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Boozhoo and hello!

We know that our entire community is facing challenging times as a result of COVID-19, and that these unprecedented protocols can be overwhelming. However, we at Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre also know how committed our tenacious district is to protecting its Indigenous heritage. To this effect, Northwestern Ontario's most important Indigenous cultural centre is under threat due to changes in funding. If we are to continue protecting this special place, we need your help.

We are asking if you would be willing to make a donation, or if you would like to symbolically adopt an artifact, exhibit, or trail (please continue scrolling for more information). We are a registered charity and will gladly provide tax receipts.

To ensure that our museum collection remains protected and accessible we are readying a transfer of everything onto a digital platform. We are also developing new digital content and programming so that we can continue to serve all of our communities throughout this trying time by providing fun, engaging, and educational activities for all ages and backgrounds.

Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre is a unique and sacred gathering place for sharing and experiencing Anishinaabe cultural knowledge and traditions. It is also the site of dozens of known Indigenous burial mounds dating to 3000 years ago and was designated a National Historic Site in 1969. Funding and operation of the site has been supplied in entirety by Rainy River First Nations. Although we have not been designated an essential service, we firmly believe that we are needed. In times like these people search for heritage, whether they know it or not (as dwindling yeast supplies illustrate).

Miigwech and stay safe,

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Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre - Donation and Sponsorship Form

I, _____, would like to support the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre in the following way(s):

☐ **Monetary** ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other ☐ Monthly ☐ Capital
Other or Capital Amount: \$ _____

☐ **Adopt an Artifact** ☐ \$ _____ Send me the list ☐ \$ _____ Pick for me

☐ **Adopt a Trail** Trail: _____ Amount: \$ _____

☐ **Sponsor an Exhibit** Exhibit: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Gifting or Memoriam (Please provide relevant information below if applicable).

Name (print): _____ **Business:** _____

Address: _____

Home: (____) _____ **Cell:** (____) _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Payment Information

Please fill out the above information including a signature. Cheques or money orders can be addressed to:

Manitou Mounds Foundation
PO Box 450
Emo, Ontario
P0W 1E0

Digital responses and e-transfers can be made to mounds.rrfn@bellnet.ca. Please feel free to call us at (807) 483-1163 if you require additional information. Tax receipts will be mailed prior to the end of the fiscal year.



Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre - Donation Fact Sheet

Background

The Manitou Mounds Foundation was established in 1996 in order to protect and preserve the burial mounds and create culturally appropriate educational programming. We offer interpretive tours and galleries, as well as seasonal educational programs related to Anishinaabe history, language, ecology, culture, and traditions.

Monetary Donations

All donors will receive a tax receipt and a letter of appreciation. Donations of \$5,000 will receive a free year membership and be recognized on our donation wall.

Adopt an Artifact Program

We house over 20,000 artifacts, ranging from 3000 to 100 years in age. A list of adoptable artifacts is available upon request, or our collections department can select one for you. All adoptive donors will receive a tax receipt and a package containing an adoption certificate and a photograph of the artifact with accompanying information. Artifact adoptions are valid for one year and begin at \$20.00.

Adopt a Trail Program

We have over 10km of trails on-site which are heavily used throughout summer, fall, and winter. Adoptive donors will receive a tax receipt, a free one-year membership, a letter of appreciation, recognition on our social media pages, and their name or business name on a plaque along the adopted trail. Trail adoptions are valid for five years with the option to renew. Adoption fees for main trails begin at \$10,000 (Beaver, Porcupine, Eagle, Wolf, Turtle), and minor trails begin at \$5,000 (Deer, Bear, Otter, Loon, Fox, Lynx, Rabbit, Sturgeon).

Capital Enhancements

In addition to adopting one of our 13 trails, donors have the option to give funds for minor or major capital enhancements. Please contact us to discuss this option further.

Exhibit Sponsorship Program

Exhibit sponsors will receive a tax receipt, a letter of appreciation, a complimentary one-year membership, and have their name or the name of their business added to a plaque near the exhibit. The following exhibits are available: \$1,000 (Sturgeon Mural, Pelican Painting, Owl, Partridge); \$2,500 (Beaded Logo, Eagle's Nest, Atlatl Hunters, Eagle, Wolf, Pelican, Moose); \$5,000 (Reading Corner, Turtle Island, Powwow, Rotating Display, Wigwam Scene, Maggie Wilson Piece, Canoe Scene, Trading Post, Treaty & Community, Wild Ricing, Sturgeon Fishing, Early Resources, Early Hunters, Wall Story Mural); \$7,500 (Rock Art); \$10,000 (Aquarium, Theatre, Elders Lounge). Sponsorships are valid for five years.

Please contact us directly if you would like to be the sole sponsor for any of the above options.