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# Guiding Principles

The work of Kahnawake Collective Impact is guided by the following set of principles and values:

- Make decisions considering the effects on: peace, nature, and 7 generations into the future
- Contribute to the overall wellbeing and success of the community
- Embrace a wholistic approach
- Encourage intergenerational impact
- Honour Kanien'kehá:ka culture and beliefs
- Welcome, listen deeply, and learn from diverse perspectives
- Utilize community strengths and assets
- Use concrete data by drawing upon local data, evidence, and expertise





## Kahnawà:ke's Shared Vision Statement

In 2029, Kahnawa'kehró:non know, understand and live our roles and responsibilities as Onkwehón:we. Onkwehonwe'né:ha (Kanien'ké:ha) is the main language of communication in the home and community. Through our language and the daily practice of our culture we promote our strong collective identity. Kaianere'kó:wa with its teachings of skén:nen, ka'sestéhshera and kahni'konrí:io are our guiding principles.

Kahnawà:ke is a socially, politically and spiritually unified community. All Kahnawa'kehró:non respectfully co-exist harmoniously and peacefully in a clean and safe environment. We are a community of close-knit families maintaining our connection with each other; where elders are admired, treasured and called upon; where children are safe, provided guidance and loved. We are well on the path to healthy mind, body and spirit. We live and teach our spirituality through our ceremonies and festivals as a way of elevating our spirit.

Kahnawà:ke is an independent self-governing community in control of our opportunities. All people are treated equally. The people are the government and have a voice in the direction of the future. We are an economically self-sufficient community with an expanded land base, where individuals are provided opportunities and encouraged to succeed. All Kahnawa'kehró:non are well- and fully-educated in mainstream and Onkwehón:we philosophies, confident in who we are.

We live in respectful co-existence with the peoples of the world and Mother Earth. We protect and defend our determination and territory with decisions based on our principles. We are proud and confident about our future.

- *Visioning Committee, December 7th, 2009*

## Skátne ionkwarihwanonhwé:'on iakwas ká:neks tsi naihótónhake ne Kahnawà:ke

Nó:nen 2029, sheniohseratátie, akwé:kon ne Kahnawa'kehró:non ionkwarién:tere tánon ieká:ien tsi ionkwa'nikonhraién:ta's tsi nahó:ten ionwaterihwaién:ni, ó:ni tsi niionkwarihò:ten tsi tionkwehón:we. Tho ní:ioht tsi tewatathá:wi. Kanien'kéha ionkwáthhare tsi ionkwanonhsó:ton tánon ne kanatakónhshon. Tsi teionkwáthhare ne onkwawén:na, tá:non tewatsterístha tsi niionkwarihò:tens, tho néntewe enionkwaia'tahnirónhake tánon tenwaterihwaré:ni tsi Kanien'kehá:ka nitewaia'tò:ten. Ne ionkwahá:wi tsi nahò:ten ionkwarihonnién:ni ne Kaianere'kó:wa né:'e ne Skén:nen, Ka'satsténhsera tánon Ka'nikonhrí:io.

Akwé:kon skátne í:ken ne Kahnawà:ke, tsi ní:ioht tsi teiakwatawén:rie, tsi ní:ioht tsi iohentionhátie ne onkwakoráhtshera, tánon tsi ní:ioht tsi tionkwehtáhkwen ne onkwatóhnhets. Akwé:kon skén:nen tsi tetewatatkà:nere, tánon tetewaterihwakweniénstha. Iotenatátkweniens ne onkwaná:takon tánon iah káneka thé:nen teiótton.Tewathwatsiranorónhkhwa, lentewakón:tahkwe skátne enkénhakwe tsi na'tetewátere. Ratiia'tanó:ron tánon iakhiniáhé:sen ne thotí:ien's. Iethí'nikòn:rare, iethinorónhkhwa tánon ioiánere tsi iethiiehiá:rons ne iethien'okón:'a. Iohahí:io tsi nia'onkwenonhátie, ionkwa'nikonhrakarí:te, ionkwata'karí:te tánon tewa'nikón:rare ne onkwatóhnhets. Wehnéshtha tsi ní:ioht tsi tionkwehtáhkwen nó:nen entewatia'taró:roke tánon eniakwarihóhetste tsi niionkwarihò:ten's.

Iakwatathá:wi tánon í'i tiakwanónhtons tsi ní:ioht tsi iohentionhátie ne onkwakoráhsera ne Kahnawà:ke. Nok ó:ni ne thé:nen aonte'shennaién:ta'ne ne ioiánere. Akwé:kon sha'tethonátte ne onkwehshón:'a. Onkwe'tà:ke nitewéshtha ne onkwakoráhsera, né:'e tewanónhtons tsi nonkwá:ti nia'onkwenonhátie. Iah ónhka tha'teithikà:nere ne aionkhiiatohnhisákten. Kén:'en akwé:kon tkaniarotáhrhon. Kowá:nen ne onkwenhóntsa, tánon akwé:kon ne ón:kwe iakote'shén:naien ne aiontshenónnia'te. Akwé:kon ne Kahnawa'kehró:non ionkwateweiénston tsi nihotirihò:ten ne ákte nithoné:non, nek tsi tionkwehtáhkwen ne í'i onkwanonhtonniónhtshera.

Iethirihwakweniénstha ne Ionkhí'nisténha Tsi Ionhontsá:te. Iethirihwakweniénstha ó:ni akwé:kon ne onkwehshón:'a ne skátne tewanákere tsi ní:wa tsi ionhontsá:te. Entewanónhstate ne Onkwanakeráhsera, tánon í'i tsi nitewanonhtonnióhtsherò:ten enwátston ne thé:nen ia'tenkarihwaién:ta'ne. Tewaná:ie tánon tiótkon ohén:ton ia'tetewakà:nere.

- Iakwaská:neks tsi naihótónhake ne Kahnawà:ke

07/12/2009



## PRIORITY AREAS

In 2019, KCI's Steering Committee members presented the following six (6) priority areas to community members.

- Language and Culture
- Food Sovereignty
- Wholistic Health and Wellness for Youth
- Community Plan to fulfill our shared visions
- Economic Development Strategy
- Kahwá:tsire - a family resource for new and expecting parents

In 2019 at the Community Open House, community members further identified 3 priority areas as starting points for KCI's work. Through Action Teams, significant advancements have been made in a number of these priority areas.

### **The first three Action Teams were launched in early 2020:**

Food Sovereignty, Language & Culture, and Wholistic Health & Wellness for Youth.

By the end of 2020, the Community Plan to fulfil our shared vision became the 4th active priority area. The following pages describe the progress that has been made over the course of the year starting from April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023.

# Language & Culture

## ***LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ACTION TEAM***

- From April 1st, 2021-March 31st, 2022, the Language and Culture Action Team met a total of 18 times.
- The Action Team had 6 active members from 2022-2023, consisting of one dedicated elder from the community, and other community members.

## ***LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM***

The work of the Language & Culture Action Team has been centered around the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Pilot Language and Culture Mentorship Program.

The purpose of the Language and Culture Mentorship Program is to facilitate learning through interaction, collaboration, communication, and a team approach to language and culture learning and documentation. Each team is composed of advanced second language learners (apprentices) with first-language speakers (Masters). An objective of the program is to transmit valuable language and culture knowledge and sustain language and culture fluency in the community. Master-apprentice teams meet on their own time, pace, setting and schedule.

