especially the youth, the women, and the seniors.

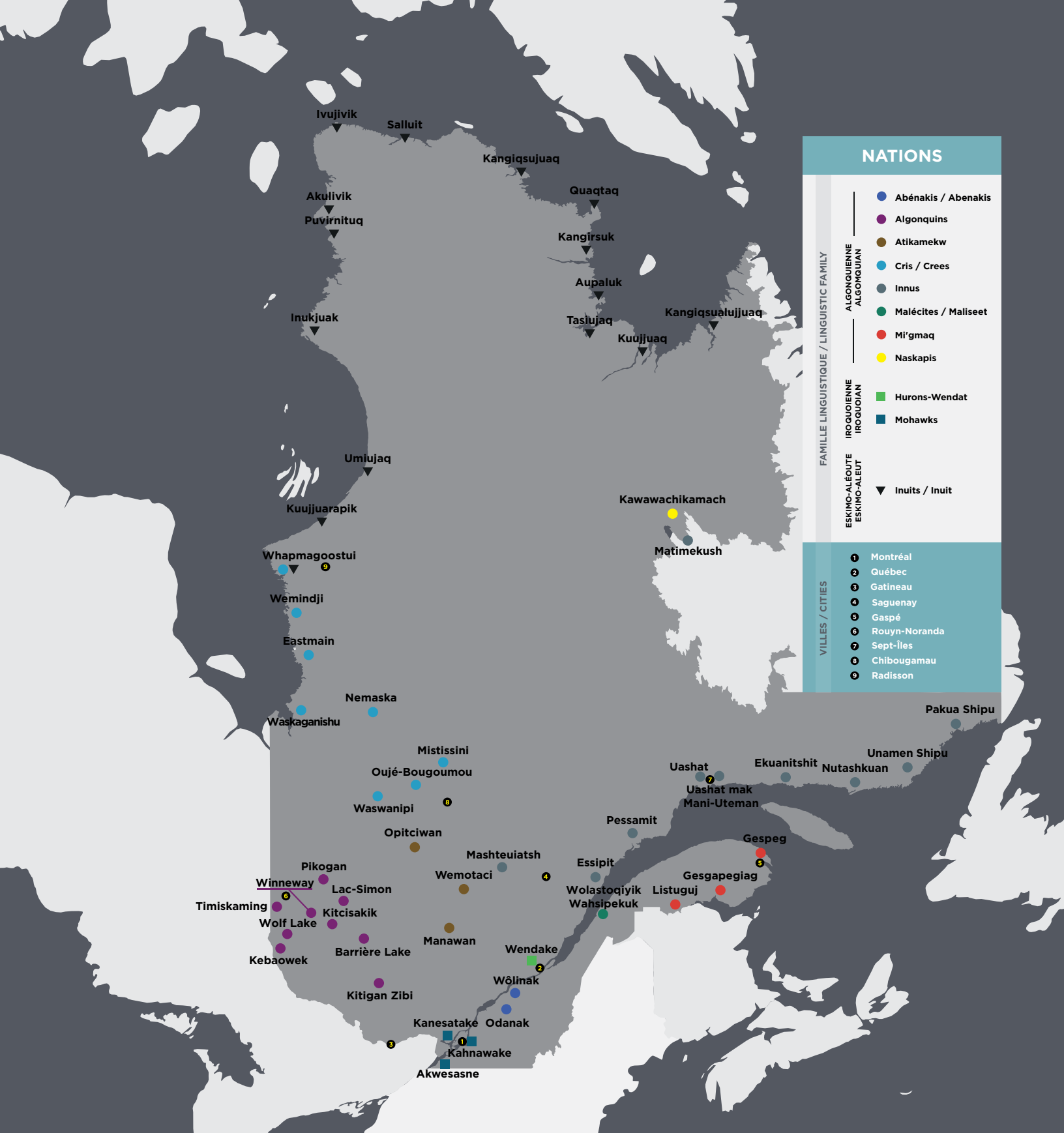
#### AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Support and promote the development and strengthening of awareness, intervention and mobilization programs made by and for Indigenous people.

