



Dilico

Anishinabek Family Care

Honouring Our Children

Annual Report
2013 - 2014

A close-up photograph of two children's feet standing on green grass. They are wearing traditional light-colored moccasins with colorful beadwork. The children are also wearing blue denim skirts. The background is a soft-focus green field.

HONOURING OUR CHILDREN

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care honours our children through the delivery of family-centered programs and supports. Children who feel nurtured and honoured are more likely to grow into loving parents themselves. All of our children are sacred gifts from the Creator. At Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, we believe that every child should be treated with the upmost respect, care and dignity. In our communities, our children are at the center of all circles. They do not just receive their life teachings from their families, but from the community as a whole.

Underneath all of our official titles, positions and identities, we are all mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, and each of us is someone's child.

Throughout this Annual General Report you will read about the many ways Dilico Anishinabek Family Care has honoured and celebrated our children throughout the past year, including features about two very successful Dilico youth.

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MESSAGE FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

We are pleased to jointly report for the fiscal period of 2013-2014. Reflecting back on the last year we are proud of our many accomplishments. We also acknowledge the challenges that we as a people face living in complex times.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care is unique in that we have a First Nation governed agency which offers services that encompasses an individual's life cycle. This model of Health, Mental Health and Addictions and Child Welfare is being recognized by the government and nationally by other agencies.

Our integrated approach of service delivery reflects an Aboriginal perspective in that we can approach our work with Elders, children families and communities as a communal experience in working together to meet a common goal. In this case, the safety and wellbeing of all is at the forefront of our work.

Over the past year we have faced obstacles related to the delivery of services due to a labour disruption for approximately 3 weeks. Although this was a challenging time, it has resulted in us working together more closely to resolve issues as they arise. The strengthening of this relationship is important as Dilico Anishinabek Family Care's successes are attributed to the dedicated staff who ensure their client's needs are met.

As an agency largely funded by the Provincial Government, we had to achieve a balanced budget as a result of the Government's implementation of Accountability Agreements to CAS's in Ontario. We are pleased to report that we did balance while ensuring quality service and compliance with legislation. We continue to lobby provincially with our partner agencies in ensuring that future agreements will involve a process for us to provide input.

The Board of Directors and Senior Management provided leadership and support in achieving our strategic goals. Some of these highlights include: an increase of Customary Care agreements through our Mikinaak Model of Customary Care (305 to date), more community based services including a Community Wellness Development Project which facilitates training and capacity building, and a Diabetes Health Pilot Project to address the high incidences of diabetes in the communities.

As we continue on our journey, we remain committed to providing quality services. This summer, the Board will be participating in Board Governance Training, and in the fall, Strategic Planning will occur so that we remain responsive to the current needs of those we serve.

We are very fortunate in that the Dilico family extends beyond staff to the many others who support children and youth to succeed. Our theme for this year's AGM "Honouring Our Children" is to celebrate the strengths and gifts that all children bring to us from the Creator. In caring for the children and in the words of Sitting Bull "Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."

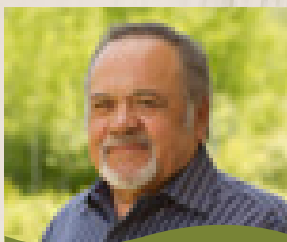
Respectfully Submitted,

Omer Belisle
President
Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

Darcia Borg
Executive Director
Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dilico Anishnabek Family Care's Board of Directors are responsible for setting the long-term vision for Dilico and providing guidance for operational efficiencies. All Directors are independent from management and represent the First Nations communities in Dilico's service area. In addition to attending regular Board meetings, Directors serve on the Executive Committee.



Omer Belisle
President
Red Rock Indian Band



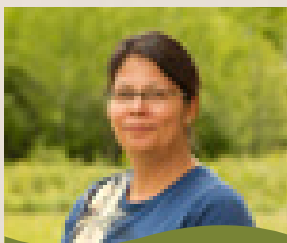
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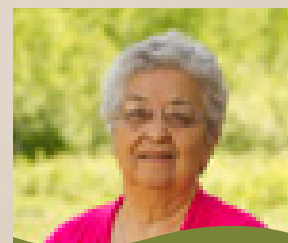
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Director
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Anishinaabek (Sandpoint)*



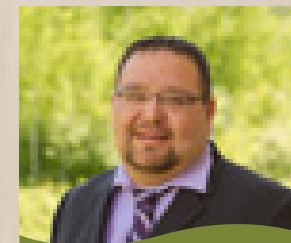
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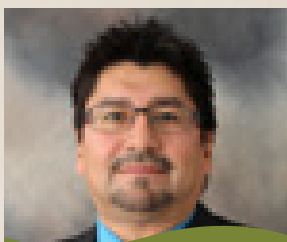
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Michipicoten First Nation



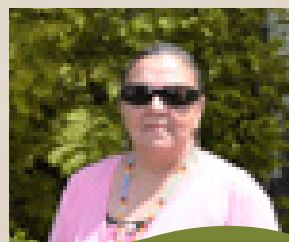
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Ojibways of Pic River



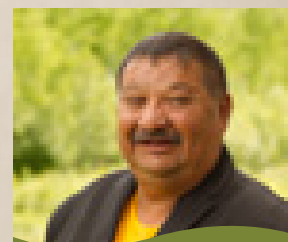
Chief Georjann Morrieseau
Director
Fort William



Chief Wilfred King
Director
*Kiashke Zaaging
Anishinaabek*



Chief Valda Lesperance
Director
*Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging
Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay)*



Raymond Goodchild
Director
Pays Plat



Pamela Bananish
Director
Pic Mobert

SENIOR MANAGEMENT



 **Jason Dulude**
Director of Finance
and Corporate Services

 **Carmela Magbanua**
Director of Child Welfare

 **Darcia Borg**
Executive Director

 **Natalie Paavola**
Director of Health

 **John Dixon**
Director of Mental
Health & Addictions

WHO WE ARE

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care provides a range of responsive individual, family and community programs and services for the complete life journey of all Anishinabek people. Dilico cares for the welfare of children and families, physical health, the mental health and the health of the communities where Anishinabek people live by promoting wellness, preventing illness and trauma, and providing diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.