### *Community Meeting*

July 21st, 2022 - In preparation for the Language & Culture Mentorship 2022 Launch, the Language & Culture Action Team hosted a Community Meeting to invite interested people within the community to be a part of the action team, as well for the community to see what the Language & Culture Action Team and the Kahnawake Collective Impact does. The event included a catered lunch, a short presentation by the Language & Culture Coordinator and Action Team Chairperson, and ended with open discussion and question period.

### *Evaluation:*

- Twelve Community members attended the meeting
- One Elder joined the Action Team out of the event
- Positive verbal feedback about the Language & Culture Mentorship program; that it is a great initiative and important to include the Elders in community activities.
- Our Chairperson, Ohontsakéhte Montour, was very supportive and made sure we kept the meeting's goal at the head of discussion



*Language & Culture Mentorship Program -  
Implementation & Launch  
October 15th, 2022*

Ahead of the official launch date, an in-person or phone call meet-up between a first-language/advanced kanién'kéha speaking elder (mentor) and second-language Kanién'kéha learner (mentee) orientation process was conducted. The meet-ups would be used for the mentee to personally document their learned language experiences from Elders, while preserving and passing on language and culture teachings while engaging with Elders and creating networks of Language Speakers.

The October 15th Launch included a brunch & Tobacco burning for all the participants, as a way for all the participants to gather and voice their comments & concerns.

## THE KANIEN'KÉHA LANGUAGE & CULTURE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



*Evaluation:*

- Difficulty confirming Elder Mentors due to a few reasons
  - Scheduling, elders tend to be busy and committed to other activities (professional or social)
  - Fear or hesitation with the idea of “teaching”, as they do not want to be put in the position of creating curriculum
  - Lack of physical mobility and accessibility to transportation
- 11 registrations
- 9 accepted and paired
- 8 completed the program

### **SPIRIT OF WELLNESS MONTH PRESENTATION**

*by Wendy Hill: Peaceful Relationships*

November 20th, 2022 - In collaboration with KSCS's Spirit of Wellness month and The Language & Culture Mentorship program, Traditional Healer and author Wendy Hill presented a talk at the 207 Longhouse. The topic was to promote strong family bonds and self-healing through traditional perspective.

*Evaluation:*

71 registrations and 49 attendees, would be considered positive/high participation. There was a survey sent to those participants who gave their emails. Lots of positive verbal feedback was gathered after the event asking for more workshops/presentations similar to this event and their gratitude for hosting these traditional healing workshops.

## OTHER LANGUAGE & CULTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

### Entewakaratonnion: REEL TALK film screening event (April 2022)



Lucy Tulugarjuk

As an event for Cultural Awareness month, the Language and Culture action team collaborated with KORLCC, IsumaTV, and National Film Board of Canada to present a viewing of “Mary Two-Axe Earley: I am Indian again”, a film by Kahnawà:ke’s own Courtney Montour, as well as some other short films by Indigenous writers and producers.

Before the films started, a discussion panel took place with film makers Lucy Tulugarjuk, Sonia Bonspille Boileau, and Angie Pepper O’bomsawin, talking about their experiences in the film industry as women, and as Indigenous women.



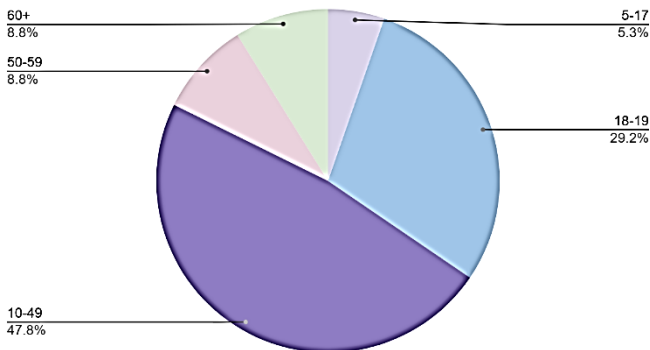
Sonia Bonspille Boileau, Angie Pepper O’bomsawin

Courtney Montour ended the evening with a Q&A session about her showcased film. The viewing was available in both Kanien’kéha and English, and brought out a number of community members, for a packed house at KCI.

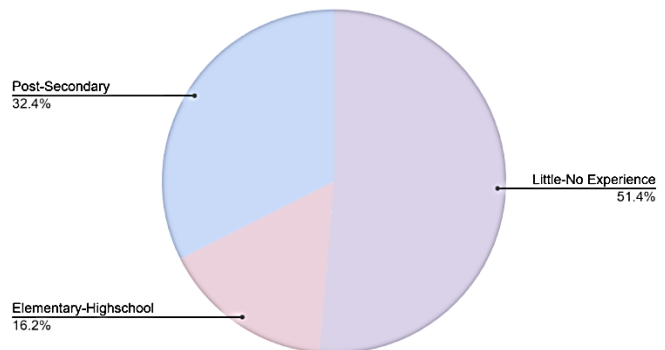
### Kanien’ké:ha Self-Guided Language Group ( May 2022)

The 8 week, Self-Guided Language Group launched in May 2022. Over 100 applications were received, and majority of the applicants were between the ages of 20 and 49 years old, with little-to-no experience with Kanien’kéha learning. KCI provided a free textbook and learning materials. The entire group took place online through weekly zoom sessions, and a Facebook group for further discussions, questions, and conversations.

Age Ranges



Past Kanien’kéha Experience



### *Collaboration with KCI Youth Ambassadors for the Thrivin' & Archivin' Scrapbook Event (February 2023)*

The students and mentors of the Language and Culture Mentorship Program collaborated with the youth in KCI's Youth Ambassadors program for the scrapbooking event called "Thrivin' & Archivin'". This activity was planned with the goal of bringing elders and youth together in a shared activity to strengthen relationships and build connections. The students and mentors jumped in on the fun and attended the workshop together.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### *Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center*

- The Language & Culture Action Team's Chairperson is representing the KORLCC
- The Language & Culture Mentorship Program is being "handed off" to the KORLCC as KCI's first successful handoff this coming year
- Their staff's responsibilities do not have the capacity to focus on creating new programming, KCI's purpose and mandate is to work collaboratively to provide the community's vision with the tools to succeed
- KORLCC offers networking connections

### *Tsi Niionkwarihò:ten tsitewaháhara'n MCK Language & Culture Program*

- Offer assistance/guidance to member's projects & initiatives

### *Language Network*

- Meeting space to discuss and offer assistance/guidance to member's projects & initiatives
- Members representing: MCK, KORLCC, Tsi lakwahwatsiratatie Language Nest, KSCS, Tsi Niionkwarihò:ten tsitewaháhara'n MCK Language & Culture Program and the like

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR**

- Language & Culture Mentorship Stage Program, Pilot – Planning begins July 2023
- Flashcard Project – Begins August 2023
- Sticker & Label Project – Begins August 2023
- Kanien'ké:ha Dictionary written by Wahiake:ron Gilbert – Large Scale project beginning November 2023

# Food Sovereignty

## FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ACTION TEAM

- 8 Action Team members total
- 12 Action Team meetings
- 3 new Action Team members

## FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ACTIVITIES IN 2022-2023

### Grocery Gift Card Giveaway

KCI purchased gift cards from President's Choice redeemable locally at Maxi & Club Entrepot and also from Mohawk Market to support local business. These gift cards were given away during K103's Family Picnic event on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the sports complex grounds. Community members who visited the KCI booth and listened to a brief presentation on the activities of KCI were given a grocery gift card, one per household. Data was collected on the number of elders, adults and children in each household to determine reach.

