



**GATHERING OF RIVERS
FOR COMMUNITY CARE**
Matawa First Nations

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Matawa First Nations Unveils New ‘Gathering of Rivers for Community Care’ Charitable Organization

Thunder Bay, Ontario - Earlier today, Matawa First Nations proudly launched their new charity *Gathering of Rivers for Community Care* (GRCC) at the organization’s Thunder Bay office.

Created to support and improve the lives of Aboriginal children, youth and families, Gathering of Rivers for Community Care will use charitable donations to drive initiatives that further the economic, social, and cultural development of Matawa First Nations Communities.

The Gathering of Rivers for Community Care will also generate much-needed financial assistance to establish Learning Centres in each of its First Nations communities, helping young Aboriginal people gain access to education, providing them with the chance to stay in school and graduate, and, ultimately, to realize their full potential.

“Only through understanding, communication and relationship building can Aboriginal youth gain respect around the world and have a voice,” said David Paul Achneepineskum, CEO, Matawa First Nations Management. “Our young people need to believe that they have a choice; that they can be anything they want to be.”

The occasion was also celebrated with the organizations first major donation, contributed by IBM Canada Ltd. The technology giant has provided 10 new Young Explorer computers to the Gathering of Rivers for Community Care organization, for use in several communities in the Matawa First Nation.

Matawa First Nations is a Tribal Council of nine Northern Ontario First Nations located in Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN). Matawa First Nations believe in putting community needs first. They are committed to supporting each other and working together as a regional group in order to build community strength for the future. Matawa First Nations operates a non-profit corporation through its Tribal Council to provide technical and professional advisory services and programs to its member First Nations. The corporation is governed by a Board of Directors and Chiefs Council with representatives from each Matawa community.

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