On September 21, 1994 the Robinson Superior Chiefs gathered to recognize that the child welfare system had been adversely affecting the quality of life within their Nation.

The respective First Nations participated in a traditional ceremony on the Fort William First Nation to express their intent and recognition of jurisdiction of the citizens within their Nation in regards to child welfare matters regardless of residency.

Vision

Our vision is balance and well-being for Anishinabek children, families and communities.

Mission

Dilico embraces a holistic approach in the deliver of Health, Mental Health, Addictions and Child Welfare Services to complement the strengths, values and traditions of Anishinabek children, families and communities.

Core Values

- Client centered services based upon teamwork.
- Quality service delivery that is ethical, caring, compassionate, and sensitive.
- Partnerships that advance the well-being of the Anishinabek.
- Role models who demonstrate positive leadership.
- An environment that creates positive morale.
- Effective and accountable management.
- Long-range strategic planning.



SERVICE AREA



Dilico

Anishinabek Family Care



Legend

- Main Office
- District Office
- 1 Thunder Bay
- 2 Armstrong
- 3 Longlac
- 4 Nipigon
- 5 Mobert





HONOURING OUR STAFF

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care Years of Service Recognition

25 Years

Arvelin, Josephine

20 Years

Rowan, Mona
Syrja, Connie
Watts, Lori
Moorhead, Teresa

15 Years

Pervais, Renee
Adduono, Rachel
Atkins, Thelma
Tinnes, Judy
Bagnall, Cheryl
Campbell, Kathy

10 Years

Deleon, Amanda
Owca, Cathy
Michano, Vivian
Majdanac, Claudine
Simbeya, Mary
Kudaka, Marcella
Machendagoos, Patricia
Bannon, Diane
Dulude, John

HONOURING OUR YOUTH

NANCY GEORGE

If you ask 13-year-old Nancy George her future goal, she will tell you she wants to be the next Christine Sinclair. First tying up her cleats at the tender age of four, by age six she was being asked to be on the competitive Lakehead Express U-12 team. As a very dedicated athlete, Nancy lives and breathes soccer, training every single day. With a massive smile on her face, Nancy explains that “there is a lot of soccer every week. It’s just natural to me; I really do enjoy it and it’s my life – I don’t ever want to stop.” Nancy’s average day includes workouts, a strict diet, physiotherapy, school, and she even volunteers as a coach for a group of young players. “If I’m having a frustrating day I go back to the basics and start from scratch. I think of my family and what they would say to me if I gave up.”

Currently playing for the U 15 team, this past winter Nancy was also added to the U 18 roster for a showcase tournament. During the tournament, her game attracted attention from the likes of coaches all across Ontario, and is now also being scouted by colleges all over North America.

To date, Nancy’s soccer career has taken her worldwide, travelling to Duluth, Winnipeg, Georgia, London England, and Toronto. This summer, she will travel to Regina where she will represent Ontario at the North America Indigenous Games. She will also play in the USA Cup. Nancy continues to show courage both on and off the field with her determination and hard work. She maintains outstanding grades despite having to travel for the sport, and has overcome several broken bones and injuries along the way.

Nancy’s advice to youth- “Follow your dreams, do what you do, do what you like and stay out of trouble. If you follow your dreams and that is where you’ll end up in life.”



HEALTH

With over **25,706** client visits/encounters this past year, Health Services provides a myriad of supports within First Nations for our clients. Community Health, Home and Community Care, Personal Support Services and the Family Health Team continue to provide health care services through partnerships and relationships with both external and internal resources to build and improve service delivery to our clients.

🏠 Home & Community Care Program

New Initiatives

This program is currently fully staffed, with six Registered Nursing Care Managers and one Casual Registered Nurse. All nursing staff is fully trained in Advanced Foot Care and work in collaboration with Community Health Nurses and Community & Personal Support Workers to provide basic to advanced foot care for Dilico health clients.

A pilot project is currently underway for a Home Health Nurse to provide in home healthcare to clients in Fort William First Nation. This project is in the recruitment phase and it will run for one year. The goal is to provide more consistent and comprehensive care for clients who may need acute or long term nursing care in order to stay in their home.

Home & Community Care will move towards utilizing OTN (Ontario Telemedicine Network) in collaboration with other community partners and health staff.

Ongoing Initiatives

Home & Community Care is still involved with the Palliative Care Research Project through Lakehead University, and participating in working groups led by Fort William First Nation Health band staff.



Personal Support Service Program

New Initiatives

As a part of the Personal Support Worker Program, the Speech and Language Program continues to welcome new students and has successful graduates each year. Each student receives their own specific plan and it is implemented by a skilled Personal Support Worker within the school setting. It is a fundamental program that enables students to move forward with confidence in regards to their academics and personal lives.

Ongoing Initiatives

The C&PSS clientele continues to grow and the types of services needed vary from client to client. The largest area of need is assisted living, which consist of home making, meal services, and transportation for errands and medical appointments.