80 households Total  
180 adults 25 of which were elders 65+  
102 children



### Reconnecting to Traditional Foods

On June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, Community members were invited to pick up a free hot meal cooked by Screaming Chef Cuisine using traditional ingredients. Delivery was provided to elders and those with mobility issues. Approximately 200 meals were served. The meals consisted of Corn Soup, Roasted squash with a moose meat gravy, roasted squash seeds, corn on the cob and strawberry juice.



86% of community members who received the meals were above the age of 50.

### Kateri Food Basket Donation

On August 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, \$1500 worth of non-perishable foods from Club Entrepot was purchased and delivered to the Kateri Food Basket by KCI staff members.

- 218 litres of canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, vegetable & chicken soups
- 276 lbs of tuna, oatmeal, spaghetti and rice
- 68 cartons of milk

## Community Fall Fest

On October 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 the Food Sovereignty Action Team held a community Fall Fest in collaboration with Kahnawake Tourism. A traditional meal was cooked on-site by Chef Tawnya Brant to celebrate the harvest season and offer a space for community members to trade excess produce and hand made crafts. Over 600 community members attended this event.



## Ice fishing “from drill to grill”

On January 4<sup>th</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Food Sovereignty Action Team held 2 separate ice fishing events, a total of 20 participants were able to learn how to safely ice fish & cook their catch.



## Seed Conference

On March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> the Food Sovereignty Action Team in collaboration with Chief Stephen McComber held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Seed Conference at La Vista Restaurant. A total of 60 community members attended the 2-day event. Topics that were covered were Permaculture, Integrated Pest Management, Seed Keeping, Microgreens, city/ municipal growing programs and garlic.

**PARTNERSHIPS** - Kahnawake Tourism | Tka:nios | Chief Stephen McComber

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

- Food Sovereignty Open house, collaborative event with Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection & Kahnawà:ke Waste Management May 27<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems visit July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2023
- Green Corn agricultural fair planning with Kahnawà:ke Tourism August 19<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Corn Harvest & Braiding 2-day event October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Seed Conference Spring 2024

# Wholistic Health & Wellness Initiative for Youth

## WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR YOUTH ACTION TEAM

- Number of Action Team members (active): 6
- Number of Meetings that were held: 21
- The Wholistic Health and Wellness for Youth Action Team members have changed over the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The Action Team is comprised of two groups of youth: high school aged youth, and adult youth who are employed, or are students. Scheduling meetings where everyone can attend has been a challenge. The Action Team needs more support in terms of planning and programming for events of all scales.

## WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN 2022-2023

### *Two-Spirit, IndigiQueer, LGBT Movie Screening Event*

In August 2022, the action team held the "Two-Spirit, IndigiQueer Movie Night," that took place on a local beach. There were a few different organizations, businesses, and community members that donated in-kind support - the



Photo by: Jessica Beauvais

location, equipment to play the movies (high quality projector, outdoor inflatable screen), wifi hotspot, and some of the snacks. It was our largest turnout of an event by this action team, and community members of all ages came. The films shown were either directed by Indigenous directors, or contained Indigenous actors, on the theme of 2SLGBTQ issues. Partners for the event were Thrifting the Night Away, James Day, KFiber Internet, and Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke for the use of Tekakwitha Island Beach.

### *Youth Vision Statement*

From June to September 2022, youth as part of KCI's Wholistic Health and Wellness for Youth explored the purpose of our action team, and decided to re-look at the "who, what, why, when and how" to help us re-focus on our purpose. After reading the Community Vision Statement, and through a number of working sessions in person and virtually, over 10 action team members, all youth 12-35, contributed to the development of a one-page visioning statement for the action team - description, common goal, review of guiding values.

*"Kahnawake youth are the future and tending to their wholistic wellbeing is to invest in making our community stronger and healthier. As young people, we understand what is best for us and when we are heard we can more meaningfully engage in our community roles. For this reason, our work focuses on creating safe and positive environments where youth can grow, learn new things, and feel empowered to use their voice to create change,"*

– From the 2022 Wholistic Health and Wellness for Youth Action Team Vision Statement

### *Youth Summit (Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact & Kahnawà:ke Survival School)*

Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact collaborated with Kahnawake Survival School to host a two-day youth summit on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. The Youth Summit included 6 Kahnawake youth speakers, most of whom were KSS graduates. The Summit also had arts-based workshops, and spaces for discussion on the themes of identity, wholistic health and wellness, and future success. We had 36 youth sign up and had 25 youth per day on average attending. Staff at KSS are already excited to see this event happen again next year. Multiple youth gave the feedback that they “enjoyed everything, wouldn’t change a thing” about the summit. We had high attendance from young men, which is not something we see a lot of. We heard youth say for the future they want more arts facilities, the return of traditional government, land back, and that parts of this summit “reminded them how lucky they are to live in Kahnawà:ke”.



### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

#### *Entewakaratonnion' Reek Talk! Onkwehon:we women changing the lens of filmmaking*

The Wholistic Health and Wellness for youth team collaborated with the Language and Culture Action Team Coordinator to host and set-up for this event.

#### *Youth Voices*

The Wholistic Health and Wellness team took the lead on the hosting and leading the Youth Voices discussion groups for MyKahnawà:ke Community Planning. Some of the sessions took places in the high schools (Kahnawà:ke Survival School, and Howard S. Billings High School).

### *Walgwan Center hosted by Kahnawake Collective Impact*

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. KCI hosted the Walgwan Center which is a drug and alcohol treatment center in Gesgapegiag, Quebec that is rooted in Mi'kmaq culture. Walgwan Center staff shared how they support wholistic health and wellness for youth through programming and addiction rehabilitation. KCI shared how we engage with youth, as well as the larger Kahnawake context around addictions for a meaningful discussion.

### ***PARTNERSHIPS***

*Kahnawake Environment Protection Office*

*Kahnawake Survival School*

*KSCS Kahnawà:ke*

*Kahnawake Tourism*

*Thrifting the Night Away*

*James Day's Haunted Woods*

### ***PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR***

- Kahnawake's First Pride Parade and Sober Dance Party (June 2023)
- Thriving and Archiving Intergenerational socializing craft night (August 2023)
- Youth Ambassadors 2.0 (Fall 2023)
- Blue Monday (January 2024)





## Community Plan to Fulfill our Shared Vision

### **MY KAHNAWÀ:KE**

In late 2020, the KCI Steering Committee made the decision to start its fourth priority area: the development of a Community Plan to Fulfill Our Shared Vision. The need to begin this work came through the acknowledgement of and alignment with similar work already being conducted through Comprehensive Community Planning, now renamed MyKahnawake. Thus far, KCI's contributions have predominantly been focused on participating in and coordinating with existing efforts.

### *Youth Voices*

In February 2022, KCI started Youth Voices, a monthly discussion forum for Kahnawake Youth to have discussions on various topics in the community. The topics follow the Kahnawake Portfolio Structure.

