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About Karen Green

Born in Belleville, Ontario, Karen spent her early childhood in Point Anne, moving with her family to Tyendinega when she started high school. Karen valued education and continued her education journey at Trent University (BA in Political Science) and at Queen's University (law degree), arriving in Ottawa in the early 1980s to article, begin her professional career and make Ottawa her permanent home.

From her early working days in Ottawa, she made a difference as an advocate promoting the rights of Indigenous People throughout Canada, particularly those of Indigenous women and children. She worked for most of her career with the Department of Justice, where she held senior positions, most notably as the Executive Director of the Federal Centre for Conflict Management and the Director of the Diversity and Gender Equality Unit. Karen was the main writer and advisor for the women's chapter of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Report. Karen was also the CEO of the Native Women's Association of Canada at a critical time when Canada was coming to terms with missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

After leaving the federal government, Karen worked as a Senior Advisor on Indigenous Issues for the University of Ottawa and as the Director of the Equity Office at Carleton University. For the last four years, she was the Relationship Coordinator for the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition, where she represented urban Indigenous people at over 30 tables at the city, provincial and national levels.

Karen believed in community and played key roles throughout the voluntary sector. She leaves us at this time being the President of the Makonsag Aboriginal Head Start Program, Chair of the Kenhtè Midwives Board in Tyendinega, a director on the Board of CHEO, a director on the board of Andrew Fleck Children's Services and a member of the Pow Wow Pitch. On behalf of the OAC she was the co-chair of the Housing and Homelessness Governance Committee and recently took up the position of Vice Chair of the Ottawa Community Benefit Network Steering Committee.

She is a past director of the following boards: Ottawa Community Foundation, United Way, Ottawa Children's Aid Society, Children's Aid Foundation, Interval House, Gloucester Non-Profit Housing, First Nations Technical Institute, Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, Minwaashin Lodge and Odawa Native Friendship Centre.

Despite all of her accomplishments and work, the strongest sense of Karen was one of humble leadership. She wanted to always support Indigenous people, the Indigenous community and the broader community. She truly lived that we are all part of one circle, one world.

About Scholorship

Each year, the fund will provide $1,000 to 5 Indigenous students who are in the first two years of their education journey in the fields of Early Childhood Education, Indigenous Midwifery or Law. The awards will be awarded in July of each year.

The scholarship is intended to support Indigenous students who brought the same energy, passion and love for community into their learning.

The scholarship fund is held at the Ottawa Community Foundation and is managed by the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition and the family of Karen Green.

"I want to do something worth doing,
I want to be someone worth knowing."

(Karen - Grade 8)

