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To: Holly Russett
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From: Susan Taylor
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 at 9:27 AM
To: Brenda Stonehouse
Subject: Re:Inquiry from Kawartha Art Gallery.Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Hello Brenda

I hope that this email finds that all is well with you.

I read with great interest your Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Since 2015 the Gallery has been working hard to meet the needs of our community however we best can.

At the risk of making this a length email, I have shared below an outline of the Gallery's work in providing a level of service for our community.

Thank you for this much needed initiative for the well-being of our community.

The Gallery supports this initiative and is very interested in being involved and providing support, however we can, to assist you with the implementation of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

All the best

Susan Taylor

Executive Director

Kawartha Art Gallery

EXHIBITS:

- Ending Violence Against Women Exhibit

A collaboration between Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes, The Lindsay Library's Reference Department and Kawartha Art Gallery, the work in this exhibit is the work of women who have been victims of abuse and found healing through Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes art therapy program.

Each artist has provided an Artist's Statement that speaks to the journeys within their artwork and the insights and healing that they found.

Interspersed throughout the artwork are information boards that reference area legal cases of violence against women from as early as 1873.

What does it say about our society when, over a hundred years later, our legal system is still dealing with cases of violence against women?

- 'Honouring Their Spirits' Exhibit and Event

An exhibit showcasing the talents and stories of Norval, Christian, and Kyle Morrisseau's Woodland Art. The evening consisted of a healing ceremony by Curve Lake First Nation, a talk by the artist Christian Morrisseau, as well as Tanya Talaga, the author of the book *Seven Fallen Feathers*, who spoke about her book and Kyle Morrisseau's tragic death at the age of 17.

Seven Fallen Feathers was awarded the 2018 RBC Taylor Award for best Canadian work of literary non-fiction.

A portion of the ticket sales by the Gallery and the *Seven Fallen Feathers* book sales by the Kent Book Store were donated to the Dennis Franklin Cromarty Memorial Fund in honour of the memory of Kyle Morrisseau.

- Pride Exhibit and Reception

A juried exhibit open to all artists' ages 13 to 18 years in the Kawartha Lakes. The purpose of the exhibit was to educate the public and display LGBTQ+ community struggles and accomplishments through art. Kawartha Art Gallery asked that youth create art pieces in any medium that focuses on LGBTQ+ topics and are encouraged to include a colour or colours from the pride flag to fit the theme of the exhibit.

- **ART Before Xmas Members' Exhibit & Sale**

The Gallery's annual Christmas show and sale creates an opportunity for artists to pay a fee to the Gallery and sell their artwork. Area not-for-profits are invited to participate in the exhibit and sale at no cost. Kawartha Lakes REACH for Recovery of the Canadian Mental Health Association HKPR and T.H.I.R.L (Therapeutic Horse Riding in Lindsay) were the not-for-profit organizations in the Gallery's 2019 Xmas Exhibit & Sale.

- **FUNDRAISING:**

The Gallery fundraising initiative Tea Tyme had a community fundraising component that saw a portion of the monthly ticket sales donated to a community charity. Some of the area organizations that the Gallery donated to were:

- Kawartha Lakes Food Source
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Kawartha Lakes Autism Support
- A Place Called Home
- Epilepsy Peterborough & Area

- **PROGRAMMING:**

The Gallery works to provide accessible and free or low-cost programming for youth.

- Bridging Program: Held once a week during the school year this program is made up of students from area public school who have emotional and behavioural challenges. A paid trained instructor works with the students once a week for only an hour at a time. The ratio of attending school staff to students is 2 adults to 1 youth due to level of behavioural challenges. There is no charge for schools to attend this program. An end of program exhibit was held for the youth each year. There was no cost for the students to attend this program.
- Crazy Creative: A free weekly drop in art program for youth managed by Gallery staff and a paid art instructor. Admission a financial or food donation to the Kawartha Lakes Food Source.
Follow up to Crazy Creative: Annie Cheng, one of the Gallery's Saturday student staffers, created and led this weekly drop in program at the Gallery. Annie wanted to include a component of community service along with the creativity of the project, so she asked for food or financial donations for Food Source as the admission cost to attend the program. At the end of 2019, Annie presented a cheque for \$300.00 and two boxes of food items to Food Source.
- Child Witness Program: A partnership program between Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes and the Gallery providing an art program for children who had witnessed violence. An exhibit was held for the youth of their artwork at the end of the program.
- Kawartha Lakes Youth Film (KLYF): A free program. Youth will be able to learn how to make short films. They will learn the process from how to develop an idea and write a script all the way through to editing and sharing their project. They will also get to learn about and share stories from their community by interpreting them into a short film. The goal is to educate youth about the technology and film industry, all while connecting them with the community through history and storytelling. This program is a way to preserve and spread the unique stories from Kawartha Lakes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcacFiDHxSI>
<https://www.mykawartha.com/whatson-story/8699469-lindsay-mill-s-past-inspires-teen-filmmakers/>
<https://www.facebook.com/CAPSCCommunityNews/photos/a.1726281827450710/1726282154117344/?type=3&theater>
- A fee-based art education program called Art Alive for elementary school students to learn about Inuit culture and art. This program helps teachers fulfill the Ontario Curriculum requirement: Inuit Connections.
- With a three-year grant Ontario Trillium Foundation received in 2018, the Gallery is involved in a partnership grant with Pinnguaq Association and Curve Lake First Nation that will develop a fee-based art education program for elementary school students to learn about First Nations culture and art. In adjusting to continue to

offer programming through Covid-19, the curriculum for this program is offered online for free for teachers and parents.

The grant will also develop an arts-based, digital literacy program for Anishnaabe youth in the Curve Lake community, equipping Curve Lake First Nation youth with the digital skills they need for the jobs of the future and provide youth the opportunity to create new media artworks that reinterprets their heritage in new and dynamic ways.

- Art Warrior: An online art program for young local artists, 19 to 24 to participate in an online juried art competition. No cost to enter and prizes for winners.