Clients requiring personal care receive assistance with showering/bathing, dressing/grooming, skin care, oral care, and toileting. Specified Personal Support Workers are qualified to provide basic foot care to clients requiring the service. The Personal Support Workers are also trained to assist with rehabilitating exercises and to aid with mobilization.

The Adult Life Enrichment Program is a continuing event in the communities with a positive response from the Elders. It is a pleasurable atmosphere where the Elders can socialize, exercise, have a healthy meal, and receive education. The success of the Adult Life Enrichment Program is also due to the continued support received from the First Nations.



HIGHLIGHTS

Home & Community Care Program:

411

Total clients served

4599

Total client visits/home visits

Personal Support Service Program:

169

Total Clients

8774

Total Client Visits/Encounters

HEALTH

Community Health Services

New Initiatives

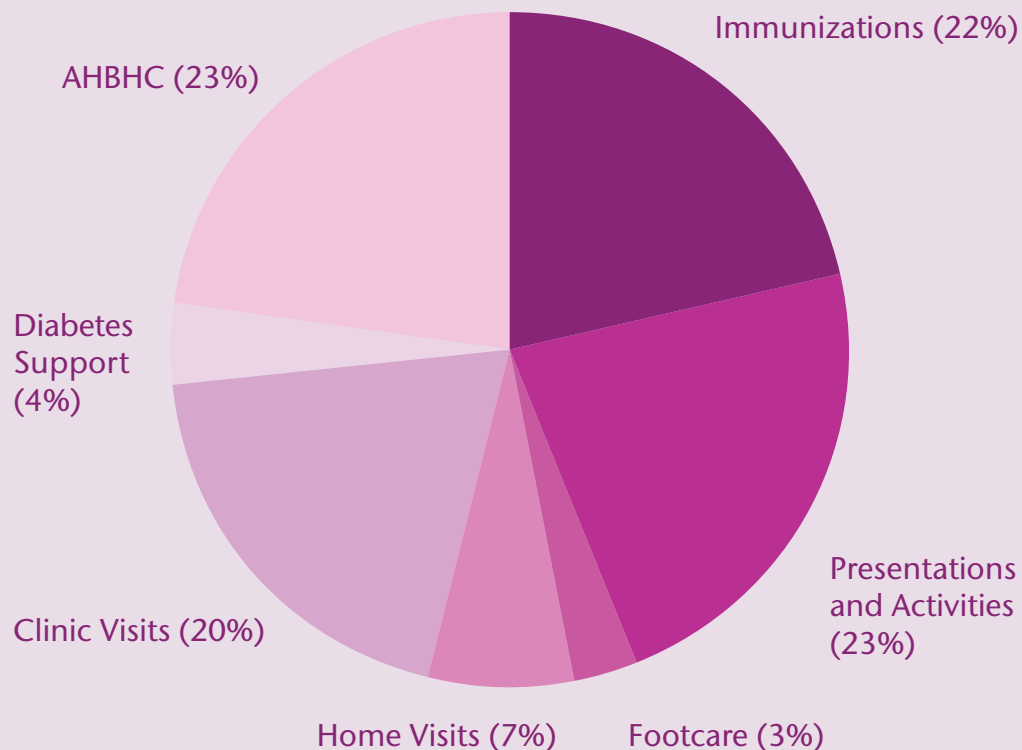
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Community Health Nurses have been accepting foot care referrals from HCC to ensure collaboration of services and quality care. Community Health Nurses are arranging 'rounds' with HCC and CPSW staff to guarantee client coverage and increased teamwork.

At this time Dilico Community Health Services will be hiring an AHBHC Nurse to provide care and support to high-risk prenatal and maternal clients. We are currently in the recruitment phase and will have the nurse work closely with Community Health Nurses and travel to First Nations when required. With this new addition to the team, it will increase monitoring of clients in need of one to one care.

Community Health Nurses will be involved with Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) in collaboration with other community partners and health staff.

Community Health Services



Ongoing Initiatives

Community Health still works closely with FNIH and TBDHU to ensure immunization program, communicable disease and infection control protocols are monitored and implemented. CH's provides services for Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children (AHBHC) in seven of the nine First Nations.

HIGHLIGHTS

820

Total clients

4333

Total Client Visits/
Encounters

Family Health Team

New Initiatives

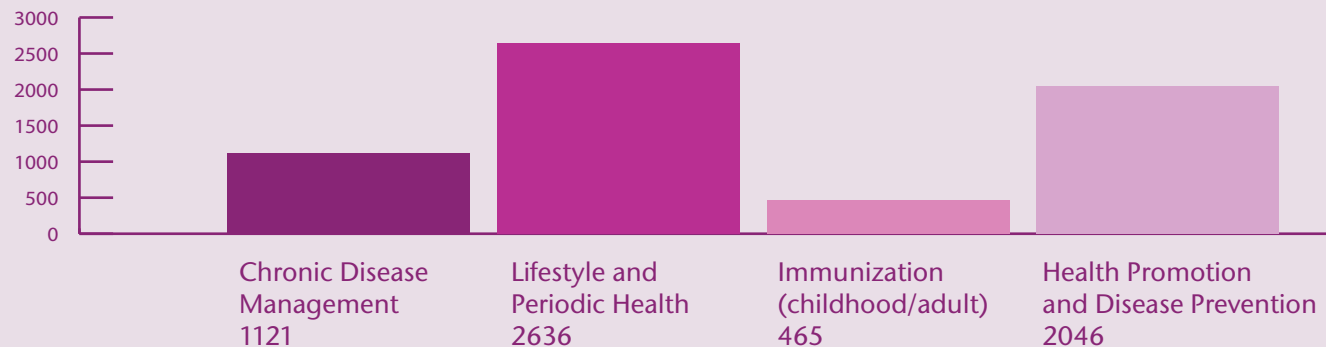
The Dilico Family Health Team was successful this past year in the following ways:

- As of January 2014, we now have a Traditional Healer on site two days per month.
- We enrolled close to 400 new patients in the past 15 months.
- This year we will see the implementation of Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) which will be located in the clinic to enhance patient access to specialists throughout the province.

