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Note from the Editor:

Welcome to the newly formatted Kawenní:ios! As we evolve from a newsletter into a vibrant quarterly magazine, we are thrilled to embark on this exciting journey of storytelling that connects with our multigenerational audiences.

Kawennios remains a cherished communication tool for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, honoring its rich legacy while embracing fresh perspectives. It has been a true pleasure to collaborate with my dedicated team to bring this new format to life. We are honored to feature stories that celebrate our language, culture, and heritage, reflecting the deep resilience and creativity of our community and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.

Join us as we shine a light on the vital programs and experiences that enrich our lives here in Akwesasne. Nia:wen / Thank you for being an essential part of this journey!

With gratitude and warmth,

Regan Jacobs,
A/Director of Communications
Executive Producer, ATV
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Chief's Note

Unity, Resilience and Progress: Fostering a Sense of Belonging



Photo Contribution: Madison Breen

Shé:kon sewakwé:kon tanon watkwanonhwerá:ton,

While I have been busy acquainting myself with the great people and programs at the Tribe, our community too, has shifted from the pleasures of summer back to the grind. Working here at the Tribe has been an eye-opener for me. There are so many great programs available for the community that I am in the process of learning about. Since being elected as Tribal Chief, I have been busy with day-to-day business and meeting with community members on any issues they had. So far, everyone has been very helpful in getting me up to speed. Many great people are here at the Tribe, and I am grateful to work alongside such a great staff.

In the early days of my tenure as Tribal Chief, I had the opportunity to join the rest of Council and New York State representatives at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York for the first ever Indigenous Nations Summit hosted by New York State.

I extend gratitude to Governor Kathy Hochul for bringing this group of influential leaders together to work toward building excellent working relationships and fostering collaboration. We discussed ways to improve the Tribe in transportation, environmental conservation, health, mental health and addictions, education, tribal gaming, and cannabis management.

We have exciting new projects in the works, all of which will be a great addition to Akwesasne. Key capital projects nearing completion include the highly anticipated Community Services Building and the Amphitheater project. As those two projects close, we look forward to constructing a new IRA home in Frogtown and upgrading the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council presented the proposed Wellness Center Project at the September Tribal Monthly Meeting. With help from our Executive Director Tsiorsara Barreiro and Director of Planning and Infrastructure Colleen Thomas, they gave a presentation to community members showing a concept of the center and all its possibilities. Part of the center would hold the new Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club. The new building will be a massive gain for our younger generation. The proposed space includes added additional classrooms, more room to play, and an exercise area, all positive additions for our young children. The presentation included how the project will be funded by Indian Health Services and Bureau of Indian Affairs 105(l) Leases. Check out the September presentation for more information! There is some work to be done before this project can start. Hopefully, we can make this happen and get the project started.

With fall here and another year closing, I hope everyone in the community is doing well. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this community and to contribute to Akwesasne's future. Your support and engagement are invaluable.

**Niawen'kó:wa | Thank you,
Chief Donald Thompson, Jr.**



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Tribal Council Attends Indigenous Nations Summit

By Katelynn Delormier, Communications Specialist

AKWESASNE – (Seskéha/August 1, 2024) The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council participated in the first ever Indigenous Nations Summit held at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, NY. Governor Kathy Hochul hosted Indigenous leaders across New York State at the U.S. Capitol to address challenges and foster collaboration with State officials.

In a statement posted on her Facebook page, Governor Kathy Hochul noted, "Our Indigenous Nations Summit was a historic moment of collaboration between our state and the Indigenous Nations across New York. By working together and elevating Indigenous voices, we will address issues important to these Nations and build a better future."

During the summit, the Tribal Council had the opportunity to highlight challenges and advocate for much-needed support in areas of education, healthcare, cannabis regulations, tribal gaming, addiction support services, transportation and infrastructure, along with environmental conservation.