The topics covered were:

- Governance & decision making
- History and governance in Kahnawà:ke
- Health: physical activity and nutrition, treatment and prevention of health, emotional and spiritual health, pre/post natal health and midwifery
- Public safety & Emergency services
- Housing
- Spaces and places for youth



Although not all sessions were well-attended, any data that was gathered through these sessions will be used to produce a Youth Voices Report and will be shared directly with a number of stakeholders. KCI decided to discontinue the sessions for the 2023-2024 year.

# KAHNAWÀ:KE COLLECTIVE IMPACT PROJECTS

## Youth Ambassadors

The Youth Ambassadors pilot program took place from October 2022 to January 2023. Through Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact, Youth Ambassadors was a 10 week program for youth originally 18-24, to provide a paid opportunity for Kahnawakeh'ró:non to learn about community work, event planning, and the three priority areas at KCI: Language and Culture, Food Sovereignty, and Wholistic Health and Wellness for Youth.



Youth were asked to come for two hours per week, for 10 weeks. Initially the program began with 6 youth, with 3 completing the program. The youth thought of, planned, and carried out an

intergenerational

scrapbooking event called

'Thrivin' and Archivin' for youth and elders in the community.

The youth were supported by the Youth Projects Coordinator

and the Language and Culture Coordinator when needed. The

event took place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

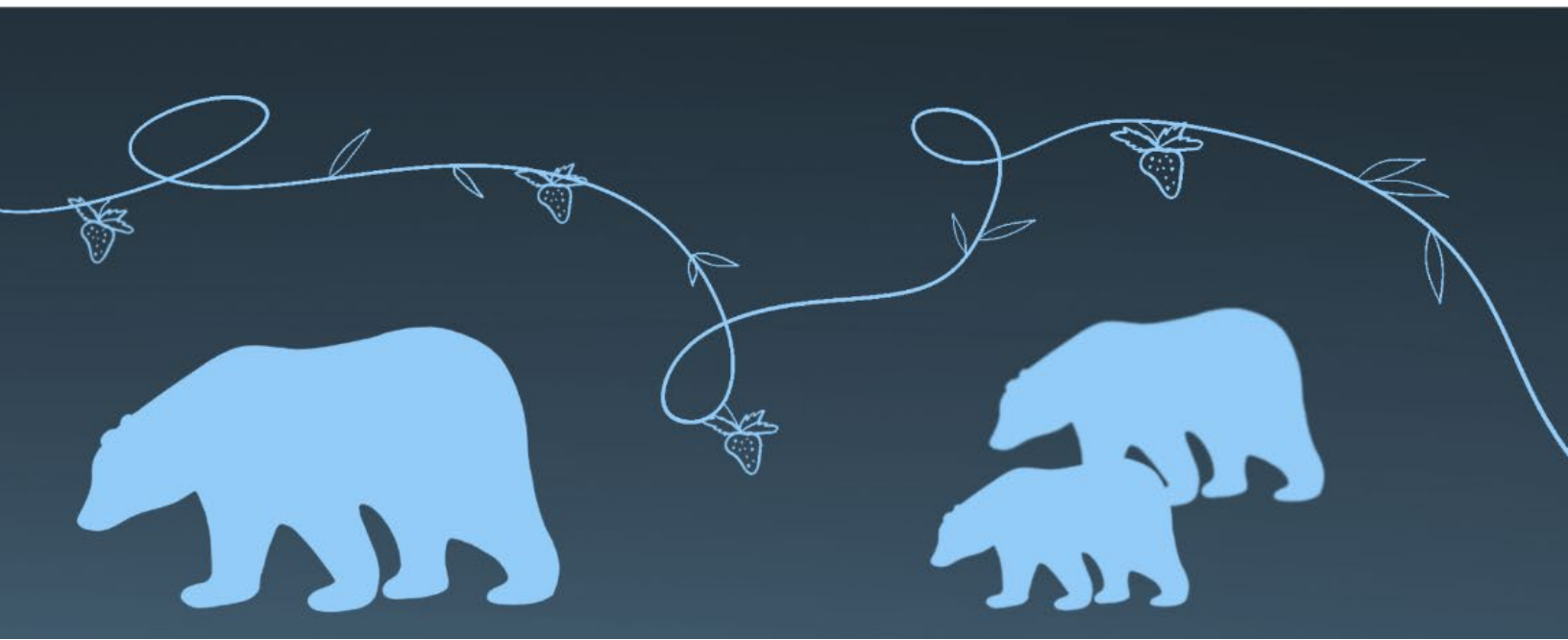


### **PARTNERSHIPS:**

Language and Culture Action Team

Language and Culture Mentorship Program

Wholistic Health & Wellness Action Team



## **Podcast**

# ***KCI Kindled: creating space for meaningful dialogue***

In September 2022, Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact started their first podcast KCI Kindled: creating space for meaningful dialogue. The goal of the podcast was create a forum for community members to discuss and have a conversation about a broad range of topics related to our community. The four episode pilot series is available across most Podcast platforms, as well as on Youtube.

### ***Episode 1: Residential Schools***

Special guest, Wahéhshon Whitebean, joins hosts for a personal conversation about residential schools and it's impact on our community and families.

### ***Episode 2: Kahnawà:ke Spooky Stories***

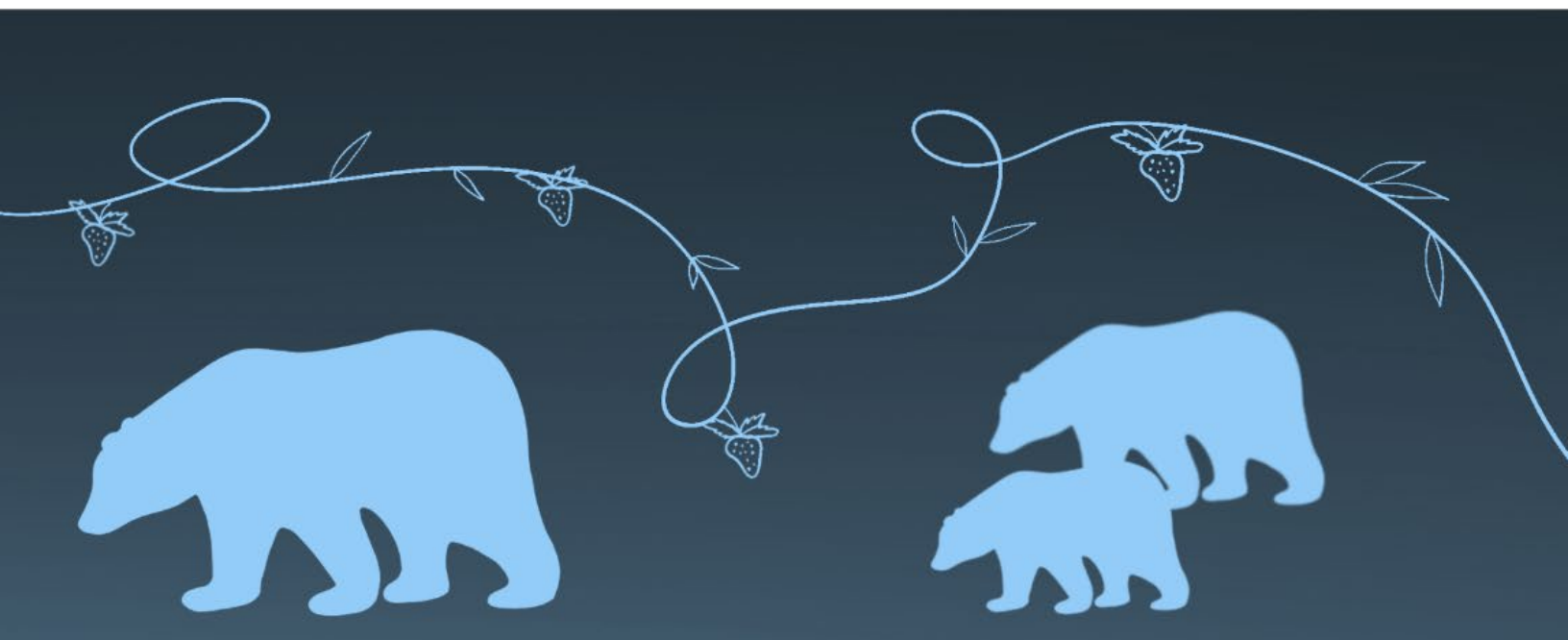
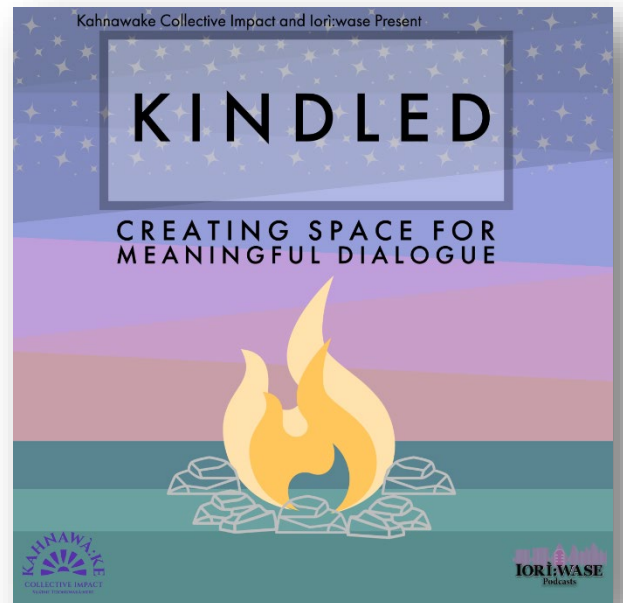
Special guest, Merrick Diabo, joins hosts to talk about Kahnawà:ke's famous scary stories, legends, and personal experiences. Discussion about what story-telling represents to Kahnawakeh'ró:non.