#### VALUES AND TRADITIONS

Promote Indigenous values and traditions to all communities.





“ LET’S CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF FIRST NATIONS ”



SINCE 2012, **THE RBA FOUNDATION IS:**

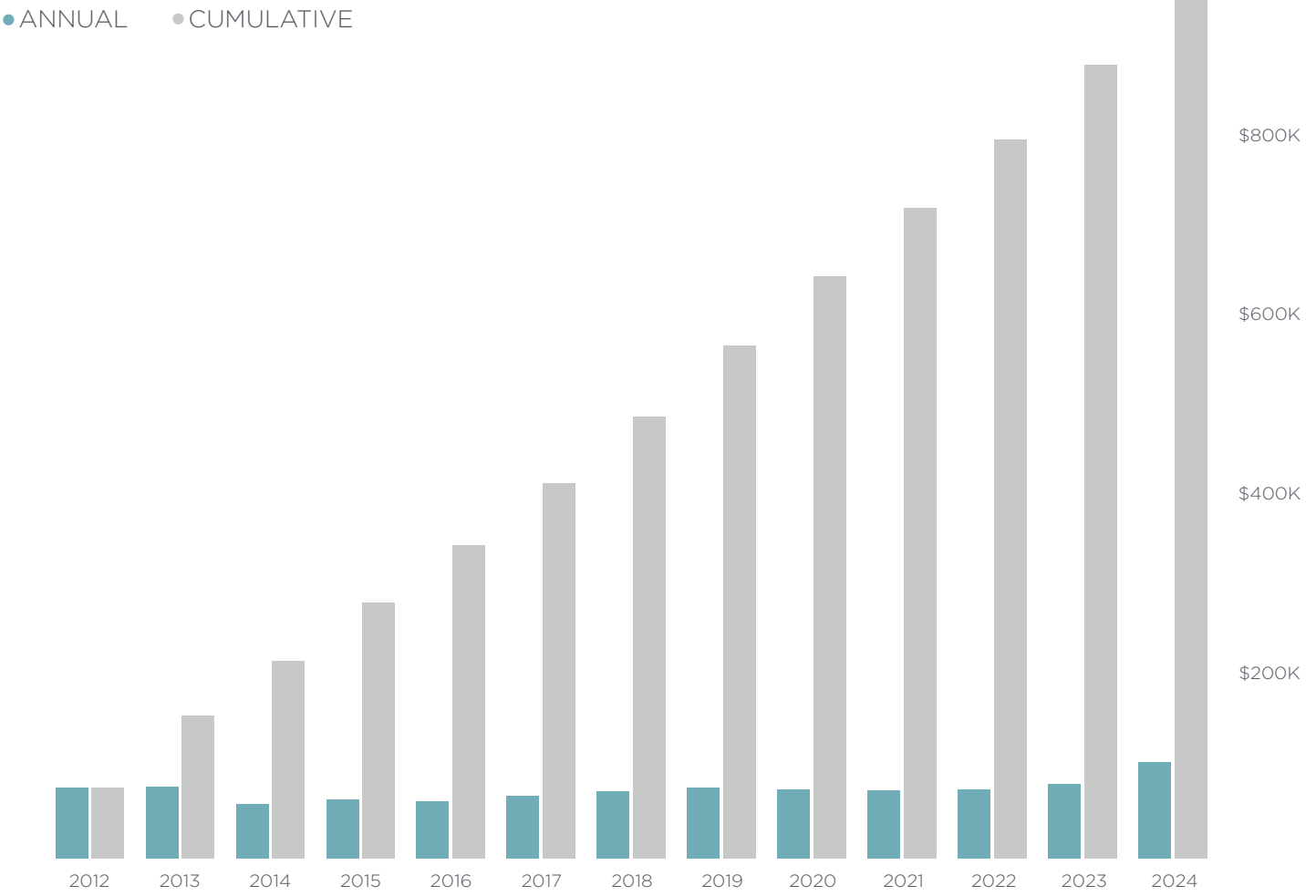
**\$992,820**  
donated

**50**  
charitable  
organizations

**27**  
projects  
supported  
yearly (average)

**\$76,448**  
donated  
yearly on  
average

**DONATIONS EVOLUTION**  
CORPORATE DONORS





SINCE 2012, **THE RBA FOUNDATION IS ALSO:**

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**\$157,740**

in donations to organizations working in suicide prevention and awareness

**\$393,200**

donated to financially support projects relating to children's health, education, activities and well-being

**\$196,000**

put towards Native culture and values, a central part of the First Nations of Quebec's heritage

**\$16,000**

invested in our elder's health and well-being

**\$162,880**

put into aid projects over the last 10 years

**\$67,000**

donated to support the status of women

## BREAKDOWN OF DONATIONS BY FIELD OF INTERVENTION



- 40% | YOUTH
- 13% | VALUES AND TRADITIONS
- 16% | SUICIDE PREVENTION
- 16% | AID
- 7% | CULTURE
- 7% | WOMEN
- 2% | ELDERS



# 2024 IN SUMMARY

**\$107,000**  
DONATED

The RBA Foundation is proud to have increased its donations by 20% in 2024.

**32**  
CORPORATE  
DONORS

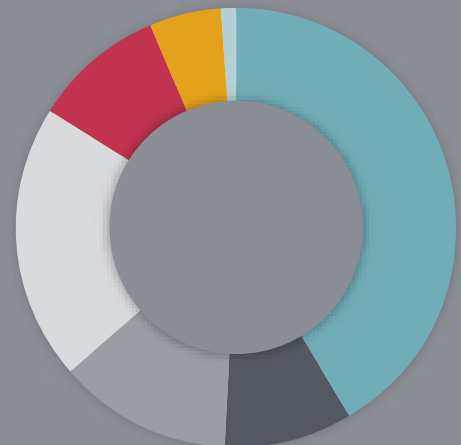
**30**  
PROJECTS  
SUPPORTED

**+ 500**  
PARTICIPANTS  
reached during the 6 days  
of seminars, benefiting  
from professional help,  
traditional teachings and  
spiritual healing.

**44**  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
were offered direct support  
through the BECOME project  
from the New Pathways  
Foundation.

**65**  
SCHOOLS,  
in 48 communities and  
northern villages across  
Quebec are reached by  