Photo Contribution: Gov. Kathy Hochul's Media Team

The Tribal Council remarked, "The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has allocated resources to ensure programs and services continue to be available to the community and take great pride in the ability to do that. We remain dedicated to pushing forward initiatives that enhance community infrastructure and programming our people can access."

The growing gaming and cannabis economy in Akwesasne has raised several concerns regarding the recognition of tribal sovereignty. The Tribal Council emphasized the need for cooperation and communication with the state and proposed additional regulations to ensure compliance, safety, and collaboration with the Office of Cannabis Management.

Proposed regulations aim to enhance state and federal regulatory frameworks. "We are looking into establishing transportation regulations to export products off territory. We want our Tribal Cannabis Permits to mean something. We want recognition," stated Tribal Chief Michael Conners.

In addition to supporting revenue-generating programs, the Tribe is pushing for progress with the proposed St. Regis Mohawk School Project. David Frank, Assistant Commissioner of Education, provided an update that included an environmental feasibility study of the proposed school's location and efforts to secure funding that supports cultural preservation and language.

With renewed efforts to support Indigenous education, Chief Beverly Cook advocated for additional funding for addiction support services that would expand the current offerings of the SRMT Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Program. "The A/CDP Clubhouse for adolescents has been successful, but there is a need for sustainable funding for adult programs. Before COVID-19, there was a drop-in clubhouse for adults, but the pandemic put an indefinite halt to that."

Further healthcare initiatives discussed at the summit include the Wellness Center Project, loan forgiveness programs for healthcare workers, a birthing center funded through Healthcare Transformation Dollars, and culturally sensitive services to address crisis response challenges.

Once discussions surrounding healthcare concluded, the Tribal Council raised the improvement of roads and infrastructure with the Department of Transportation (DOT). The Tribal Council suggested the DOT assume responsibility for operating and maintaining a traffic light purchased with dollars made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Additional topics for discussion were historical land transfer issues, federal funding for local road improvement projects, safety grant match, and delays in crucial road reconstruction projects.

Environmental conservation is another area in which the Tribe seeks to enhance collaboration with the state to address pollution, cultural awareness, and issues with grant applications. The Council urged the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to provide cultural awareness training to DEC staff and develop a plan to address the current health risks posed by the pollution of the Deer River.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe thanks Governor Kathy Hochul for the opportunity to speak with Tribal leadership and State officials to address critical issues and advance the well-being of our community.



Photo Contribution: Gov. Kathy Hochul's Media Team

From left to right: Johanne Sullivan – Senior Staff Attorney, Tribal Chief Michael Conners, Dale White – General Counsel, Tribal Chief Donald Thompson, Jr., Dr. Elizabeth Rule – Deputy Secretary for First Nations for Gov. Kathy Hochul, Tribal Chief Beverly Cook, Chief of Staff Jori Rourke

Chief Donald Thompson, Jr. Q & A

"I'm hard-working, outgoing, and honest. I work hard and do whatever I have to do to get it done."

By Katelynn Delormier, Communications Specialist
September 2024

I sat down with Tribal Chief Donald Thompson to learn more about the newest member of Tribal Council.

Akwesasne is buzzing with life this fall and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is no exception. Capital projects have wrapped up and the move to the Community Services Building (Teionkwarihwaenawà:kon) is in full swing. As a faithful reader, you'll have seen the unveiling of the impressive Amphitheater project with all of its state-of-the-art features and the full list of programs nestling into their forever homes at the Community Services Building within these pages.

With all of the movement happening here at the Tribe, I wanted to shine a light on our newest member of council. He joins the Tribe with years of experience as an entrepreneur and local businessman.



After his successful campaign for Tribal Chief won him the seat in the 2024 Tribal Elections, he has dedicated himself to learning all of the programs at the Tribe and ways he can bring his experience in business, family, and life to build a better tomorrow for Akwesasne.

Without further adieu, I present to you an up close and personal look at Tribal Chief Donald Thompson Jr.



How have you been transitioning into your new role as Tribal Chief?

I think overall it is going well. Everyone here at the Tribe has been very helpful getting me up to speed.