Ongoing Initiatives

- We continue to partner with Lakehead University and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in hosting two residency students and various Nurse Practitioner students throughout the year.
- We had dedicated clinics throughout the year for foot care, COPD and asthma, smoking cessation, hypertension, diabetes, vaccine (flu shots), cancer screening, walking/health living clinics, breast screening and pap and colorectal screening clinics, in addition to weekly walk-in counselling clinics at Heath Park.
- We continue to work with our Child Welfare Services to provide timely admission medicals and vaccines for children coming into our care.
- The DFHT had almost 8000 patient visits including walk-ins last year.

Most Utilized Clinic Programs of the Year



HIGHLIGHTS

2950

Total Clients/Patients

8000

Total Patient Visits



CHILD WELFARE

Miikinak Model of Care

Over the last year we have continued to deliver child welfare services from an Anishinabek model of care, which emphasizes the inherent right of Anishinabek to care for their own children by use of traditional practices. Our Miikinak model has strengthened our practice, from a few years ago, to a model that compliments the mutual understanding and respect between caregivers, family members, First Nations and Dilico, regarding the shared responsibility for the planning of all children who come to the attention of child welfare. Together we have increased the use of customary care as the primary practice of care.

HIGHLIGHTS

2974

Inquiries/reports received

979

Completed investigations

(5% increase)

348

Completed investigations on families receiving on-going protection services

(22% decrease)



Year in Review

- A review of Dilico's after-hours services was conducted collaboratively with management and staff and the new Emergency Duty Services is currently running
- Dilico's Alternative Care Services implemented the use of a culturally appropriate home study in the fall
- Dilico's Alternative Care Services implemented a revised training curriculum for alternative caregivers, which includes a cultural component
- As an integrated team, we continue an active involvement with the Association of Native Child and Family Services of Ontario for the purposes of mentoring and advocacy for culturally appropriate delivery of child welfare in Ontario
- Case conferences continue to occur on a regular basis for case planning
- Staff continue to visit our communities on a regular basis

Over the next year we will continue with an integrated approach to reassess children in care for the purposes of reunification and repatriation to caregivers, family members and members of their community.

HIGHLIGHTS

691

Families receiving on-going protection services

(13% increase)

305

Customary care arrangements

299

Children in care with a legal status



DEAR SANTA

HOW ARE YOU?

I HAVE BEEN SUPER GOOD TH

THIS CHRISTMAS I WANT
SMILE AND A NEW DOLLY
A BIG DOLLY.

I ALSO WISH TO HAVE A
LIKE ALL THE OTHER KID

CAN YOU BRING ME A HO

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

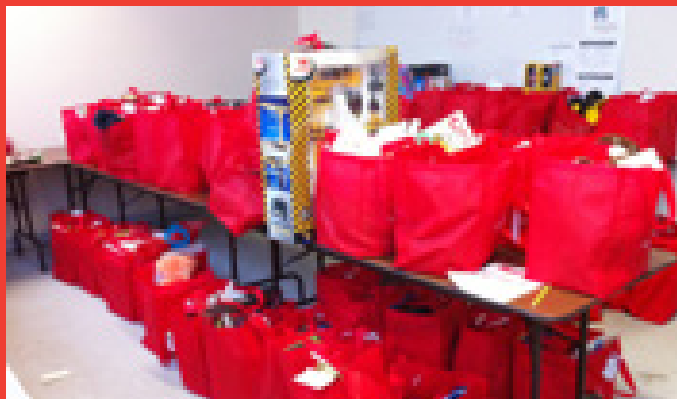
PS DOES RUDOLPH REALL

MATTHEW

HONOURING 2014 INITIATIVES

🎅 Christmas Wish Campaign

Dilico Anishnabek Family Care is continually inspired by the generosity of our community who answer the call to make a child's wish come true on Christmas morning. With the community's support this year, Dilico Anishnabek Family Care Christmas elves were able to fill and deliver over 550 gift bags to many deserving boys and girls in Thunder Bay and district.



“The Dilico Christmas Wish Campaign helps make the Christmas season so much brighter for children and families who find it to be a sad and difficult time of the year;”
“Charitable giving is a wonderful way to feel the spirit of Christmas and give a little joy. It’s one of the most selfless things you can do for someone you don’t even know and is a very unique way of giving.”

Tausha Esquega,
Family Care Case Manager



DEAR SANTA

HOW ARE YOU

I HAVE BEEN SUPER GOOD THIS YEAR.

THIS CHRISTMAS I WANT MY MOM TO
SMILE AND A NEW DOLLY FOR MY SISTER
A BIG DOLLY.

I ALSO WISH TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS
LIKE ALL THE OTHER KIDS.

CAN YOU BRING ME A HOCKEY STICK?

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

PS DOES RUDDOLPH REALLY HAVE A RED NOSE?

