

**RESPONSE FROM ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING
TABLETS THROUGH TELUS PARTNERSHIP****Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre**

“Maintaining connection between children and their birth families is so critical at all times but is more important during this challenging time full of uncertainty,” said Diane Redsky, executive director, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre. “TELUS’s donation gives children and families involved in the CFS system a tool to stay connected with each other and will go a very long way in supporting their well-being. Thank you TELUS!”

Reach Youth Services

“Through this very generous donation, kids in our care will be able to have meaningful connections (albeit virtually) with friends, family and support providers,” said Jennifer Westaway, executive director, Reach Youth Services. “Whether it’s connecting on social media, or privately with a therapist, these devices will help assure them they are not alone in this.”

Winnipeg Child and Family Services

“This donation will allow children and youth to participate in education programming that they were otherwise excluded from, as they did not have access to the technology,” said Norlyn Ritchie, chief executive officer, Winnipeg Child and Family Services. “This device will enable children and youth to experience more meaningful contact with their family and extended family during a time where in-person contact is very limited.”

Neecheewam

“Neecheewam would like to extend a big hearty thank you to TELUS for the donation of the tablets with data plans made to the Province of Manitoba for the use of children and youth in various child and family services agencies,” said Cory Campbell, executive director, Neecheewam. “The tablets will enable our young people to maintain tangible connections to their immediate and extended families as they navigate their way through the current pandemic that we find ourselves in. From all of us here at Neecheewam, Chii Miigwetch, Ekosani, Pidamiya do, Sze Sze T-ah Masi Cho, Merci....Thank You.”

Ndinawemaagang Endaawaad

“Ndinawe would like to send our thanks to TELUS for the kind gift of connecting our youth with their loved ones and support networks,” said Kayla Stubbs, interim executive director, Ndinawemaagang Endaawaad. “It can be hard to stay connected with family and friends during a pandemic and TELUS has just made it that much easier for some of our youth.”

Blue Thunderbird Family Care

“In this time of uncertainty and tension as our children and youth struggle with the resulting isolation from the ‘normal’ world, these tablets will provide important access to educational resources and re-store vital connections with parents that have been disrupted for too long,” said Ron Sawatzky, manager of operations, Blue Thunderbird Family Care. “In circumstances where our at-risk youth are insisting to see family, these devices provide a meaningful alternative way of connecting and thereby also mitigate the risk of spreading the virus. For families in the community who are isolated in their homes, these devices provide a critical connection to the outside world and an integral measure of safety and support from resources they can now only access on-line.”

Roots Youth Care

“This is a valuable act of kindness that highlights the wonderful strides we make as a community,” said Bernard Kankam, executive director, Roots Youth Care. “This allows our boys to be engaged and connected to all life's moments, family, friends and their community.”