

Strengthening Our Relations | Empowering Our Life-Givers | Reclaiming Our Worth

Empowerment & Self-Defense Facilitator Training

for Indigenous Women

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We **NEED YOU** to be a part of the Solution!

Since Euro contact, our People have suffered at the hands of colonial and patriarchal oppressors and their acts of genocide as many of our prophecies predicted. For all that remain, we know that our survival depended on our ancestors' unimaginable sacrifices and losses. And so, we are still here!

However, one of the largest human rights crises we have faced continues with an emphasized target on our women and girls. The *Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women & Girls tragedy* that began 500 years ago continues to this day. While there may be different circumstances, in Canada and the U.S., the devastation is the same.

We cannot ignore the statistics that our women & girls face murder rates *far* higher than national averages and *most* sex crimes against Indigenous women & girls are perpetrated by non-Natives. Man-camps, cartels, human-trafficking criminal enterprises, systemic impacts of extreme poverty and loss of agency are all debilitating and demoralizing circumstances that will require all of us to *join together to protect the Sacred*.

The destruction of our way of life, our land, our men, women, two-spirited, and children have been and continue to be the unstated goal of the dominant society. It's time we do more than merely survive: with your support, we can restore dignity, respect and the creative life-force that our our women and communities both embody, let alone deserve.

We can no longer wait for governments, corporations, law enforcement, or racist systems to listen to our needs or to change. Let **US** give our women and thus **OUR** communities the support, tools, and self-determination needed to thrive.

Words are not enough. Effective actions must be taken to protect and honor the Indigenous women and girls affected by the MMIWG crisis. That is where House of the Moon comes in...

We need each of your gifts, unique contributions, knowledge and ancestral wisdom in these unprecedented times.

As our ancestors, let us use our resiliency, ingenuity and Traditional Knowledge to define who we are and our future. It is time to end this existential threat to our People. With House of the Moon's Empowerment and Self-Defense Facilitator Training program, we can prevent, heal, and strengthen our women and communities.

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Dear Relative,

House of the Moon is a grassroots, Indigenous led holistic healing and restoration movement designed to address the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women & Girls (MMIWG) Crisis in the U.S and Canada through the empowerment of Indigenous women.

The heartbeat of the organization is a Holistic **Empowerment & Self-Defense Facilitator Training Program** designed for women to learn physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual empowerment and self-defense tools and practices rooted in Traditional, Spiritual knowledge. The program's curriculum embraces a comprehensive approach to healing, learning, and empowerment. Our focus is to restore reverence, renew a strong web of sisterhood, and support women in reclaiming their inherent leadership abilities, strength and sovereignty.

To offer and expand the program, we need sponsors to offset the cost of trainings, retreats, healing sessions, and more. The levels of sponsorship are attached. Enclosed you will find a sponsorship application, offerings for the women and the benefits for your Nation, corporation or organization. Any donation is greatly appreciated and greatly impacts the sustainable growth of House of the Moon.

This is not just a program, we are uniting to save lives.

All Our Relations,

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President Northern Cheyenne Tribe 2019 - 2020



Tina Bierle

Program Manager Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC), 2012 - 2020



Connecting Our Communities

Reclaiming Sovereignty, Power, & Worth

"It's more clear than ever that HOM is critically needed at this tumultuous time and there is no other entity doing this work in North America, perhaps globally. It is reaching the very heart of our Nation's and familia, and is the restitution our Chief's, Matriarchal, Hereditary, and Leaders are calling for that is guided by our Ancestral wisdom, teachings, values, and principles by our own Matriarchs and the pillars in our families, communities, and Nations."

Chief Judy Wilson

Neskonolith Indian Band, British Columbia

"House of the Moon felt like the expansion of our Women's Teachings in a way that must have been gifted in dream and ceremony. To be among women of different Nations and locations, yet gathered through the sacredness of Fire, Air, Water, and Earth, proved to be an experience of empowerment only Wakonda could have quided."

Casey Camp-Horinek

Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma

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Meet Our Growing Circle of Advisers & Core Faculty



We are grateful to our Circle of Advisers & Core Faculty for their guidance, insights & unique contributions to ensure that our program goes forward in a good way.



