



We are thrilled to share an exciting opportunity to support Indigenous-led healing, celebration, and change!

Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services (MPSSAS) in collaboration with Toronto Rape Crisis Centre and TAIBU is hosting a powerful culturally vibrant Gala & Awareness Event at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto on Saturday, February 28, 2026, and we are seeking financial and in-kind sponsors to help make it extraordinary. The gala will bring together survivors, youth, Elders, advocates, and allies in a shared space of healing and celebration.

THE EVENING WILL FEATURE:

- A ribbon skirt fashion showcase inspired by the teachings of White Buffalo Calf Woman and Deer Woman, featuring eleven original skirts created through an Indigenous-led storytelling and design contest.
- Drumming and dancing that honour Indigenous traditions and community spirit.
- Indigenous and Afro-Indigenous fashion presentations showcasing culture, artistry, and resurgence
- Reflections and teachings from youth leaders, knowledge keepers, and survivors.
- Indigenous-inspired hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic punch, served in keeping with our commitment to safety, cultural respect, and inclusion.



We are currently seeking sponsors who can contribute either financially or in-kind to support the event's success.

Your support will help offset the cost of venue, transportation, accommodations, food, honoraria, and cultural components. You may also choose to sponsor full tables for Indigenous survivors and youth leaders so that they can attend without barriers. In-kind contributions such as printing, décor, photography, interpretation, or promotional support are also deeply valued.

Sponsors will be recognized in the event program, on signage, on our website, and during the event itself. Custom recognition packages are available for major contributors.

As a sponsor, you are not only supporting a meaningful event – you are investing in Indigenous-led healing, community connection, and systems change.

We are happy to accept any donation possible through this link and funds will be going to support the gala partner agencies' work for Indigenous and Afro-Indigenous survivors.

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As the organizing agency, **Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services (MPSSAS)** has been a trusted and essential resource for survivors of sexual violence across our region for over 32 years. We are a provincially and federally funded non-profit organization, offering free, confidential support to survivors of all genders who have experienced sexual violence. MPSSAS has long served as a beacon for those in need—providing crisis and long-term counselling, legal and court accompaniment, public education, advocacy, and a 24/7 helpline and online chat service: www.mpssas.org.

Our work is deeply rooted in anti-oppressive, trauma-informed, and survivor-centred practice, ensuring that every person who reaches out to us is met with respect, dignity, and care. We operate across the territories of the Williams Treaty and Robinson Huron Treaty. Over the past several years, we have expanded our outreach to ensure Indigenous communities receive culturally grounded, affirming care. Our team is deeply committed to decolonizing our services and uplifting Indigenous knowledge systems in every aspect of our work.

This gathering is more than a celebration – it is a space for truth-telling, collective witnessing, and community healing in response to gender-based and colonial violence. It is also a visible act of solidarity with Indigenous and Afro-Indigenous survivors of sexual violence and a chance to honour their voices, leadership, and stories.



We are currently leading two Indigenous initiatives across colonial Ontario:

1

Aanji Bimaadziwin

(A Changed Life)

A federally funded three-year project for Indigenous women and 2S individuals, offering land-based healing and weekly online talking circles

2

**Akinoo'amaadiwaad
ji nookidiziyang**

**(They Who Come Together on
the Land to Teach Each Other
a Tender Life)**

A five-year Trillium-funded youth-led systems innovation project that will launch a pilot in 2026 to increase access to culturally safe mental health and sexual violence supports

These initiatives are made possible in collaboration with trusted partners such as Shkaabe Makwa (CAMH), B'saanibimaadsiwin Indigenous Mental Health, Four Directions of Healing, Mind-Aid, and Algonquin Spirit Gallery, among others.

This gala reflects our continued commitment to Indigenous sovereignty, community care, and collective healing. We would be honoured to have your support in bringing this vision to life.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or to arrange a time to talk about sponsorship opportunities. We welcome your partnership in this meaningful work.



The event is hosted in partnership with the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre and TAIBU Community Health Centre, in recognition of the many urban Indigenous and Afro-Indigenous voices in Tkaronto.