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As a valued community connection to Matawa First Nations Management, we are requesting support for our upcoming annual Bocce Tournament, **taking place on October 17th, 2025**. Each year this tournament raises funds and awareness for one of our registered charities, the ***Gathering of Rivers for Community Care***, which focuses on improving the lives of Indigenous people in Canada, particularly the economically and socially disadvantaged children, youth, and families from Matawa First Nations communities.

This year, we aim to raise funds to advance the education of Matawa First Nations youth and families by creating and maintaining Learning Centres in each First Nations community. **New this year, we are introducing the Charlie O'kees Memorial Bursary to honour the late Charlie O'kees' legacy and his longstanding support to all the Matawa First Nations.** These centres will provide critical access to educational resources, fostering lifelong learning and personal growth. By offering health and social support services, along with essential amenities, we aim to strengthen the well-being of Matawa youth and families, helping to build vibrant, healthy communities where families can thrive.

Matawa, as a Tribal Council, provides second-level services to nine First Nations communities: Aroland, Eabametoong, Constance Lake, Ginoogaming, Long Lake #58, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik, and Webequie. In addition to our core services, Matawa has several subsidiary companies, including Matawa Property, Matawa Non-Profit Housing, Four Rivers Environmental, and our two charities, Gathering of Rivers for Community Care and Achieving the Dream Through Education. As a diverse organization, we have developed strong relationships with businesses and service providers across Thunder Bay, such as yourself. Matawa is committed to promoting and supporting Thunder Bay and its various organizations and services.

We greatly appreciate your support in making this event a success. For your consideration, we have several sponsorship options available for you. We've attached the sponsorship levels you may wish to consider, many of which include team participation and promotion opportunities at the event

If you are able to contribute financially or provide items for prizes or giveaways, please contact Tina Gordon at tgordon@matawa.on.ca or 807-344-4575.

On behalf of the children, youth, and families we serve, we thank you for considering our event and our charity, Gathering of Rivers for Community Care.

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Bocce Committee 2025