our major partner Breakfast  
Club of Canada.

## BREAKDOWN OF DONATIONS BY FIELD OF INTERVENTION





# OUR MAJOR PARTNERS

## FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT SUICIDE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF QUEBEC AND LABRADOR (FNISPAQ)

The FNISPAQ is an Indigenous organization established about 20 years ago. Its mission is to contribute to the well-being and balance of the lives of Indigenous people of Quebec through community activities such as awareness, prevention, and education. The Association brings together front-line workers often isolated and dealing with complex community realities and works to ensure access to psychosocial interventions in the language and the cultural context of each community.



## BREAKFAST CLUB OF CANADA

Since 1994, Breakfast Club of Canada has been nourishing children's potential by ensuring they have access to a healthy breakfast at school in a welcoming and inclusive environment. The Club is constantly on the lookout for sustainable ways of reaching out to more children in Indigenous communities to support community empowerment by opting for culturally and nutritionally appropriate food. The Club supports innovative, holistic approaches. They also track, record, and share progress, challenges and successes as well as engage the philanthropic community.





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## NEW PATHWAYS FOUNDATION

Founded in 2010 by First Nations for the benefit of their youth, the New Pathways Foundation works for the future and the well-being of First Nations youth in Quebec. The Foundations' mission is to help young people reach their full potential and be confident in a better future through a strong identity. Whether on or off the community, the New Pathways Foundation creates positive hands-on experiences that reflect First Nations' youth.



