

Save the Children Canada Advisory Circle 2015



Pauline Shirt, Elder, Plains Cree, Red-Tail Hawk Clan, was born and raised in Saddle Lake Reserve, Alberta. Pauline is greatly recognized for her commitment to the Toronto Native community and for her dedication as a teacher and lecturer since the late sixties. She is a member of the Three Fires Society and the Buffalo Dance Society, and is a Founder of the First Nations School and the Red Willow. Pauline serves as a mentor to many Aboriginal youth and young families as an experienced and trusted Grandmother. She also works in all levels of government conducting Opening Prayers and attending meetings, making sure the Aboriginal community is positively recognized as she offers a voice for her people.



Simon Brascoupé, Anishinabeg/Haudenauanee – Bear Clan is a member of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation, Maniwaki, Quebec. Simon is Adjunct Research Professor at Carleton University Adjunct Professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. He has a B.A. and M.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo, where he is also completing his Ph.D. He was recently designated Certified First Nations Health Manager (CFNHM) from the First Nations Health Manager Association and a Certified Aboriginal Professional Administrator (CAPA) from the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA). He has a research interest in land based healing, traditional medicine and traditional knowledge. Previously Simon was Chief Executive Officer, National Aboriginal Health Organization; Director, Primary Health Care Division, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada; and Director, Aboriginal Affairs Branch, Environment Canada.



Dr. Marie Delorme is CEO of The Imagination Group of Companies. She serves on the RCMP Foundation Board and the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board, and is an advisor to two Universities. In March 2014 she received the Inspire Award in Business and Commerce; and was named as one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful in 2013. Dr. Delorme has also received the University of Calgary Dr. Douglas Cardinal Award; Alberta Chamber of Commerce Business Award of Distinction; Calgary Chamber of Commerce Salute to Excellence Award, and Métis Nation Entrepreneurial Leadership Award. Dr. Delorme holds a Bachelor of Science degree, a Master of Business Administration from Queen's University, and PhD from the University of Calgary. Her research focuses on inter-cultural leadership.



Lori Flinders is Anishinaabikwe from Couchiching First Nation in the territory of Treaty #3 near Fort Frances in beautiful Northwestern Ontario. Lori's professional working bundle started over 25 years ago when she began working as an Early Childhood Educator. Later she became a Social Worker who now has 15 years' experience from frontline to senior management within Anishinaabe Child and Family Services including Clinical Social Work practice. She is a Master Facilitator training, presenting, and advocating for Aboriginal best practise in Child Welfare, Mental Health, and Addictions. Lori holds a diploma in Early Childhood Education from Confederation College, Honours Bachelors of Social Work from Carleton University, and a Master of Social Work Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University.



Melanie Goodchild is the National Director, Indigenous People's Framework, Disaster Management, for the Canadian Red Cross. Melanie is a member of the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation in northwestern Ontario. She has been with the Red Cross for four years, three years with Ontario Zone and a year and half with national office. Prior to joining the Red Cross she was the Director of Health Policy & Planning with Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, a political territorial organization representing 49 northern First Nations. She has an MA in Sociology and is currently completing her PhD in Educational Studies at Brock University. The focus of her research is on disaster risk reduction.



Beverly Jacobs ' Mohawk name is Gowehgyuseh. It means; "*She is visiting.*" Her home community is Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in Southern Ontario. Bev practices law part-time at her home community and she is also working on an interdisciplinary PhD in Law, Wholistic Aboriginal Health and Indigenous Research Methodologies, at the University of Calgary, Alberta. Amidst her impeccable professional portfolio is Amnesty International, a human rights organization that contracted Beverley to research, advise and write the first draft of the Stolen Sisters..., a sobering report, released in 2004, that brought international attention to the issue of missing and murdered Aboriginal women in Canada. In October 2008, Beverley was one of fifty women recognized by several Canadian peace organizations for her work and dedication to further a culture of peace in Canada. In November, 2008, she became a recipient of the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, in recognition of her contribution to the advancement of Aboriginal women's equality.



Jolene John is a proud Onkwehonkwe and Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) woman from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and is from the bear clan. She is currently the Aboriginal Recruitment & Community Liaison at York University and is a Masters of Education candidate, focusing on Urban Aboriginal Education. Her involvement in university student government, local, provincial and national Aboriginal Youth Councils, including the youth board representative on the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, council member on Premier's Council on Youth Opportunities, and currently, the Administrative Chair on the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program and Co-Chair of the Council of Educators of Toronto's Aboriginal Program Pod, has provided Jolene with the capacity and familiarity with working in various levels of government and youth advocacy.



Kenn Richard's family comes from one of Manitoba's oldest Metis settlements, St Francis Xavier. Moving to Toronto in 1978, he became one of the original founders of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto. In 1988 he became the agency's first Executive Director and remains in that position today. Kenn is also a sessional lecturer at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, teaching Intercultural practices to MSW and doctoral candidates. He received both a BSW and a MSW from the University of Manitoba with a specialty in community development. He has held a number of positions in his professional life in such areas as child protection, residential treatment, community development and labor relations as well as contributes to many regional and national initiatives on Native and Children's issues.



Raymond Shingoose is from the Cote First Nation in Treaty 4 Territory in Saskatchewan and is a graduate of the First Nations University of Canada. Raymond has broken many barriers and has established innovative approaches to governance, administration and services in the child welfare sector, and his efforts has set a strong precedent for many other First Nation developments. He has successfully established the Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services as a leading example of First Nation Treaty-based governance under current arrangements and is currently its Executive Director. Raymond ensures our children, youth and families have a right to services and to receive the services as any other child and youth would receive in this country.



Rebeka Tabobondung is the Editor-in-Chief of MUSKRAT Magazine, an on-line Indigenous arts, culture, and living magazine that strives to honour, investigate, and disseminate traditional knowledges in ways that inspire their reclamation. Rebeka is also a community documentary filmmaker, poet, Indigenous knowledge and oral history researcher. Rebeka is an M.A. graduate in Sociology & Equity Studies in Education. Rebeka's latest research and film work documents traditional birth knowledge from Wasauksing First Nation where she is also a member. Rebeka has traveled extensively throughout Central America working to build meaningful links between Indigenous

communities in the North and South. She is the co-founder of MAAIINGAN Productions and Research Coordinator of the Indigenous Knowledge Network for Infant, Child, and Family Health at St. Michael's Hospital.



Patricia Erb has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children Canada since the spring of 2011. After earning a Master's degree in International Development Planning at Cornell University, Patricia began working for Save the Children and has done so for more than twenty years. Key positions she has held include: Interim Program Director, Country Director for Bolivia and Peru, as well as Regional Director for Latin America. Her efforts in the area of both human and children's rights, have received international recognition from both government and civil society. She has served as a board

member for 27 non-governmental organizations including the Board of Directors of Defense for Children International (Bolivia Chapter). Patricia believes that the world can change for the better but only if we work for that change together.



Terry Swan is Cree/Salteaux/Métis of the Fish Clan from Alberta. She brings over 20 years' experience in family violence prevention, education and promoting healing initiatives within Aboriginal communities. She is currently the Director of Canadian Programs at Save the Children Canada with a M.Ed. from York University. As a consultant she offers her time to research and writing, training and facilitation across Canada dedicating her work to achieving social justice within Indigenous communities and to reconciliation; facilitating meaningful relationships between Indigenous

and non-Indigenous peoples. She has travelled extensively and has the privilege of being taught by Indigenous Elders of the Navajo Nation, Peru and Hawaii. She is a visionary leader committed to the healing of ourselves, our families, communities and Nations.