MATTHEW



HONOURING 2014 INITIATIVES

🏒 Step Up - Child Abuse Prevention Month

With painted purple feet and toes, on October 8th, 2013, a group of children from Dilico Anishinabek Family Care's Day Treatment Program, helped launch the annual Step Up campaign in Thunder Bay. Each child left a purple footprint on a massive banner, stepping up to do their part in the community for Child Abuse Prevention month.

Throughout Child Abuse Prevention Month Dilico Anishinabek Family Care in partnership with the Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay encouraged communities, organizations and schools to StepUp.

These little footprints should challenge and inspire us all. They represent a journey that lives within each and every one of us, as these footprints have lead us to where we are today. Children, the most precious and the most vulnerable citizens in our society are our future, and we must create a path for them filled with possibilities and hope. They all deserve a life free of fear and violence.

🏒 Go Purple for Prevention Day

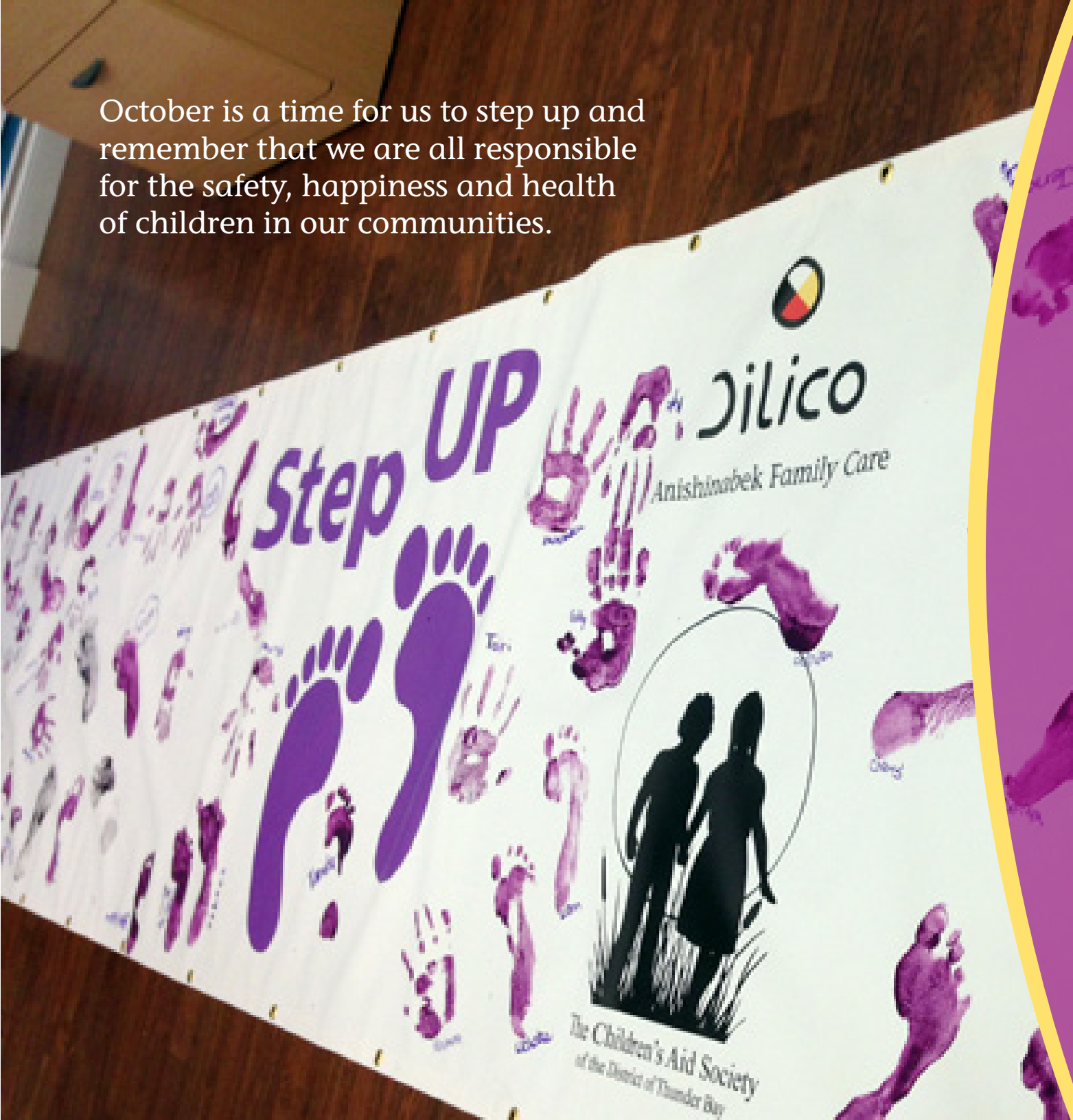
Wednesday October 16th was the first ever 'Go Purple for Prevention' day in the Thunder Bay and District. Hundreds of people went purple for prevention in support of *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Businesses, organizations and individuals wore purple to demonstrate that everyone in the community can step up and take responsibility for the safety, happiness and health of children in our community.

Those participating in the day, submitted photos that were featured on the *Step Up* Facebook page. Participants also created new ways to step up such as baking purple cookies, having a canned-good food drive and creatively incorporating the colour purple into their day. Purple is the signature colour of child abuse prevention..



Members of the Lakehead University Thunderwolves mens hockey team "Go Purple For Prevention". Left to right - Brennan #28, Mike #25, David #18, Adam #13.

October is a time for us to step up and remember that we are all responsible for the safety, happiness and health of children in our communities.



Travelling School Banner

Thunder Bay & District Schools participated in the 2013 StepUP campaign by hosting the StepUP Travelling Banner.