How much different are the responsibilities and workload from what you are used to as a businessman?

I am used to working for myself where I can make my own schedule most of the time. Here at the Tribe it's 9-5. There is more of a work load. Before I was dealing with my own personal business and now I'm doing that on behalf of the community. It is a much bigger responsibility. As a chief, you want to do the best that you can do personally and on behalf of everyone. It goes hand in hand. You don't want to fail personally or fail the people that put you in this position [as Tribal Chief].

Before running, and subsequently winning, the Tribal Chief position in the 2024 Tribal Elections, did you ever envision yourself taking a political office?

Yes, I have thought about it. I did run for chief before in 2016. When I ran for Chief then, my mission was to try to help businesses that I shared similar issues with at the time. I put a lot more into running the first time, the goal was to get out there and gain recognition. This time I went about it differently. It was more one-on-one just talking to people. I found that people just wanted to be heard and for someone to take the time to listen to what they have to say. My family has been very supportive in this process. They've helped me campaign and stood behind me all the way.



As a family man, how do you balance your work and family life with your extremely busy schedule as Tribal Chief?

The balance has been made a lot easier with the support of my family. It has actually brought my family closer together. When I'm not able to be present to participate in the day-to-day operations of my business, my family shows up as a team. It takes the stress off of being here and then having to tend to my business.

Is there someone that has inspired you most? Whether it is a celebrity, local hero, or someone in your life, who is it and why?

My father Donald Thompson Sr. He was an ironworker and owned his own construction and concrete company. He was family oriented. He was also a former sub-chief back in the 2000s. I've learned a lot from him, especially my work ethic. He believed in working hard and not stopping. If you're going to do something you don't stop. Work hard and don't give up. I learned that from him too.

If we asked the people closest to you to describe Donald Thompson Jr. in three words, what would they say and why?

They would say I'm hard-working, outgoing, and honest. I work hard and do whatever I have to do to get it done. I'm outgoing because I can talk to anybody about anything. My wife jokes that she likes it when we go somewhere where I'm not known. I've worked a lot with everyone over the years so I know a lot of people. I'm honest. I'll bite my lip sometimes. People hate the truth but like my wife always says "say it like it is. Just tell them the truth".



Does your honesty get you in trouble at times or does it work out?

It works out. It's all about how you say it. Some people say it to be rude. It's all in how you present it.



Photo Contributions: Madison Breen

2024 Years of Service Awards

Please join us as we celebrate our employees on their years of dedication to providing excellent services to the community of Akwesasne!



5 Years

Jessica Swamp, Alexandra David, Blade Lafrance, Michelle Adams-Laffin, Corin Hebert, Peighton Laffin, Lily Lazore, Mallory Patterson, Lena Purlee, John Terrance, Young-Joe Rourke, Colby Bowman, Dallas Caldwell, Carl Bero, Kyle Boots, Elwood Laughing, Thomas Benedict, Peter Boots, Joseph Clute, Farrah Delormier, Aymee Thompson, Richard Johnson, Ronnie Boots, Kelly Jacobs, Diane Leipsic-Judge, Amanda McCaffrey, Aonwentsiio Sunday, Raelee Simcox, Rickey Hamelin, Jim Lanthier, Dakota Smoke, Louie Jackson, Samantha Seguin, Leah Jimenez, Corey Jacobs, Darren Bonaparte.

10 Years

Danielle Salgado, Kasey Thomas, Angel Johnson, Rolland Morris, Jake Arquette, Carrie Jacobs, Hannah Thomas, Leslie Thompson, Sandra Benedict, Chanel Cook, Tiffany Cree, Sabrina Thompson-Buckshot, Lanette Square, Everett Cook, Casey Jacobs, Alison Cooke, Steven King, Anthony Tillman, Lanney Laffin, Thomas Hill, Amanda Southworth.

20 Years

Jennifer Brown, Trenia Gero, Charles Thompson, Michael Cook, Jennifer Sawyer, Lisabeth Tarbell, Joanne McDonald, Matthew Lonkey.

