

Tandia supports local Indigenous learning for Giving Tuesday

November 30, 2021 (Burlington, ON) - Tandia as an organization continues to reflect on our need to learn, empathize and seek out opportunities to show our support to Indigenous communities. To further demonstrate our commitment, the focus and beneficiary of today's **Giving Tuesday** charitable donation is Indigenous learning.

Working together with the **Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)**, Tandia is contributing **\$10,000** to be shared between **The Learning Nest** and **SHAE** Indigenous learning programs. This donation includes \$5,000 generously provided by Tandia employees from their Charitable Giving Fund.

The Learning Nest is a culturally immersive Indigenous learning pilot program offered by the HWDSB to learners who self-identify as Indigenous, First Nations (status and non-status), Inuit and Métis (grades 9-12). In the Learning Nest classroom, Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing are respected, valued and prioritized.

Strengthening Hamilton Aboriginal Education (SHAE) is a partnership between the HWDSB and the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre. This alternative education program provides an opportunity for Indigenous students (ages 14-21) in the city of Hamilton to learn through a community and cooperative education model that values Indigenous ways of knowing and being to ultimately encourage Indigenous student success and wellness.



Richard Davies (right) presents cheque to Manny Figueiredo, HWDSB Director of Education

Richard Davies, Tandia's President and CEO shared, "We are honoured to support the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, as they have taken the lead in creating these culturally immersive programs that provides Indigenous students with the opportunities and environment that will foster a positive learning experience."

With proud roots in education, Tandia is committed to seeking out new ways to educate ourselves as Canadians and provide ongoing support to Indigenous communities. We are pleased to shine a spotlight on these Indigenous learning programs facilitated in our local schools.

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