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## PUAMUN MESHKENU

Puamun Meshkenu is an organization working to develop the full potential of Indigenous people by promoting the concepts of holistic health, student retention and Aboriginal identity. The organization, founded by Dr. Stanley Vollant in 2016, launches projects that will have lasting impacts on many First Nations children and structuring effects across Aboriginal communities in Quebec.



# ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC STUDIES



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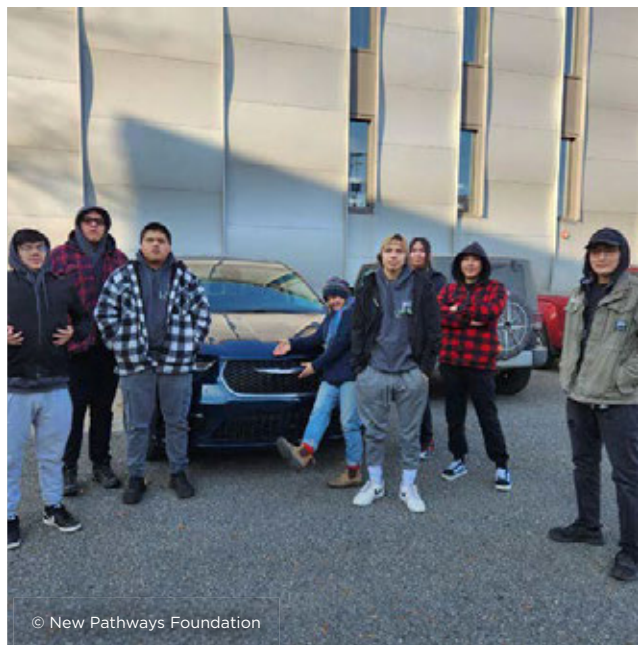


NEW PATHWAYS FOUNDATION  
**BECOME**

NIKANITE FIRST NATIONS CENTRE  
**SETTING UP A  
CULTURAL LOCAL**



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## A large group of approximately 30 people, including students and staff, are posing for a group photo outdoors in a grassy field. Many of the individuals are wearing orange shirts, some with logos. Some people are holding flags, including the Indian national flag. The group is arranged in several rows, with some people standing and others kneeling or sitting in the front. The background shows a grassy field with some trees in the distance. The photo is credited to Puamun Meshkenu.



VUES ET VOIX  
**KWE, BONJOUR**



# AWARENESS PROGRAMS



## FNISPAQL DIALOGUE FOR LIFE

CENTRE D'AMITIÉ AUTOCHTONE  
CAPETCIWOTAKANIK  
**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY**

VAL D'OR NATIVE  
FRIENDSHIP CENTRE  
**25<sup>TH</sup> ACTION WEEK  
AGAINST RACISM**

ISUARSIVIK REGIONAL  
RECOVERY CENTRE  
**PINGGUPAA CHALLENGE TOUR**

CHIOTS NORDIQUES  
**OUTREACH AND EDUCATION  
PROGRAM**

EXEKO  
**MEDIATION PROJECTS  
IN COMMUNITIES / IDACTION**

QUEBEC NATIVE WOMEN  
**EMPOWERMENT AND  
KNOWLEDGE: TOWARDS  
CAPACITY BUILDING**

FIRST PEOPLE'S JUSTICE  
CENTER OF TIOHTIÀ:KE  
**COMMUNITY AND COMPENSATORY  
HOURS SERVICES**

KINA8AT  
**MOSETAN PROGRAMS  
FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH**



