

Making dreams come true...

The Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation is a nationally-recognized charity dedicated to providing opportunities for Aboriginal Youth to reach their full potential to become the leaders of tomorrow for our Aboriginal communities. Call us at 905 768-8962 or toll-free at 1-866-508-6795 or visit www.dcfund.ca

Here are the stories of some of the Dreamers that inspire us. With your continued help, we at Dreamcatcher can help these dreamers become future leaders for us and for their communities!



Mary Bryton Nahwegahbow-Holder: A Passion For Music

Mary is a very gifted eleven-year-old girl who has shown a real passion for making music. Demonstrating exceptional talent at learning how to play instruments, she has shown a special talent at creating songs and in singing and performing in front of audiences. Mary currently plays drums, guitar and even sings in a band. She has taken music lessons since the age of six, has written over 20 songs and joined Trenton's Riverside Music School two years ago. She is just as passionate with her culture, participating regularly in events, pow-wows and dances. She hopes to integrate her culture into her music and songs. Thanks to Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation's financial support, Mary was able to continue her lessons in order to indulge in her love of music and to shine on the stage during recitals.



Nations Uniting Sharing Centre ... Teaching Tradition and Healing

In 2013, Rhonda Johns created a program that would bring back Traditional Culture including storytelling, crafts and ceremonies to teach to all ages from six and up. Nations Uniting is where Native and Non-Native people come to learn and understand traditions and culture, to bring people together toward building a better relationship and understanding, and to educate each community. Nations Uniting teaches everything from The Creation Story, to Blanket Exercise Ceremonies and traditional medicine and language. They brought elders in to teach children to have an interest in discovering their culture, so they can eventually pass that knowledge down to their own children. Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation was pleased to help restore traditional culture by funding the materials needed in order to have a place to listen, learn, grow and heal.



Getting Back on Balance ...

Tammy Beard has new-found hope and can breath a little easier these days. Her sons James and Gabriel are both enthusiastic pupils of gymnastics but as everyone knows, it takes time, effort – and money – to train to a level where a child's skills can improve. Tammy says it's been a tough year financially and the boys have missed training and learning new skills. But the opportunity that Dreamcatcher provided has amazed her and she is grateful for the assistance. James says that thanks to Dreamcatcher, he's allowed to feel the rush of competition again and the anticipation of finding out what his score is. Gabriel appreciates what Dreamcatcher has done for him, "because I can get back in the gym to start training and getting stronger so I can learn new skills."



Adrienne Dewhurst: Scoring Goals – With an Assist from Dreamcatcher

Hailing from the small community of Teslin, Yukon Territories, Adrienne has been accepted into the winter program at Scanlon Creek Hockey Academy in Barrie, Ontario. She began her journey in September 2012 at SCHA, a full-time athletic/academic program designed for dedicated female hockey players. "Adrienne is a determined young player who can rapidly develop into a college-level player in a program like ours. After watching her at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship in Saskatoon, we felt she will be a valuable addition to our team, as a skilled and hardworking player and also as a leader on and off the ice," says Evgeni Feldman, Director at SCHA. Adrienne's mother Lisa says, "We appreciated having such a great resource such as the Dreamcatcher Foundation to supplement some of our costs."



Christa Jonathan: Taking on The World

A Mohawk from Six Nations, Christa came to the Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation looking for assistance to help her achieve her dream of studying abroad. An undergrad student from McMaster University where she studies Social Sciences, Christa will be heading to Leeds in the United Kingdom where she will attend the University of Leeds for the school year 2013-2014, through McMaster's Study Abroad Program. A past Miss Six Nations winner, Christa takes it upon herself to show her fellow native youth that setting your goals high and knocking down those barriers can be achieved by anyone who takes the time and spends the effort to go for it. She's a true role model for young native youth to strive for greatness.



Enodmaagejig Social Services – Families First Gathering

The "Families First Gathering" first became an annual event for the Walpole Island First Nation Community in 2006. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the Bkejwanong Children's Bill of Rights in conjunction with National Aboriginal Day by promoting family togetherness through participation in interactive, fun and free activities for all ages. On Friday June 21st, 2013, Social Services Director Debra S. Isaac offered a variety of events for all ages, including an opening ceremony with sacred fire, a community feast and concluding the day with a firework display. With a hundred volunteers who assisted for a total of 600 hours, Dreamcatcher was more than happy to donate to this event, as it has done for the last five years.