### ***Episode 3: Working towards Wellness***

Special guest, Takariwaienhne McComber, joins hosts for a personal conversation about seasonal depression, effects of the pandemic on mental health, daily stress, and how we manage our own wellness for our ourselves, our families, and our community.

### ***Episode 4: Gratitude and Welcoming the New Year***

KCI Staff talks about gratitude, letting go of past experiences, welcoming and stepping into a New Year.



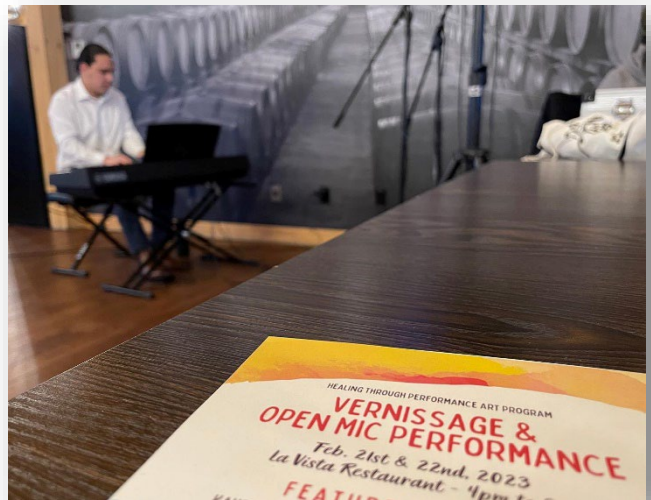
# Healing Through Performance Art Program

In January 2023, 'Healing Through Performance Art' began. The program was a 19-session program for youth in Kahnawà:ke that used performance art and creative art as a tool to promote health, healing and well-being.

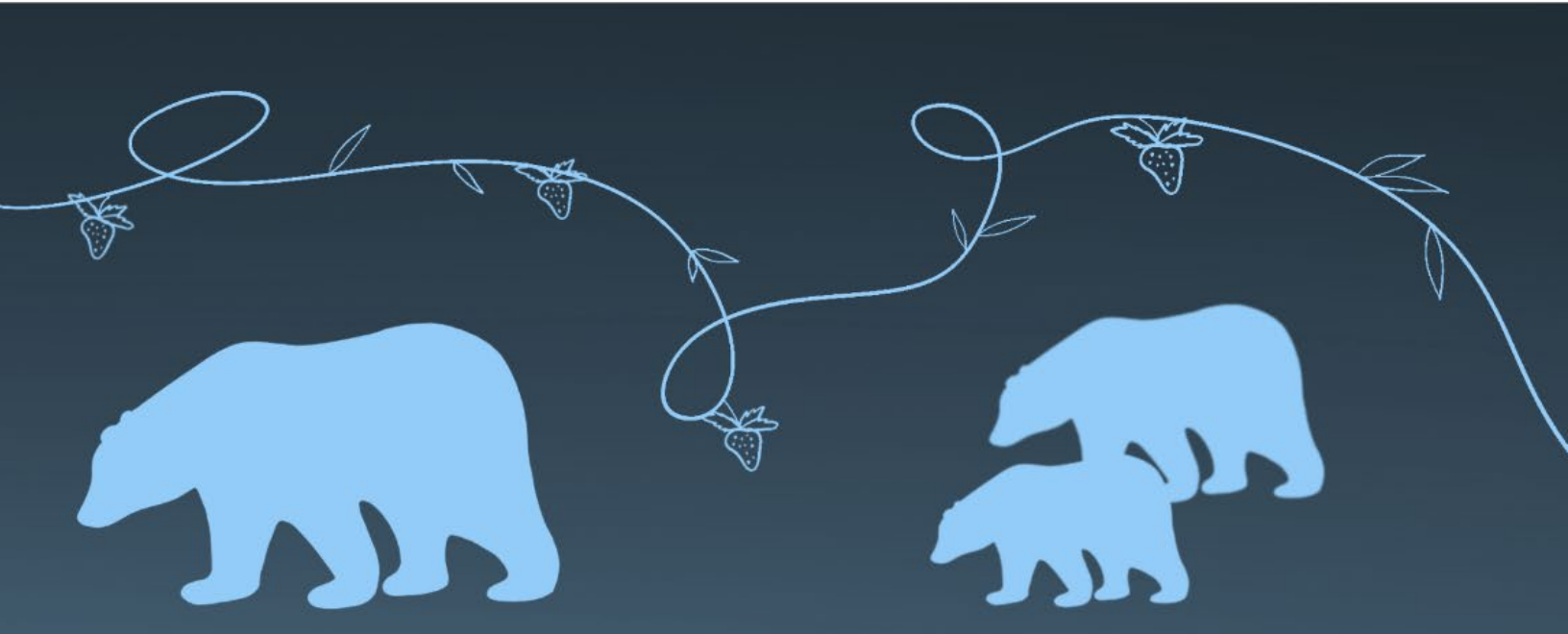
The program began with a registration, as holding the same group of individuals has it's benefits for the group to build trusting connections with each other, which supports emotional well-being. We had 8 community youth who had registered, but as participation dropped the program shifted from registration-based programming to drop-in, open-to-all community youth activities.

