



ORANGE SHIRT SOCIETY

Every Child Matters

Cariboo Regional District
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On behalf of *The Orange Shirt Society*
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Referred To *CAO/Chair*

To Margo Wagner,
Chair of the Board of the Cariboo Regional District,

At the Orange Shirt Society, we are dedicated to creating awareness of the individual, family, and community intergenerational impacts of Indian Residential Schools through Orange Shirt Day activities. Our mission is to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters," supporting Reconciliation and honouring the healing journey of Residential School Survivors, their families, and communities.

Our vision is to foster understanding and healing, encouraging actions that support Reconciliation and build strong, supportive communities. We are guided by our core values of Respect, Education, Reconciliation, and Community. We honor the experiences and stories of survivors and their families, promote understanding and awareness of the history and legacy of Residential Schools, and work towards building a future where Every Child is valued and supported.

*This September 27th, our annual commemoration of **Orange Shirt Day** will focus on the students at School District 27, furthering the immersion these students have had to Truth, Culture and Pathways to Reconciliation. The event will take place at WLFN's arbor.*

This year we are once again aiming to raise \$5,000 to fund honorariums, traditional gifts and supports for elders, drummers, dancers and speakers. The day will begin with opening prayers and traditional welcomes from local dignitaries and Chiefs, as well as Indian Residential School Survivors themselves.



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Our Program will include songs and dances featuring a 'Big Drum', an iconic symbol of strength and resurgence across Turtle Island. We aim to host booths that provide students other cultural and hands on learning experiences. Our fundraising efforts will go directly to this use, as well as foods for all participants at the event.

We believe The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) is aligned to the values of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and so we are asking for your financial support. Our efforts to honour traditional knowledge keepers would go even farther with the CRD as an official donor.

In this role, your organization would provide your donation, and in turn we will share your organization's name, logo and contribution effort at our event and in local media.

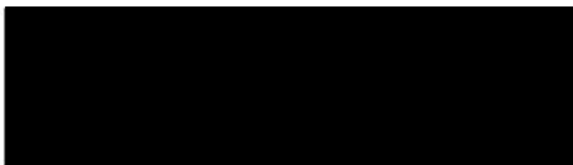
Please consider cash contributions, or alternatively, traditional gifts like tobacco, medicines, blankets, etc.

With the CRD supporting this upcoming event, we're sure to achieve this important fundraising goal and serve the broader communities impacted by Indian Residential Schools.

*If your organization is interested in being an official **Orange Shirt Day** event donor, please reach out to us.*

Contact Venta Rutkauskas at 250-305-9428, or reach out to events@orangeshirtday.org. We can't wait to hear from you!

With warm regards,



Venta Rutkauskas

*On behalf of **Phyllis Webstad** and **The Orange Shirt Society***