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Dear Ms. Maria Morrison

On February 28th, 2018, The Winnipeg Police Service, the RCMP, and valued partners hosted the 2nd Annual Indigenous Unity Gathering at the University of Winnipeg. A number of community partners came together in an effort to build trust, meaningful relationships, and open and meaningful communication between police, municipal and provincial stakeholders, and the Indigenous community. During the initial planning process the hope and intention was to hold this event annually and bring people together literally at the dinner table.

Youth were central to this event and the Sacred Seven Youth Council provided valuable guidance in naming the event the "Indigenous Youth Gathering". Indigenous youth from various organizations, police, and dedicated stakeholders shared an excellent meal of traditional foods and enjoyed youth based entertainment. It was with the contribution and support of community partners that we were able to ensure this event was a success.

In the spirit of reconciliation, a number of organizations shared in our belief of Crime Prevention through Social Development and this event highlighted that a community approach is critical to building relationships between our community, youth, and police.

This year we are planning to host the 3rd Annual Indigenous Unity Gathering on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019. At this point in time we are in the early planning stages and are reaching out to once again secure your support in becoming a partner/sponsor for a unique opportunity to build relationships and share ideas.

As planning unfolds, we look forward to discussing this event with you and value your input. If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Kindest Regards,

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