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*Our mission is to encourage
and support Aboriginal people in
building and reinforcing sustainable
healing processes that address the
legacy of physical and sexual abuse
in the residential schools, including
intergenerational impacts.*

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et d'appuyer les autochtones afin de
bâtir et de renforcer les processus
de guérison souhaitables qui
s'attaquent aux séquelles
des abus physiques et sexuels
dans le système de pensionnats,
y compris aux séquelles
intergénérationnelles.*

ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION PUBLISHES ITS ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Ottawa, Ontario (June 15, 2000) The Aboriginal Healing Foundation announced today the publication of its Annual Report 2000, a report of Foundation's activities from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000. The Foundation has once again received an unqualified opinion from its auditors.

Georges Erasmus, Chairman of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to underline this significant aspect of the AHF annual bill of health, "We have once more demonstrated, through wise, efficient and ethical financial management, our commitment to use the funds entrusted to us in faithful accordance with the directions received from Survivors and in full conformity with its official mission, mandate and legal obligations".

The Annual Report 2000 is an opportunity to look back over a year of refinement, innovation and accomplishment. Significant landmarks include:

- A revised Program Handbook to reflect refined funding and assessment processes
- Launch of a call for Healing Centre proposals
- Delivery of proposal development workshops to over 50 communities
- Two deadlines per year so that applicants have another chance to resubmit their proposal without having to wait an entire year to do so.

The report also highlights achievements in different areas of the Foundation's administration:

- Increased staff assistance, enhanced evaluation and monitoring process, clearer reporting requirements for funded projects, establishment of limits for project funding, refined appeal process, refined proposal review process and enhanced proposal development support.

In the period of April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, the AHF has developed a number of policies and procedures designed to encourage the establishment and maintenance of a productive, healthy and ethical workplace and to facilitate relationships with and between communities that draw on the values of Aboriginal cultures.

Over the last year, the AHF has developed a strategy to help fulfill its objectives, such as gathering and sharing information on best practices with communities and funded projects, strategic thinking and planning at all levels of the Foundation and identifying resources to support program implementation.

"We are making preparations to hold Regional Gatherings in Iqaluit, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa and Moncton this fall. The purpose of these gatherings will be to present the Annual Report 2000 to communities and survivors across the country and engage in dialogue with them concerning our work", concluded Mr. Erasmus.

An overview of funded projects is included in the AHF Annual Report 2000, as well as a complete financial statement. The AHF Annual Report, funded projects summaries and other pertinent information are available on the Foundation website at <http://www.ahf.ca>.

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