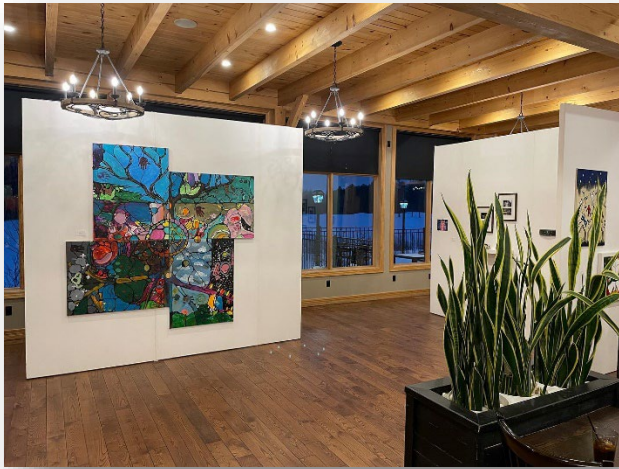


Through this program, participants received the opportunity to explore different art and performance art techniques through workshops culminating in a final art exhibit to share their work. Workshop themes may include choreography, slam poetry, song-writing, puppetry, stand-up comedy, sculpture, print-making, mural painting, etc.



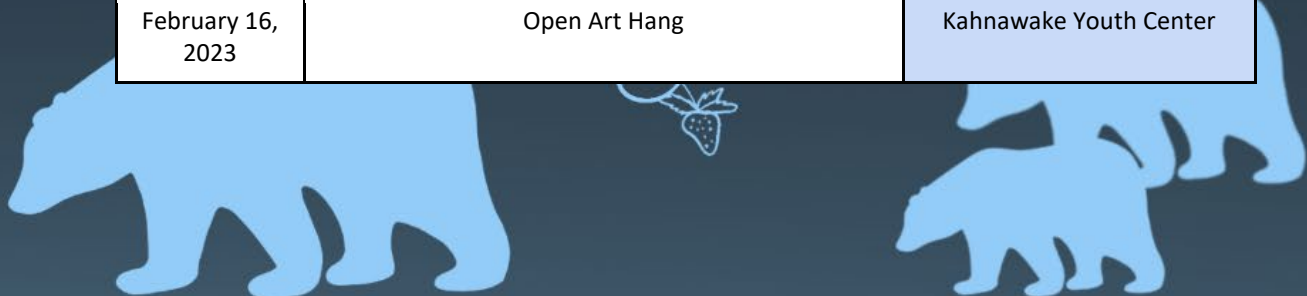
The program closed by inviting all of Kahnawà:ke's youth to submit art for a finale Vernissage and Open Mic Performance. The Event took place at La Vista Restaurant over two evenings toward the end of February and was a huge success.





With local musicians taking the stage, and beautiful art pieces on display, a lot of the community came out to support our community's talented youth. It was highly expressed by the community that they would like to see this event happen again and more frequently.

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January 12, 2023	Traditional + Powwow Dancing	Kahnawake Youth Center
January 17, 2023	Wildlife + nature style painting	Golden Age Club
January 19, 2023	Moccasin Painting	Golden Age Club
January 24, 2023	Traditional + Powwow Dancing	Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
January 26, 2023	Royal Icing cookie decorating	Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
January 31, 2023	Making Theatre with Community History	Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
February 2, 2023	Making Theatre with Community History	Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
February 7, 2023	Royal Icing cookie decorating	Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
February 9, 2023	Confidence Building + Public Speaking	Kahnawake Youth Center
February 14, 2023	Throw Poetry Collective	Kahnawake Collective Impact
February 16, 2023	Open Art Hang	Kahnawake Youth Center



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Week of February 20, 2023	<i>Youth Vernissage open to public</i>	

## ***PARTNERSHIPS***

Kahnawake Youth Center

Guest speakers/Instructors: Kahentiostha Cross, Russell Ronwahawihtha Delaronde, Kaiewate Jacobs & Teioroniahe Phillips, Ange Loft, Dega Lazare, Birdhouse Bakes, Throw! Poetry Collective

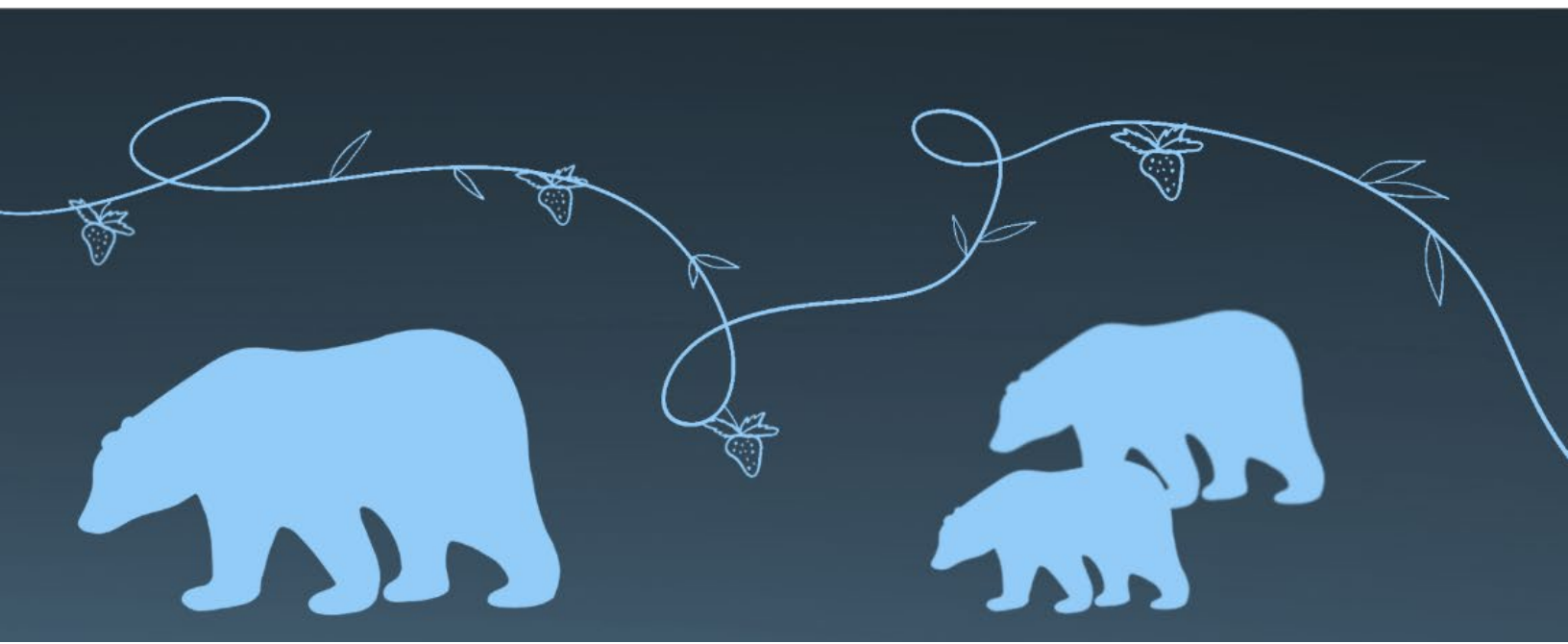
The Kahnawà:ke Golden Age Club

La Vista Restaurant

Luke Diabo

Scott Berwick

Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehhas Community Services – KSCS Kahnawà:ke





# KAHNAWÀ:KE COLLECTIVE IMPACT INTERNAL

## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is a composition of diverse individuals drawn from across the community. They provide strategic direction to the Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact initiative and champion its work and provide strategic leadership and governance of KCI.