15 Years

Trina Terrance, Joni Cole, Riccardo Najar, Cory Jock, Vicki Herne, Tracey Buckshot-Duciaume, Kim McElwain, Jodanna Logan, Diane Larock, Brian Bond, Margaret Jacobs, William Ransom, Renee Roundpoint-Adams, Decota Thompson, Lyndie Brann, Jodele Hammock, Mary Arquette, Leslie Benedict II, Jeremy Thompson, Cameron Mitchell, Brittany Locy.

25 Years

Cherrie Lazore, Anastasia Benedict, Cindy David, Ross Garrow, Kanentiio Mitchell, Gregory Cole, Jeremy Cree, Damon Gibson, Gregory Hendricks, Marion Hummel, Cory White, Ann Bero.

30 Years

Michella Hopps, Jonathan Bero, Duane Greenfield

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the employees that make things run smoothly, you are appreciated!



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A Visit to The Farm

Contributed by Madison Breen

Photo Contribution: Emma Phillips

The start of the harvest season means exciting things are happening at the farm! The Agriculture Program, an initiative under the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division, aims to promote sustainability, traditional farming, and locally grown food. These unique aspects allow the Agriculture Program to partner with local businesses like Happyeats to provide the freshest produce possible to the community.

In addition to partnering with local businesses, the Agriculture Program announces their yearly "u-pick" harvesting event, inviting the community to pick vegetables from the community garden on Blair Road. With its wide range of vegetables, the community garden provides organic, local, and pesticide-free produce to the community at no cost.

Since its establishment in 2022, the agricultural hub on reacquired lands within our 1796 Treaty Boundaries, selected for use due to its superior soil characteristics, has seen remarkable growth. What started as a single cleared plot and a satellite office out of a single wide trailer has now expanded to become home to eight programs, including the Community Garden, Native Plant Species, and Mother Earth Eggs.



Photo Contributions: Madison Breen

The 140-acre space also includes three chicken coops that house over 400 hens and three enclosures for the 14 piglets in the program. "Our pigs come from a local farm in Heuvelton where they are bred and raised around people, ultimately making them happy and friendly pigs," the Agriculture Program Manager Emma Phillips shared.

Additional services provided to the community include:

- Individual garden tilling in the spring.
- Composting local food waste and lawn clippings.
- Installing ditches to prevent flooding in low areas.

The 400 hens in the agriculture compound are hard at work, producing hundreds of eggs a day. These eggs, which are distributed and sold below market value to businesses in and around the community, are a testament to the program's commitment to providing locally sourced, cruelty-free, and hormone-free products. Every purchase of Mother Earth Eggs helps support the chickens, pigs, and the garden, allowing the Agriculture Program to continue providing local and sustainable goods to the community. The process of producing, raising, and distributing eggs is carried out by the dedicated staff at the farm, from collection to washing and drying for inspection, to packaging.

The White Corn Project is another initiative proudly offered to the community and provides increased access to a sacred traditional food source. Close to 10 acres of white corn are in the process of being harvested. After the staff picks and husks the corn, it is placed in slots on a drying rack. Once dried, the individual kernels are shelled from the stalk, and a small percentage of promising kernels are reserved or saved as seeds for next year. The rest of the corn is sold as whole dried white corn or white corn flour at the farmer's market.

When asked if there was anything else about the program to share, Emma added, "This year, we launched a pilot project that invited community members to plant their plots at the community garden. They chose between raised garden boxes or small plots in the ground to grow produce of their choice. We provide all of the supplies for these gardens, and they would tend and take care of it. This project supports first-time growers and gives space to community members to plant their gardens if they do not have land available. This project promotes self-sustainability and fosters community and connection among participants." The success of the pilot garden projects means we can expect to see it return next year bigger and better.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Emma Phillips for her insightful farm tour and Mary Arquette for her warm hospitality and dedication to the Community Garden. We also want to thank the rest of the Agriculture staff for their valuable contributions ranging from seed-saving, harvesting to caring for the farm animals, and much more!

