

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Greetings,

On behalf of the Fredericton Native Friendship Center and 21 Inc., I would like to invite you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Aboriginal Day Gala, which will take place on **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6pm at the Charlotte Street Art Center Auditorium**. This evening will promote awareness of aboriginal culture in the Fredericton region as well as raise funds for the Fredericton Native Friendship Centre through a celebration of Aboriginal art, music and traditional foods. It is with the support and dedication of the community that we at the Friendship Center can continue our work.

Attendees will be treated to an original assembly of Aboriginal art pieces from such talent as Shane Perley-Dutcher, and the Friendship Center's Artist in Residence Tara Francis, among many others. We welcome you to participate in an opening prayer and smudging ceremony by traditional Maliseet elder Maggie Paul from St. Mary's First Nation beginning at **6:00pm**, followed by a presentation by guest speaker Keith Dawson from the eight time ECMA award winning band Forever. The evening will also include a selection of traditional foods for the tasting. This event will act as an opening ceremony for our downtown event at City Hall on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday starting at 10:00am and ending with a feast at 6:00pm. During the day we will offer storytelling, drumming and dance demos, an educational station and children's activities. All are welcome to Saturday's festivities.

The purchase of each **\$50.00** gala ticket will support the urban Aboriginal community of New Brunswick that the Fredericton Native Friendship Center serves. If you or someone within your organization are not able to attend this event please consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$50.00 nonetheless. These donations will be used to provide tickets for those would benefit from attending this event, but who cannot afford to pay the fee. Thank you, We'la'lin, and Woliwon for your time and consideration.

For additional information and ticket reservations, please call (506) 459-5283.

In Friendship,

Sincerely,

Tamara Polchies  
Executive Director  
Fredericton Native Friendship Center

Carlos Cuellar, Jennifer Daigle,  
Ryan Francis and Erin Schryer  
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