- 8-10 active members
- 13 meetings were hosted (usually on a monthly basis) over the course of 2022-23 fiscal year

## Roundtable Committee

The Roundtable is made up of leaders from the four local organizations who co-founded KCI and supported its foundation since it was established. The Roundtable continues to provide advice, administrative support. This enables the Steering Committee and support team to focus on its work and maintain momentum and ensure the overall success of the initiative. The KCI Roundtable consists of:

- 4 – 5 active members
- 6 meetings were hosted (usually on a quarterly basis) over the course of 2022-23

### ***PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR***

With the support of the Steering Committee and the Roundtable, KCI began its strategic planning with the consulting firm BDO, which began late 2022. This strategic planning will continue into the summer of 2023 with the goal of evaluating and revisiting KCI's mission, values, objectives through in-house workshops and community engagement opportunities. This is an exciting time, as it will be the first time KCI is doing strategic planning since its inception.

Based on the report, KCI hopes to re-engage the community:

- via an open house to revisit its initiatives and have the community's input
- Solidify policy & procedures with the assistance of Strategic Planning Report



# Support Team

## WELCOMING NEW SUPPORT STAFF

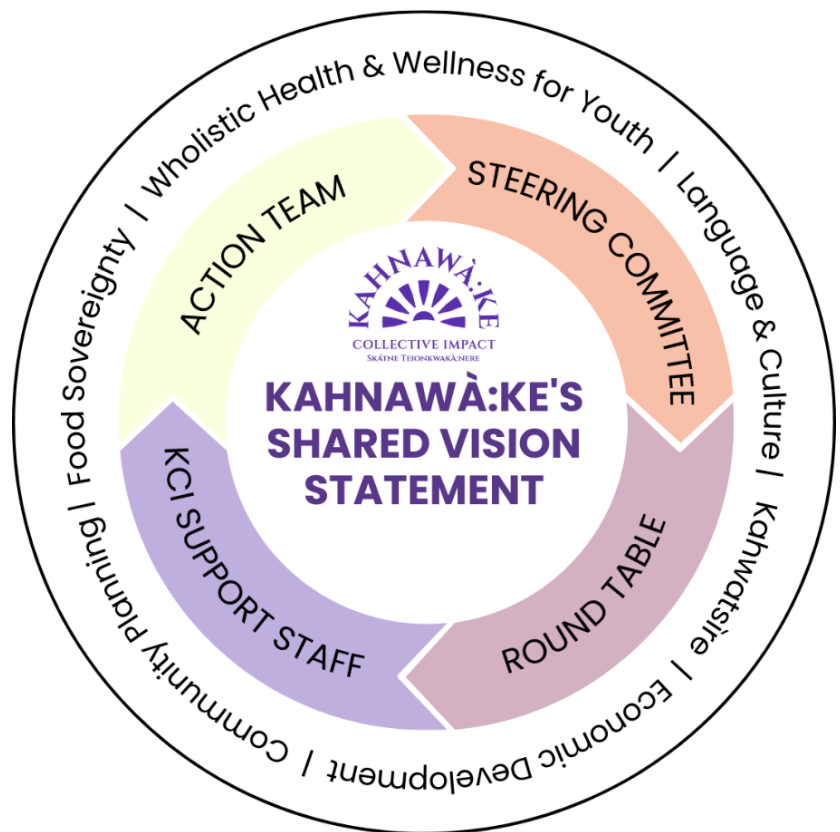
2022-23 marked an important milestone for KCI’s support staff. For the first time, KCI had a full team dedicated to supporting not only the administrative needs, but also further assistance to support the initiative work.

These included:

- Food Strategy Coordinator
- Youth Project Coordinator
- Administrative Coordinator

## CHANGES IN SUPPORT STAFF

KCI also experienced a change in project directional leadership in early 2023. We welcomed Lou Ann Stacey as the new Project Director for Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact. This past fiscal year proved to be big year in terms of sourcing funds and growing our team’s capacity, and keeping the overall project moving forward, hard work and dedication from our directors will always be appreciated!







## **TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING**

### *Trauma Informed Care (May 2022)*

Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact hosted a 2 day training workshop on Trauma-Informed Care, facilitated by Suzy Goodleaf, Nancy Rother, and Linda Delormier. The workshop was opened to all members of KCI, as well as the community. Topics included the understanding of trauma, and its multi-generational effects, collective trauma and a stage of re-entry and recovery. The participation on both days was exceptional and gave the opportunity to examine and create places of safety within our community.

### *Statistics Canada Training (Fall 2022)*

KCI Support Staff received training from Statistics Canada on two different areas: Surveys and using the Excel spreadsheet program on Windows computers.

- ‘Surveys from start to finish’ - 3 days of online training as a group. It covered the creation of surveys with intention, methods of receiving responses to surveys, data collection, and using the survey to tell a story. This was an excellent opportunity for KCI staff to learn how to produce more effective surveys in the future.
- ‘Introduction to Excel’ – 2 days of online training as a group. This looked at the basics of creating spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel, and how to use the basic features like functions, creating drop-down menus, and creating charts and diagrams from the information.

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR**

- With the guidance of the final report from KCI’s strategic plan, we hope to grow and streamline KCI’s internal capacity depending on the needs of the initiatives and the direction KCI will take in the next 3-5 years.
- Increase learning opportunities for personal and professional development courses/workshops.
- Growth for KCI in terms of communications and awareness campaigns to draw more participation from the community in the Steering Committee, Action Teams, and possible new staff.

## Outreach, Engagement & Visibility

Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact made it a goal to increase its presence in the community but also maintain its engagement and collaborative efforts.

### **BUILDING AWARENESS**

Over the course of the last year, KCI was invited to present the work of KCI to a number of audiences including:

- Participants at the Communities Building Youth Futures 2021 National Gathering held virtually on May 6th, 2021
- Participants of the Rise Program at the Rise Community Fair hosted by Apathy is Boring on February 14th, 2022
- Newly elected chiefs during the MCK chief's orientation on August 9th, 2021
- Students enrolled in the 2021 Horticulture program



KSS Career Fair

### **STAYING CONNECTED**

1) In an effort to stay informed any connected to groups engaged in initiatives related to KCI's priority areas, Kahnawake Collective Impact is a regular participant on the following community groups:

- Youth Engagement Network
- Language and Culture Network
- Wellness Action Team
- Emergency Food Ad-Hoc Committee

2) Kahnawake Collective Impact has also participated in the following local and community events:

- Kahnawake Survival School Career Fair – May 2022
- International Day against homophobia and transphobia – May 2022



IDAHAAT BBQ



- K103 Family Day – June 2022
- Walk to Recovery – August 2022
- Orange Shirt Day – September 2022
- Pink Shirt Day – February 2023

- 3) Kahnawake Collective Impact has also participated in the following regional and national gatherings:
- Communities Building Youth Futures National gathering November 2022