Gladys Radek

HOM Adviser Co-Founder of Tears 4 Justice Gitksan Wet'suwet'en



Georgina Lightning

HOM Adviser
Award Winning Actress &
Film Director



Grace Alverez Sesma

HOM Adviser & Core Faculty Cultural Practitioner & Educator



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Cherokee



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HOM Adviser Cree Lawyer & Chief



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HOM Adviser & Core Faculty
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Native Wellness Institute,
Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d' Alene) Tribe,
Nselxcin (Okanogan/Colville),
Nimipu (Nez Perce)



Ben Nuvamsa

HOM Adviser CEO & President of Kiva Institute Hopi



Amelia Washington

HOM Elder Support Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs Elder's Representative Nlaka'pamux



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Graduates from the Pilot Training Program became...

House of the Moon Facilitators. Each are now certified to offer culturally relevant empowerment and self-defense gatherings in their own communities using their own unique gifts and perspectives. On April 27, 2021, 7 Native Women graduated from House of the Moon's Pilot Facilitator Training Program. We are forever grateful for these courageous women who stepped forward and were the first to walk through the Empowerment and Self-Defense Training. With their commitment, critical feedback, and insights, we are able to improve our future programs and move forward in a good way.

Regeneration of Self-Worth, Empowerment, Healing, and Self-Definition of Indigenous Women, Girls, and Communities looks like this:



100% graduation rate with women from multiple Tribes & First Nations in the U.S & Canada



One graduate translated

HOM curricula to be age appropriate K-12. They are now offering gatherings in School District 58 in British Columbia.



The Facilitator Training
Program reached nearly
400 people from over 30
Tribes & First Nations



90% of funds raised were invested in Indigenous Leadership, artists, & small businesses

"I have been using the training that I received to apply to every aspect of my job. I am now the elected official representative of our Tribe for MMIP/MMIW & have been seated on the Attorney General's Task Force. I am also the Domestic Violence Coordinator for our Tribe & have been working on setting up a Coordinated Community Response Team for anyone who goes missing on the Reservation. Thank you to HOM, I have these skills that are needed & the fire & passion in my heart."

Tina Bierle

CSKT & Fort Belknap Assiniboine

CHERYL RULE

C'eletkwemx (Coldwater Community) Nle'kepmxcÍn Nation (Thompson Nation)

DANA HEWANKORN

Ksanka Kootenai of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

IRIS KILL EAGLE

Little Shell Tribe

MYRNA DUMONTIER

CSKT / Salish, Cree, Shawnee & Nez Perce

MELISSA MOSES

Nlaka'pamux, Sylix & Stl'atl'imx

ELDER AMELIA WASHINGTON

Nlaka'pamux



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Reciprocity: Giving is Receiving

It's not cliche. At the center of Traditional Indigenous values is the practice of **Reciprocity**. From a grassroots level, your sponsorship and unique contributions to House of the Moon ensure that those of us who have the ability to invest in women, our Life-givers, will secure stronger, healthier, and more balanced Indigenous communities everywhere. **With your commitment and intentional offering, we** can grow House of the Moon in a decolonized way, putting our people and Traditional values first.

Tribes and First Nations Giving

- Provide mental, physical, emotional and spiritual content and curricula delivered by Indigenous leaders, educators, elders and healers focused on holistic empowerment and self-defense
- Give Indigenous women the ability to facilitate Empowerment and Self-Defense gatherings in their own Tribal Communities
- Give our Life-givers the opportunity to earn a Graduate Certificate of Completion in order to become an Empowerment and Self-Defense Facilitator in their own communities
- Give Indigenous women the platform to use their unique skill-sets, strengths, and passions AND accelerate their personal healing, growth, and development
- Give Indigenous women the opportunity to create gatherings and lesson plans in culturally relevant ways in order to empower their own communities
- Give women the opportunity to form meaningful connections with Tribal women throughout Turtle
 Island and to learn from the experiences of other Indigenous leaders, elders, healers, and relatives
 across Turtle Island Stronger Together, Never Alone!
- Continue to have the support from a growing number of alumni, faculty, elders and educators as well as the invaluable support of the program's core values and framework after graduation

Tribes and First Nations Receiving

Dependent upon sponsorship level

- Invitation to Speak at Events or Training Ceremonies
- Have your Tribe or First Nation voices heard, welcoming insights, feedback and ideas
- Be paired with a future trainee to learn more about the program's impact and strengthen relations along the way* (*only if trainee gives permission for communications)
- Ability to use your sponsorship story in your own marketing and media
- Logo placement on all House of the Moon signage
- Logo placement on website and marketing materials
- Logo displayed on signage at House of the Moon events
- Receive sponsorship gifts(s) created by the House of the Moon community and Indigenous artists
- HOM Swag; Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Bandanas and more

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Sponsorship Opportunities

House of the Moon would like to make the Empowerment & Self-Defense Facilitator Training Program affordable for Indigneous Women in the U.S. & Canada & grow a sustainable & lasting effort to end the Murdered & Missing crisis, one Relative at a time.