The 24-foot banner visited several schools throughout the region delivering a special message to students. Students got involved by putting their own purple footprint on the banner. Each participating class was also provided with a presentation from Dilico Anishinabek Family Care staff.



CULTURAL PROGRAM

Our Efforts

- Updating database of Elders and cultural resource people
- Applications and screening checks;
- Drumming and Openings for meetings;
- Sharing circles with families/staff;
- Noon-drumming practice and teachings through the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) to connect the district offices to Anemki;
- Drumming circles at Anemki and ARTC;
- Smudging ceremonies for children who return home;
- ARTC client teachings (medicine wheel, hand-drumming & sacred medicines);
- Attending client graduations; grieving circles for staff; farewell smudging circle; mini-summer & mini-winter feasting;

Year In Review

April 2013

Hand drums were made at Anemki; attended the opening of the new Whitesand Dilico office;

May 2013

Joined the National Aboriginal Day (NAD) Committee; the celebration was held at Marina Park; shared Sacred Medicines teachings with foster parents; attended Marathon spring feast; smudged Anemki building; Cultural Committee meeting (ARTC);

June 2013

Smudged Heath Park building & agency homes; spring feast held at the Adult Residential Treatment Centre (ARTC); the Dilico Binesii Drum was honoured with a pipe from John Walmark (Dark Cloud Singers); hand-drums were made in Longlac; year-end BBQ at Heath Park; shared hand-drum teachings at Marina Park with school children 1st day of Aboriginal day; mini-feasts were held at Anemki, Nipigon & Longlac;

July 2013

Smudged group home;

August 2013

Sage picking; shared sage picking teachings with youth at ABTRS; pow-wow booth set up in Mobert, Gull Bay & Michipicoten; awaken drums ceremony & shared hand-drum teachings at the Girls Empowerment Camp;

CULTURAL PROGRAM

September 2013

New Cultural sidebar on intranet; training and intranet calendar postings; Cultural Committee meeting (OTN); drafted drum keepers responsibilities & a list of drum keepers;

October 2013

The ARTC cultural program was changed to connect it to the clinical program; a yearly cultural calendar was developed; elders/staff share teachings twice weekly; basic Ojibwe was incorporated into the weekly teachings; drumming and prayers for Step-Up Against Child Abuse; 520 cedar/tobacco ties were made (blue cloth) & blessed at the fall feasts; Anemki, Heath Park & district offices were smudged; honoured Darcia Borg, our new ED with a wolf design blanket (grandfather gift humility); drum keepers were honoured for the 1st time at the fall feast;

November 2013

Suggested cultural training components to the revised Alternative Care PRIDE Training (Session 1 – Overview of Child Welfare (Smudging & Sacred Medicines); Session 2- Developmental Needs, Attachment Loss & Discipline (Seven Grandfathers); Session 3 – Strengthening & Continuing Family Relationships (Identity, Clans, Spirit Names) and incorporated a definition of culture onto the medicine wheel; Session 4 – Planning for Change/Panel (Holistic Healing/

Medicine Wheel); facilitated Marathon fall feast & hand-drum making; youth hand-drum sessions at Heath Park; Cultural Committee meeting – terms of reference reviewed & revised;

December 2013

Became a member of the Elder's Advisory Council (City of Thunder Bay); drumming at Children-in-Care Christmas parties;

January 2014

Lunch & Learn – “Drumming as a Healing Tool”; agency orientation presentation – understanding culture, understanding aboriginal culture; the traditional healing program began; the healer comes to the Family health Clinic two days per month; pipe ceremony began on the 1st Monday of the month;

February 2014

Awaken Drum Ceremony and teachings at Sherbrook School; retirement party ARTC employee; Cultural Committee meeting – revised Terms of Reference approved;

March 2014

Attend Language Revitalization session; mini retirement pow-wow (Josephine Arvelin).

HONOURING OUR CULTURE

BEATRICE TWANCE-HYNES 

Back in 2012, Beatrice Twance-Hynes was given the task to develop and manage cultural services for the agency. Since then the program has come a very long way, being implemented for the last year supporting the development of traditional practices that promote Anishinabek culture, values, traditions and teachings.

Beatrice explains; “It’s important to remind people about their culture because it is who we are as a people. Culture teaches us about our traditions, where we came from our history, values, beliefs, spirituality, environment; our lifestyle as a people. In learning about the teachings, it is good to reflect back on what you remember as a child or connect with elders from your community to learn from them also.”

Beatrice is constantly sharing teachings and educating people at Dilico. She facilitates the participation of elders and other cultural teachers into the various programs. “The cultural program gives staff and clients the opportunity to learn the teachings from elders, practice ceremonies, use our drums and our pipes, and practice our beliefs. It gives us the opportunity to support our clients on their healing journey in a cultural way.”



HONOURING THE CHILD SPIRIT

EFFIE ZOCCOLE 

“Over the years, many people have lost touch with who they really are;” explains Effie Zoccole, a member of Dilico Anishinabek Elder’s Committee. “We need to continue to work together to bring the child spirit out of the youth so they have their own identity. It’s very important that every child has their own identity and becomes proud of where they come from. If they realize who they are, they will lift the spirit up high and do something for themselves instead of participating in negative things.”

Zoccole along with others at Dilico, teach this through cultural programming. As an Elder, that’s the word she spreads along with a goal of going back to traditional and cultural teachings, ceremonies and powwows. Zoccole has grown up learning to look at life at as a circle. “There is no first and there is no last. When you follow that way of life you become a stronger person and that’s how I have been taught. The things that Elders have passed on to me were never intended for me to keep. I have to share with people, especially the young people. Singing, drumming, dancing and the language is what that circle is all about. It’s a very simple life.”

