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Chilliwack Museum & Archives Host Reconciliation Themed Travelling Exhibition

Chilliwack, BC – The Chilliwack Museum & Archives is currently exhibiting *Where are the Children? Healing the Impacts of Residential Schools* from the Legacy of Hope Foundation. This exhibition, the first in Canada to be developed on residential schools, uses archival photographs and documents, to tell the story of the System using a more traditional museum-style format. The content is presented on text panels and the images as framed photographs.

Where are the Children? spans over 125 years and contains photographs and documents from the 1880s to the present day. Photographs, text panels, and artifacts move the witness through the process of leaving home and arriving at school to school activities and being part of a classroom. A section on the children who never returned home as well as on contemporary role models provides a wide range of perspectives.

“The exhibition helps to inform visitors of the continued impacts of the Residential School System,” explained Kate Feltren, Curator, “from which we hope to spark discussions surrounding our collective responsibility of redress. While these discussions are only one aspect of the ongoing reconciliation process, our aim is to promote awareness and understanding so that we can work towards a better future.”

In addition to this exhibition, the Chilliwack Museum is exhibiting artwork by Tracey-Mae Chambers as part of the *#HopeandHealingCanada* Project. This project consists of a series of site-specific installations across Canada and illustrates connections between Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis peoples with Canadians, while also addressing the decolonization of public spaces. The woven web represents the complexity of issues surrounding reconciliation, with each ring symbolizing family connections and resilience.

Where are the Children? Healing the Impacts of Residential Schools will be on display until October 15, 2022. A Closing reception is tentatively planned for September 29, 2022 – more details to come. *#HopeandHealingCanada* will be on display until Fall 2022.

If you or anyone you know is suffering, please contact the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line for former Residential School students: [1-866-925-4419](tel:1-866-925-4419).

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