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Re: Support for Community Arts and Heritage Education Project

Dear Canadian Women's Foundation,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay-Atikokan, I am writing in support of Community Arts and Heritage Education Project's (CAHEP) application for funding to continue to deliver the Speak Up Program in Thunder Bay. This program provides leadership and empowerment arts education programming for 48 income insecure Grades 7 and 8 girls in four public schools in our community.

We know there is a need in the particular communities CAHEP proposes to carry out programming. Provided below are the indicators for the census tract for each school:

Sherbrooke Public School	
Low-income youth	31%
Lone-parent families	37%
Subsidized housing	7.5%
Affordable housing	14%
Indigenous Youth	35%
Immigrant youth	1.6%
Kingsway	
Low-income youth	15%
Lone-parent families	39%
Subsidized housing	4.7%
Affordable housing	21%
Indigenous youth	34%
Immigrant youth	3.7%
Algonquin Public School	
Low-income youth	47%



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Lone-parent families	55%
Subsidized housing	22%
Affordable housing	24%
Indigenous youth	40%
Immigrant youth	7.1%
McKellar	
Low-income youth	36%
Lone-parent families	51%
Subsidized housing	12%
Affordable housing	29%
Indigenous youth	47%
Immigrant youth	3.2%

CAHEP empowers children and youth in the community by creating and implementing accessible multi-disciplinary arts and heritage programming and resources so that people will discover the joy of arts and heritage within their own lives and create a legacy by fostering a commitment to culture. They create programming that is student/child/youth centered in that they are the leaders in the creative process facilitated by the artists/arts educators in collaboration with educators/community leaders. In addition, CAHEP has a proven record of accomplishment of successful engagement with multi-sectoral, and multi-organizational collaboration.

As MPP I support this project, and believe the implementation of this program will enrich the lives of young women and girls in Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Judith Monteith-Farrell
 Member of Provincial Parliament
 Thunder Bay – Atikokan