Nia:wenko:wa/Thank you very much,

Ahtkwiroton Skidders, Christopher Adams, Les Benedict, Karontawakon Roundpoint, Gabe Cook, Teddy McDonald, and Akat Thompson.

Photo Contribution: Madison Breen



We've been busy



Our New Outdoor Venue — the Amphitheater

(la'teiewehnnani'haras; Echo = a voice that reaches far away)

The expansion of Generations Park promises to be a vibrant space for the community! Featuring new outdoor amenities, including two sand volleyball courts, two basketball courts, and restroom facilities. The amphitheater is set to be a lively venue for community events, bringing more opportunities for gatherings and entertainment.



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A first look at our new Community Services Building



The new and impressive Community Services Building, in Kanien'keha (Mohawk) Teionkwarihwaienawà:kon (we work together and help each other), is now complete as Tribal Divisions and programs have begun moving into their new workspace. This modern and professional space will benefit over 200 dedicated staff members, and the community members they serve. See all the Divisions and programs that will be located at Teionkwarihwaienawà:kon on the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's website.



Photo Contributions: Austin Herne



Ready for a stroll?

The new Kahrhaká:ion Road (Old Forest Road) Walking Trail is well underway and will soon be open to the public for use. The Trail is serene despite being so close to the main road. Lush forest and beautiful rays of sunlight peak through the treetops to illuminate your journey.



HARDWORK, PASSION, AND RESILIENCE

As we reflect on our incredible journey together, we also celebrate a decade of storytelling, connection, and community. From a simple idea to a vibrant platform showcasing the spirit of Akwesasne, our path has been filled with challenges and triumphs.

This 10-year anniversary isn't just a milestone; it's a testament to the hard work, passion, and resilience of everyone who has contributed to Akwesasne TV. Your dedication has shaped us into a true reflection of our community's life and culture.

We invite you to explore the photos contained, where cherished moments and memories are captured, highlighting the vibrant stories that have defined our journey.

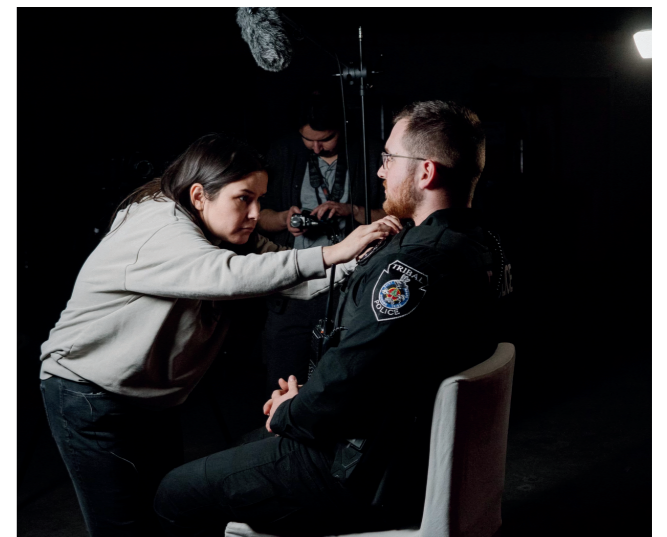
Thank you for being an essential part of our story. Here's to many more years of sharing our voices, celebrating our heritage together and celebrating Indigenous Storytelling!

Skén:nen,

Regan Jacobs,
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10 YEARS OF AKWESASNE TV





Food Distribution

By Katelynn Delormier, Communications Specialist
September 2024

"We hope to increase our numbers and for our community to feel comfortable coming in and seeing what we have to offer. The products that we carry are far more advanced from what the community is used to. They are certainly not what they were thirty years ago."
- Melanie Conners, Food Distribution Manager.



This concept was started many years ago and shared by Sharon Thompson, previous manager for many years and Elliott Lazore, Compliance Director.