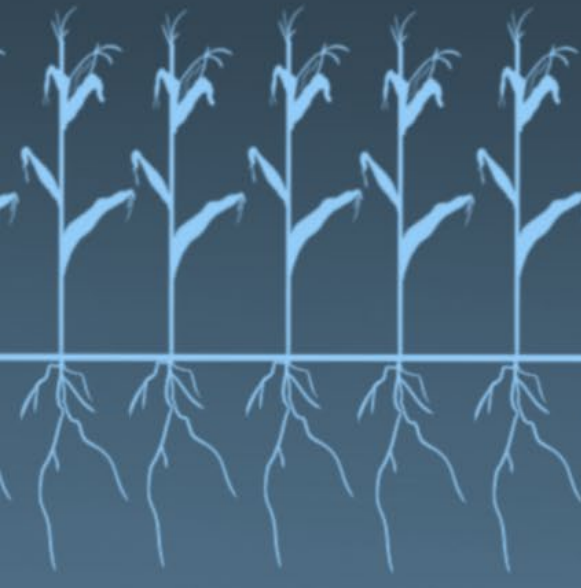
### **COMMUNICATIONS**

From April 2021 to March 2022, Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact continued to develop new ways to communicate with community members, these efforts include:

- 1) Implementing a new logo and brand identity
- 2) Starting to update KCI's website
- 3) Starting a monthly KCI newsletter and eventually incorporating Kanien'kéha into that newsletter
- 4) Expanding our social media presence by starting an Instagram page to connect with younger audiences
- 5) Starting a KCI 101 awareness campaign that ran from August 25th, 2021-September 17th, 2021
- 6) Starting a series of social media engagement posts (Winter 2022)
  - KCI's existing social media posts were to either communicate upcoming opportunities or report on past activities, whereas the new posts were meant to provide bite sized pieces of information to community members on a wide variety of topics associated with KCI's priority areas (seasonal cultural teachings, Kanien'kéha phrases and vocabulary, traditional recipes, facts, etc.)
  - These social media engagement posts have been shared widely and have been very successful at promoting healthy discussing and information



Orange Shirt Day screen printing

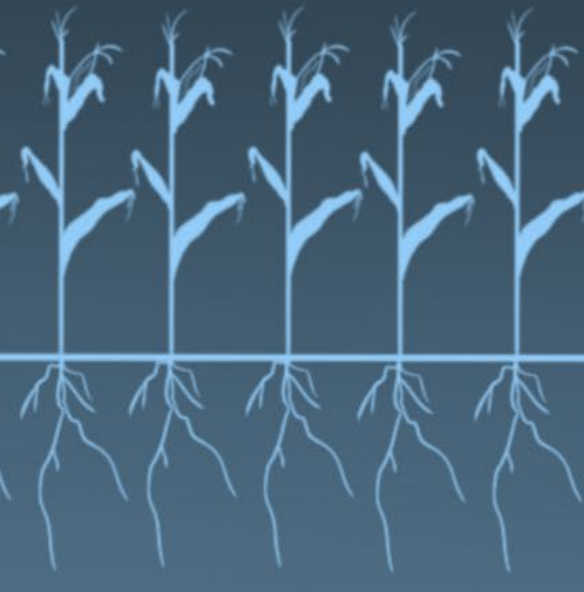


**PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR**

- Re-design of KCI Website (kahnawakestrong.com)
- Continue to use new tools and platforms to foster two-way communication
- Expand direct outreach activities to include outreach to new demographics
- Campaigning around KCI's Strategic Planning
- Awareness and promotional campaigns for Action Teams
- Callouts for projects and Action Team recruitment



Pink Shirt Day at KSS



# Collaborating and Supporting the work of others

## **HEALING ARTS PROJECT**

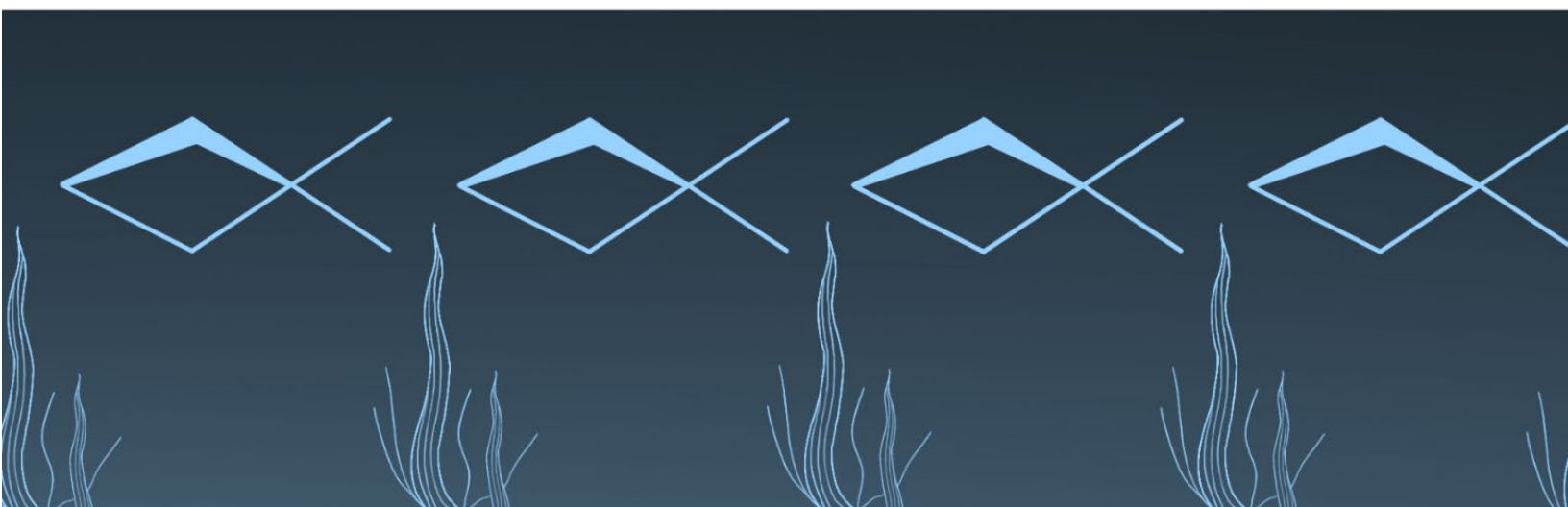
The Healing Arts Project is an initiative led by a community youth, with KCI's Support. The project consisted of workshops curated for Kahnawà:ke Youth around the arts, designed with the intention to include a healing aspect. Some of the workshops included: Moccasin painting, Paint nights by the river with local artists, a back to school "Design your own Vans" shoe workshop, and provided youth artists with free vending opportunities at our local Pow Wow and other Pow Wow's in the area. KCI provided the Healing Arts Project with access to communications, administrative support, and staff support.



Youth Venders at Kahnawà:ke Pow Wow, July 2022

## **KATERI FOOD BASKET**

Kahnawake Collective Impact supported and collaborated with the Kateri Food Basket by helping to recruit volunteer delivery drivers and by submitting a joint submission to the Second Harvest Funding program.





## Niawenh'kó:wa

KCI would like to thank our numerous partners and volunteers for their generosity in time and energy to the various events and meeting participation that has taken place this year. We could not accomplish our work without you! We would also like to express the support of Tewatohni'saktha for supporting our administrative needs as our fiscal host.

### FUNDERS

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- Employment and Social Development of Canada – Tamarack/ Community Innovation Program
- Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services
- Second Harvest



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