Effie Zoccole has been with Dilico for 25 years working as a Finance Clerk and sits on the Elders Committee.



HONOURING OUR YOUTH

STEPHANIE QUIECESS

July 7th is a very important day for 17-year-old Stephanie Quiesess. It 's the day she believes was the start of a new journey for her. Before that date last year, she was in what she calls a pretty low time in her life. "I had a short fuse so my mom couldn't handle me at home anymore. I ended up in a group home, and at the time I didn't think I was getting help; I thought my mom was just trying to get rid of me. I turned to drugs and alcohol, which only got me into more trouble." Stephanie was in and out of jail during that period of her life and it became a normal day for her. However on that day in July, she decided that enough was enough- it would be the last time she would end up there. "Every time I would leave custody I would tell the people there, I wouldn't be back and I would always end up in the exact same place a week later. Then in July I said I wouldn't be back, and I haven't returned. July 7th is my anniversary of when I started to get back on track."

Stephanie says she learned to overcome many hurdles through the support of her family and Dilico. "My mom never gave up on me, she came and visited me all the time. Charlene (my worker from Dilico) would come as well, and play games and do activities." She explains that during her time in the group home she learned a lot of life lessons that she has embraced, to make her life more positive which includes a new interest in her culture. Stephanie has recently invested a lot of hours, love, and effort into creating her very own regalia. After completing her traditional dress, she took part in a feast, cooking fish, bannock and enjoying berries and other traditional foods.

"There are a lot of life skills she has learned and has really grown over the past couple of years;" says Family Resource Worker, Charlene Tyance, who has known Stephanie since she was 12. "She is very determined, and is always committed to getting projects done," Charlene continues, as she talks about a bake sale she helped Stephanie hold so that she could purchase her very own contact lenses. "She is going to be a very successful young woman, and has a promising future. I am very proud of her."

Stephanie has a goal to finish highschool next year and then enroll in the Child and Youth Work Program. "When I was growing up there were Youth and Child Care Workers who helped kids like me and they are the ones who made an impact on my life. If they didn't help me I wouldn't be where I am today."

Stephanie is currently working at the Indian Friendship Centre, participating in a documentary project for the Centre's 50th Anniversary.





MENTAL HEALTH and ADDICTIONS

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services

The Community Wellness Development Team project has continued to work with the First Nations this year and has engaged with the Adult Residential Treatment Centre (ARTC) to facilitate training and capacity building within the communities. In partnership with ARTC, communities were supported with aftercare training supports and specialized treatment cycles to support community driven initiatives to assist their membership to safely begin Suboxone treatment.

At year-end the Community Wellness Development project was extended for an additional six months and the Tri-lateral group were working on another call for proposals, as they were unable to fund many projects due to the sheer volume of requests.

Year In Review

- Hosted a one-day training and feedback session for the Ontario Region Community Wellness Development Teams.
- Completed Accreditation with adult services.
- Successfully had 4 of our staff become certified Addiction Counsellors.
- The communities were also supported in developing projects in response to the call for proposals for Prescription Drug Abuse response forwarded by Health Canada.
- Our Adult Case Management Services have also been working in a partnership with the Nipigon Hospital to support an Out-Patient Suboxone program.
- The Adult Residential Treatment Centre has continued its partnership with Lakehead University and we have jointly produced a Strengths Assessment Inventory to utilize in our work with clients.
- The ARTC was selected to be a presenter at the Honoring our Strengths conference to report on modernization and enhanced outcomes.
- We established an intake table in partnership with Child Welfare to enhance response times to meet the needs of our families as a priority.

Children's Mental Health Programs

The Children's Mental Health programs will be undergoing accreditation as we initiated the process this fiscal year with Children's Mental Health Ontario.

Becoming accredited will enhance the programs and services we provide to our community youth and create an environment of continuous review and improvements based on survey outcomes.

Year In Review

- Assessment Brief Treatment Residential Services (ABTRS) was re-profiled and we have changed the schedule and added a fulltime on-site Counsellor to be more responsive to the complexity of the needs of our youth.
- We were successful in securing a new Youth in Transition Worker.
- Successfully hosted and coordinated a training session for the new provincially funded community-based Mental Health and Addictions Workers.
- We were successful in our submission to become the Regional Aboriginal lead for Tele-Mental Health Services.
- Boys and Girls Cultural Camps were provided during the summer
- Provided training in Trauma Informed Practices for all Mental Health & Addictions staff.
- The Maamawe Kenjigewin Initiative Coordinator provided a panel presentation on the Aboriginal Suicide Response Project at a MCYS funded conference.