We envision that an Indigenous woman from every Tribe & First Nation on Turtle Island takes the training & becomes a HOM Facilitator in her community.

In an effort to give Indigenous women an opportunity to be trained as a Facilitator in the program, then extend their teachings in culturally relevant ways in their own communities, we are inviting you to be a needed sponsor. For without you, we cannot go forward in a good way. Through the training, House of the Moon provides these women with physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual empowerment, as well as physical & non-physical self-defense tools & practices. The rates of Missing & Murdered women & girls are higher than any other ethnicity in North America. We can and we will end this by coming together.

We hope that you will support our efforts in ending this crisis through your sponsorship, belief in and investment in our Life-givers and communities.

In these unprecedented times, we need movements that systemically address equality, justice & the protection of women, the Life-givers. Give the First Women of this Land the tools & practices necessary to protect themselves.

When we invest in Indigneous women, we prioritize their empowerment, sovereignty, & self-definition, preventing further Murdered & Missing.

"House of the Moon is going to help keep these Women and Girls memories alive; Henny, Ashley (Loring Heavyrunner), Jermain (Charlo), and continue to keep their memory alive so more women will be empowered and confident in themselves."

Paula Castro-Stops

Mother of 14-year-old Henny Scott, from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation & Victim of the MMIWG Crisis





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Sponsorship Levels

Please consider sponsoring House of the Moon and the Indigneous women that come through our program. **Sponsorship opportunities** to choose from are listed below:



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1 YEAR
COMMITMENT

2 YEAR
COMMITMENT

3 YEAR
COMMITMENT

4 YEAR
COMMITMENT



Sponsorship Opportunities



TURTLE \$50,000

Program's Sustainable Growth and Decolonized Development including: operations, program expansion, staffing, and visibility (marketing and social media presence)

BEAR \$40,000

Full Destination Healing Retreat for 4 women, includes: lodging, welcome packages, support Elders, Indigenous presenters, Traditional foods & preparation, travel and support staff

CARIBOU \$30,000

3 Women's Full Training Tuition and Destination Healing Retreat

HORSE \$25,000

Lodging, Travel and Traditional Foods for 14 women on our 4 Day Destination Healing Retreat in Yellowstone

SALMON \$20,000

2 Women's Full Training Tuition and Destination Healing Retreat

DEER \$15,000

Indigenous core-faculty curricula presentations for 16 week virtual training

WOLF \$10,000

Trainees ability to deliver 4 Holistic empowerment and self-defense gatherings in their own communities including: Elder support, cultural social workers and marketing (During the Pilot, 7 women reached over 300 community members)

ELK \$5,000

Private and group trauma informed healing sessions for 14 Women throughout the training

HUMMINGBIRD

\$1,000

Training materials for 4 Women for the entire program



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Sponsorship Information

Please fill out the fields below to ensure your sponsorship and return this completed form to relative@houseofthemoon.org, along with your Tribe/First Nation or Company/Organization high resolution logo to be presented on our sponsors page and printed materials. When you mail your check as indicated below, make a note that your donation is for House of the Moon. Please make your Tax Deductible contribution check payable to our Fiscal Sponsor, Columbiana:

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If you have any questions, please contact Erin Mitchell our program coordinator at (443)-939-4834 or email: relative@houseofthemoon.org.

We want to express our deep appreciation in advance for your generous contribution to this program. For more information about House of the Moon, please visit our website at: www.houseofthemoon.org or contact us at relative@houseofthemoon.org

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Endorsements, Supporters and Advocates...will you add yours?

"House of the Moon is an incredible spirit driven program that empowers Indigenous Women. They were transformed and armed with education, healing, and self-defense as they became a voice in their own communities," says **LoVina Louie**, HOM Adviser and Core Faculty, Board Member and Trainer for Native Wellness Institute.

"I think House of the Moon is an incredible example of prevention of what tribes are doing to address the crisis, and one of the best examples that I've heard so far." Mary Kathryn Nagel, one of the foremost Indigenous attorneys in North America.

"I am not an expert. I am a grassroots person who cares deeply about my people. My intentions are to bring our people together in a safe space to learn more about MMIWG, to reclaim our traditional perspectives and our inherent courage to overcome this crisis. With House of the Moon, we will stand to empower ourselves and protect our women, girls, and people." Dana Hewankorn, a recent graduate from the Pilot Training Program and CSKT Tribal Member.