# VALUES AND TRADITIONS



CENTRE D'AMITIÉ AUTOCHTONE  
DE QUÉBEC  
**MAMU**

CENTRE D'ENTRAIDE  
ET D'AMITIÉ AUTOCHTONE  
DE SENNETERRE  
**RIVER OF KNOWLEDGE  
"AU COEUR DE NOS COEURS"**

BOÎTE ROUGE VIF  
**ANNUAL GATHERING  
FOR THE TRANSMISSION,  
EXPRESSION AND  
PRESERVATION OF  
INDIGENOUS HERITAGE**

FIRST PEOPLES  
INNOVATION CENTRE  
**INDIGENOUS MOTIVATION  
APPROACH TO YOUTH  
PERSEVERANCE**

CORPORATION DU MUSÉE DE  
LA NATION HURONNE-WENDAT  
**PURCHASE OF EMITTING  
DEVICES FOR GUIDED TOURS**

EENOU-EEYOU COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
**EEYOU/EENOU  
CHISKUTAMAACHEWIN  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

MAISON COMMUNAUTAIRE  
MISSINAK  
**WOMEN'S CIRCLE**



SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE  
D'ODANAK -  
MUSÉE DES ABÉNAKIS  
**POETRY EVENING**

WAPIKONI MOBILE  
**SUPPORT FOR THE PROMOTION  
AND VISIBILITY OF ARTISTS  
AND THEIR WORK**

PUAKUTEU COMITÉ DES  
FEMMES DE MASHTEUIATSH  
**MAMU**

# ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

We are pleased to announce that in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, the RBA Golf Classic raised funds to support over thirty organizations working towards the well-being of First Nations in Quebec communities.

There were 160 registered players and an additional 10 people who joined us for dinner. This event is an important annual fundraiser for the RBA Foundation. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day with our sponsors, clients, organizations, employees and partners.

During the event, we were able to give our annual contributions to our 4 major partners: New Pathways Foundation, Puamun Meshkenu, Breakfast Club of Canada and First Nations and Inuit Suicide Prevention Association of Quebec and Labrador.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!



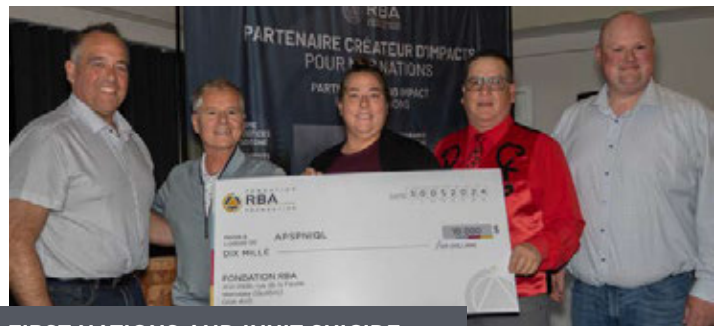
**PUAMUN MESHKENU**



**NEW PATHWAYS FOUNDATION**



**BREAKFAST CLUB OF CANADA**



**FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT SUICIDE  
PREVENTION ASSOCIATION  
OF QUEBEC AND LABRADOR**



# CORPORATE DONORS

We wish to thank every member of our communities as well as our corporate donors for their generous donations every year. Your contribution and engagement are not taken for granted.

## PARTNER \$20,000 OR MORE



## AMBASSADOR \$10,000 TO \$19,999

## CRESCENT

## BUILDER \$5,000 TO \$9,999





## **COLLABORATOR \$2,500 TO \$4,999**

- Bentall Green Oak
- ITUM
- Desjardins Trust (Wealth management)
- Ipso Facto
- J.P. Morgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc
- Beneva
- First Nations Executive Education

## **SCOUT \$2,499 OR LESS**

- FNQLEDC
- Caisse Desjardins de Wendake
- Fidelity Investments Canada

## **ALLIES**

- Lussier
- CDEM
- Conseil de la Nation Atikamekw
- IFM Investors
- SOCCA-ABSBAN
- Van Berkom
- Sunlife
- Deloitte Canada

## **ACCOMPLICE**

- Conseil des Abénakis d'Odanak
- Grand Royal Wôlinak Casino
- Triomphe marketing

**THANK YOU TO OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS.**

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