Circle of Life Thunderbird House
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Circle of Life Thunderbird House (TbH) is a non-profit community organization established in 2000 to uphold, encourage and share Aboriginal beliefs, values, customs and practices. It is a place for Aboriginal and others to gather, learn, heal, advocate, share and celebrate.

Located in the heart of Winnipeg, TbH is a spiritual centre for the entire community, in particular for some of the city's most disadvantaged. The organization is led by a Board of Directors guided and directed by a Council of Elders. A small staff co-ordinates and delivers services with the help of dedicated volunteers. And without the generous financial support of government, non-governmental agencies and individuals, Thunderbird House could not exist.

Strategic Planning for TbH in 2015 prioritized strengthening management and funding for the organization. By management, the plan which is underway, is to improve the role of the Elders and the Board of Directors in the governance of TbH. To meet the financial needs of TbH, the plan is to adopt a multi-leveled approach that positions TbH as an essential resource, contributing to the social, economic and cultural life of Winnipeg.

In particular, the Board is focusing its energy into raising;

- Operational Funds – to maintain the human and physical resources of TbH
- Capital Funds – to maintain the building and lands surrounding TbH
- Programing Funds – to implement activities and services of TbH.

Activities are underway to:

- Expand Fundraising - standardize applications and donor outreach
- Solidify Partnerships - with social agencies, politicians and allies
- Professionalize Promotion - with targeted marketing and outreach
- Recruit Volunteers - to provide knowledge, supports and funding.

While the organization has gone through a period of management and financial crisis, it is now on a serious rebound. Major organizational changes have rejuvenated TbH over the last year. We ended the financial year with a surplus (after repeated deficits), held numerous events, built relations with government, and brought TbH back into the matrix of Winnipeg's vibrant social services.

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We are currently seeking funding to strengthen our management and operational capacity. Therefore, our primary need now is for financial support for the following staff;

- full time Manager at current non-profit rates,
- part time groundskeeper to maintain the safety and cleanliness of Thunderbird House,
- part time accountant to maintain our books professionally, and
- part time administrative support staff person.

We can offer our Strategic Plan, a Sustainability Plan and our current audit that has been approved by our Elder's Council to support our request for City funding.



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