Each household receives a number of units of each product per month, and is allocated based on the size of the household. In June, the number of designations for produce and meat will increase to account for the increasing cost of food.

The unveiling of the new space could mean an increase in numbers of clients who utilize the service. The Food Distribution Program hopes creating an atmosphere that mirrors the one we all experience while shopping, will end the stigma.

The program is available to those residing in the Tribally-designated 15-mile service area. Households that apply must include at least one member of a federally recognized tribe. Certification into the program is determined by income and guidelines set by the federal government. For more information, or how to apply, please contact the Food Distribution Program at (518) 358-2272.

Photo Contributions: Austin Herne



ARCH Students

By Katelynn Delormier, Communications Specialist
September 2024

With their unwavering dedication, the 2024 cohort of Mohawk students is making significant strides in addressing health disparities among Indigenous communities by collaborating with the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. Akwesasne Research Center for Health's (ARCH) groundbreaking work not only aims to raise awareness about the rising cancer cases in their community but also paves the way for a future generation of Akwesasne health care professionals.

Thirteen aspiring medical professionals participated in the Akwesasne Research Center for Health (ARCH) Program, offered as part of a collaboration between the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. This program is made possible by a four-year grant through the National Institutes for Health (NIH).

College and high school students participated in the ARCH College Summer Research Internship, ARCH Afterschool Research Program, and a three-week ARCH High School Summer Research Internship. The work of these mohawk students aimed to address, examine, and research solutions to health issues that disproportionately affect Indigenous populations.

"These young Mohawk students are proving to themselves that they can do hard things and do it with enthusiasm and dedication. Their final research projects were a testament to the knowledge they gained as young scientists working with their Roswell mentors. We are extremely proud of them and how well they represented themselves and their community," shared Stephanie Cook, SRMT Education Director.

Through their dedication and passion, these Mohawk students are bringing attention to the health inequities experienced by Indigenous people.

Photo Contributions: ARCH Media Team/ SRMT Education Division

Their work illuminates the path towards a future where Indigenous communities have access to culturally sensitive healthcare and are inspiring Akwesasne scientists and medical professionals to be more inclusive of more student career paths.

"Science, research, and cancer are challenging topics. However, after listening to Roswell Park scientists and local Mohawk health professionals, I, along with 13 other Mohawk scholars feel inspired to pursue careers in healthcare. We now recognize the diverse opportunities for students to make a lasting impact on the health of our community. We hope to motivate more students to explore healthcare occupations and improve the well-being of our community," shared ARCH Student Enhancement Coordinator Haley Cree.

Students who share a passion for cancer research and advancements in treatments or are interested in joining the medical field are encouraged to join the next cohort of ARCH scholars. Recruitment starts soon for the Mohawk Youth Health Ambassador Afterschool Program, ARCH High School Research Internship, and the ARCH College Summer Research Internship. For more information on the program or to inquire about joining, please email education@srmt-nsn.gov or call (518) 358-2272.



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Candidly!

See what the Tribe has been up to this Fall.



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Enrichment Awards



Shadana Sultan U.S. Census Visit (Photo Contributions: Austin Herne)



Native Plant Workshop (Photo Contributions: Madison Breen)



IHS Health Director Visit (Photo Contributions: Madison Breen)



Snowplow Operators Training (Photo Contributions: Austin Herne)



Ben Miller

Ben has his whole heart into his position as the IRA Supervisor for the Family Support Program. Ben is willing to step up and help where he is needed. If this means helping out the office staff, coming in at night to give medications, training staff or picking up extra shifts at the IRA's, Ben makes himself available. In his role, Ben has shown great leadership, motivation, and willingness to go above and beyond for his staff and the Family Support program. His willingness to lead has shown his employees the determination needed to get the job done and done effectively. Ben's Director added: the Family Support Program went through a reorganization. This was the first time I met Ben. My first impression of him was that he was shy and reserved. I wondered how he would do with a re-org, as it would require him to lead a large team and take on additional duties and responsibilities. As it turns out, Ben has proven to be one of the strongest supervisors in the Division!



