

CUMFI SUPPORTIVE LIVING PROGRAM

ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY 2015



INFINITY HOUSE

KANAWAYIMIK HOME

NIWAAPATAHANAANIK HOME

& TROTCHIE HOUSE

## Niwaapatahanaanik Home “We are showing them”

Niwaapatahanaanik Home is the shelter that supports two parent families who have children in foster care with the Ministry of Social Services (MSS) or at risk of having their children placed in care. Presently we have 7 families living here at Niwa that include 14 children ages 6 months to 15 years.

It's summer! School's out! Let the Fun Times Begin!



The weather has been so nice to get out to the spray parks and swimming pools. The Children are happy school is out! The parents continue to attend their weekly meetings Monday thru Friday and other scheduled appointments. Some are also attending STC's summer programs. The children are attending White Buffalo day camps, Wanaskaywin camps and bible camps. We even have a young girl attending Persephone Theatre here in Saskatoon. Who knows we may have the next Oscar winning actress.....and the Oscar goes to.....

The families and children are revved up for the Ex, the Fringe, rain dances, and other overnight camps.

Here at Niwa we've planned outings/picnics in the park and our own kick off to the Ex with a pancake breakfast, Yummy!

The Shelter provides supports to the dads and their families traditionally with an Aboriginal Men's Coordinator, Mathew Donkey. Mathew has hosted events such as feast, sweats, one to one counselling and has also accompanied some dads to their meetings/appointments when that little extra support is needed, Thank you Mathew

Niwa staff and families would like to wish you all a safe summer. Remember to take lots of water, sunscreen and hats for those babies when out and about in the community.

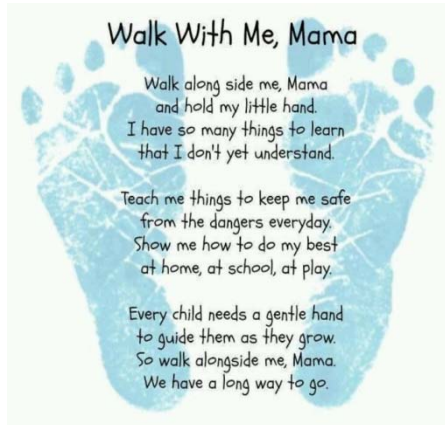


There are two gifts  
we should give our children:  
One is roots.  
The other is wings.

## Kanaweyimik Home

Kanaweyimik Home houses 4 moms and 10 children. Our children range from ages 15 months to 11 years old. Week day staff assists the moms and children with their daily routine schedules that includes cooking and cleaning. Other assistance is with their yearly checkups, Dentist, Optometrist and immunizations.

We currently have moms that are in the STC summer program, MACSI outpatients; White Buffalo parenting class. Five of the children attend White Buffalo summer program Monday to Friday.



We have two moms who work with a Parent Aid 2 to 3 times a week and 2 other moms that work with STC Chums program.

We like to have our moms have one to one time with each of their children. This gives the mom a better chance to know each child's likes and dislikes, as some of children have been returned to the moms a month after being in the program.

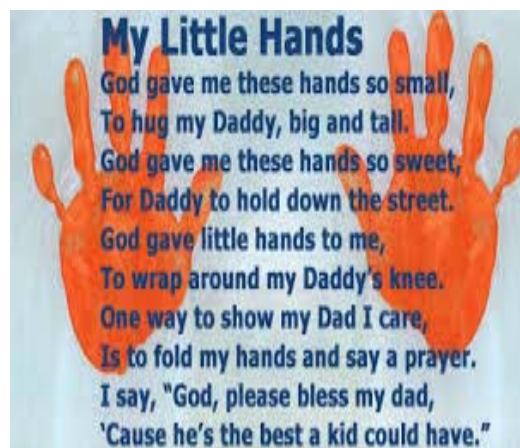
Our team of weekend staff does easy homemade crafts with the children such as kinetic sand, painting, cooking and easy baking.





## Trotchie House

There are three single Dads here at Trotchie Home which include ten children. The Dad's attend programming Monday and Friday; others attend programming and their employment. The children participate in programming at White Buffalo, Black Strap camps, Bible camp and Day Care. Two of the children were chosen to participate with the Tim Hortons "Kids Camp". Staff encourages the "open door" approach with the office and allows the children to come and watch TV and/or do some crafts. Mathew Donkey, CUMFI's Aboriginal Men's Coordinator is a welcome support to the Dads. Conversation and coffee is also welcome for the father's with Trotchie Staff.





## Infinity House

At Infinity House right now, we have 6 long term moms and 2 emergency moms, including a total of 16 children. We also have 4 beautiful children staying at Auntie's Place.

Monday to Friday all moms attend NA, AA, MACSI, OASIS meetings, parenting programs at White Buffalo, and Co-Dependency programs to help them to learn how to be independent and make positive choices and decision for themselves and their families. Some of our moms attend Saskatoon Family Services' Domestic Violence program to help and empower them to stand for themselves and their children and learn how to stop domestic violence against themselves and their children.

At Infinity House we have 24 hour staffs available to help, encourage, support moms with returning their children in their care. Staffs also provide numerous supportive weekly Case Plans with moms to help them, to become sober and more independent and be capable of moving out successful into the community with their children.

Every Wednesday long-term moms go out with staff for outdoor summer programming.



On Wednesday July 15, 2015 staff took our moms to Taste of Saskatchewan.

On Wednesday July 22, 2015 staff took moms to Library.

On Wednesday July 29, 2015 staff and moms will go to the spray park!

Every Thursday most of moms and their children attend outdoor programs at White Buffalo from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

2-3 times a week moms attends the STC outdoor summer programs



Monday to Saturday all kids age 6 and older attend the White Buffalo outdoor summer programs. Most of the kids love and enjoy their day out at the swimming pool and spray parks!



Within the past few weeks Infinity House has also had one of our long-term mom successfully graduated out of the Coming Home Program!



This mom exemplifies perseverance and determination, and is a true model of what can be achieved when supports and resources are utilized.

Staff at Infinity House are so proud of her and the future she has created for herself and her son. Congratulations!