HIGHLIGHTS

70
individuals
received Adult
Mental Health
Services

80
Back-To-Basics
sessions delivered
to individuals

162
clients received In-
Patient Residential
Treatment Services

88
individuals
received Aftercare
Services

133
community
sessions

125
individuals in the
district received
group services

461
community face to
face client sessions

22
ADAT Assessment
Groups sessions for
202 individuals

656
community
visits

55
individuals
received
Concurrent
Disorders Case
Management
Services

519
referrals for
adult residential
treatment

35
specialized
Suboxone cycles
provided to
individuals

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

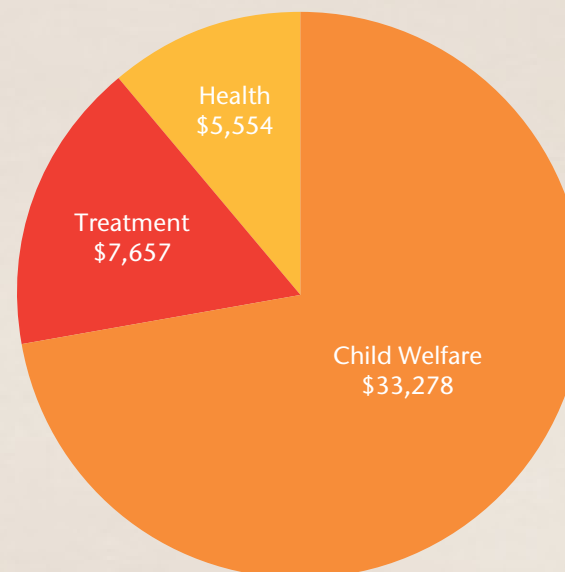
Condensed Financial Information

Year ended March 31		
	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
OPERATIONS		
REVENUES		
Government of Ontario	\$39,339	\$37,276
Government of Canada	\$4,476	\$4,628
Other	\$3,154	\$3,061
	\$46,969	\$44,965
EXPENDITURE		
Child Welfare	\$33,278	\$32,336
Treatment	\$7,657	\$7,404
Health	\$5,554	\$5,307
	\$46,489	\$45,047
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT FROM OPERATIONS		
	(480)	(82)

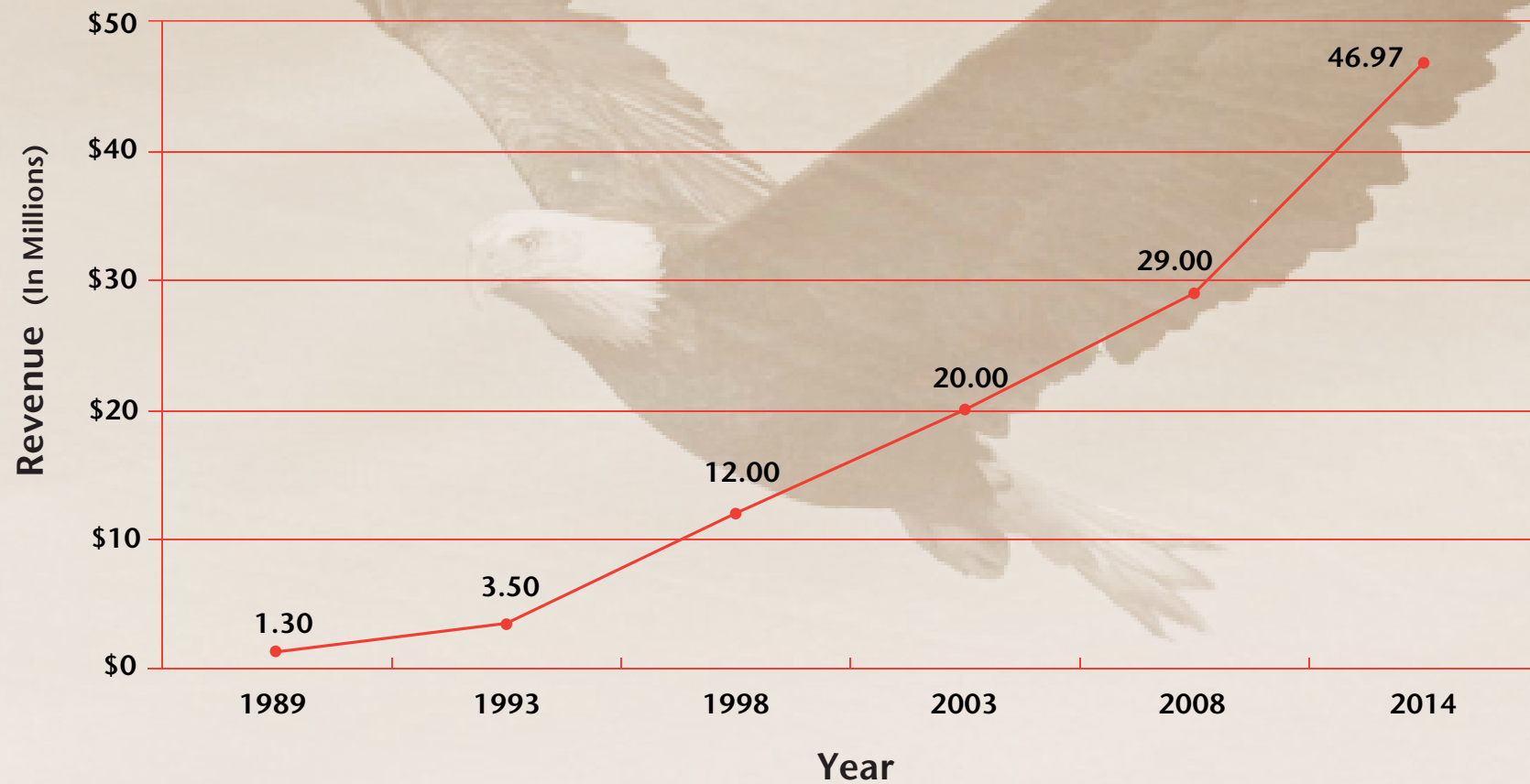
Finance Department

Finance is dedicated to providing leadership, technical support, information and advice in the development and administration of financial and information services including the preparation and management of capital and operating budgets as well as long range plans to ensure the financial stability of Dilico Anishinabek Family Care.

Expenditure By Service 2014 (In thousands of dollars)



Growth in Funding: 1989 - 2014



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