Simmons Bombard

Simmons works countless hours ensuring our most vulnerable population, our children, are protected. Often times, she has to make extremely difficult decisions in order to do so. Simmons is always willing to work until she finds a solution; whether it's helping families navigate unfortunate circumstances, keeping kids safe or offering a helping hand around the office. Simmons does it all without hesitation and no expectations of anything in return. During the month of June, Simmons was the only qualified, credentialed caseworker in the CPS Office (besides her Supervisor). Simmons took on all the caseloads, which at times were well over 10+, and worked each and every report/case. Simmons met all deadlines and ensured all the difficult decisions were made. She has shown the ability to work in the most stressful situations with a positive image, displaying perseverance and going above and beyond for the safety of the children of Akwesasne and their families.



Dana Henhawk

Alison Faubert stated that Dana is the soul of the Mental Health Department, she quietly and invisibly orchestrates the work. She makes it look effortless and radiates a peaceful certainty. She lends a confidence to all who are trying to learn to be better at our jobs every day. She knows our clients and their needs. Dana also knows the staff and their needs. She never says "no" to a request. If I have something I am not sure of, she calmly says, "leave it on my desk" and I do. It does not matter what kind of request it is, Dana always gets it done. I am not sure of her title. It says, Case Manager, but I think Dana Henhawk creates her own job description, and the title is, Dana Henhawk. The "Dana Henhawk" position. Every department should have one. Dana is quiet, never boastful or showy. She doesn't rush in to be the savior. She sits and observes what's going on and after we all have pontificated and thrown our best ideas at it, she will quietly offer some critical morsel of information that will make it all work.



Dr. Park

Dr. Joseph Park has worked for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe for 15 years now. He has proven to have such dedication to this clinic. We have had many dentists but Dr. Park has been the only one who has stayed here and has been true to his commitment to this office. He has offered consistency to the people of this community. Dr. Park came here through Indian Health Service (IHS) working as a dental provider. The clinic supervisor position opened up and Dr. Park stepped into that position taking on many new responsibilities besides providing dentistry ever since that day. Dr. Park communicates very well with us and delegates responsibility evenly. He collaborates with everyone ensuring staff with proper strengths, are assigned proper tasks. He acknowledges our strengths and he is happy to let staff know they are valued. Dr. Park goes above and beyond to look out for our well-being and also to provide the patients with the best care.



Kaienkwinehtha & Otsitsia

Community and the Kanienkeha Language Program are so lucky to have Kaienkwinehtha and Otsitsia to teach the Mohawk Language. They are both young, driven women that always go above and beyond for their students. They have dedicated their lives to the language revitalization and our ways. Both women, take the time to become more proficient in teaching and they do it on their own time. They do it to better teach those around them. They are available to their students even when they're not in class, and form long-lasting relationships with those who have graduated. Kaienkwinehtha and Otsitsia are excellent teachers, using different and unique strategies to help their students learn. They are pillars in this community. Recognized for their work ethic and dedication to their peers. Both women, qualify as Unsung Hero's because they never seek praise and are both very humble individuals.

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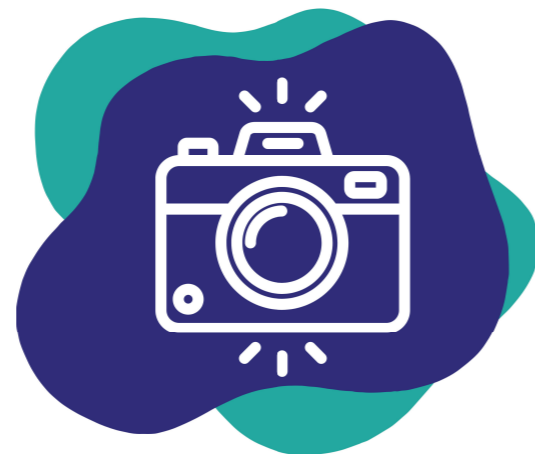
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