

## **Monthly Report: VIVA Project**

### **Meetings:**

This month, I met with Parrot Paradise, CORE Youth Centre, Hometown Hearts, Valley Heartland and the Founder and coordinator of a grass roots project that delivers art supplies to Indigenous communities in the far North to discuss VIVA. All will be signing an MOU by the end of November and are very eager to receive youth volunteers.

### **Upcoming meetings:**

Notre Dame High School November 27, 2018

MM Youth Centre November 27, 2018

### **Training:**

Youth training occurred at SFDCI on October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was an all-day event with Sarah and Elle accompanying and supporting. The students were engaged, interested and eager. It was a very productive day!

### **Upcoming Training:**

CORE Youth Services staff will be trained on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Valley Heartland BR and E project staff will be trained November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Two Youth training sessions will take place at CORE on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. CORE is advertising and sharing on social media as well as informing the local high schools. I anticipate 20 to 30 kids participating.

### **Concerns:**

I am making good progress with agencies; however, it has been very challenging to get training sessions scheduled in schools. All have expressed interest and enthusiasm about the VIVA project, but their own procedures and policies are making progress slow. I will continue to visit and communicate with the schools to push for student training to occur as soon as possible. And schedule youth training days outside of school hours.