



Local Alberta Treaties,
Metis Nation of Alberta Regions,
Metis Settlements,
and
Indigenous Nations Acknowledgements

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ACWS Acknowledgments

Traditional Land Acknowledgments

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The ACWS office is located on Treaty 6 land, which is the traditional territory of the Plains Cree and an ancient gathering place of many Indigenous peoples for thousands of years. These lands have also been home to and a central trading place of the Blackfoot, Nakota, Assiniboine, Dene, and the Métis people of western Canada.

We honour the courage and strength of Indigenous women. We honor them as life givers and care givers as we honor and learn from their continuing achievements, their consistent strength, and their remarkable endurance.

Our members – and the participating shelters in this project - serve all nations and all peoples; they are located on Treaty 6, 7 and 8 lands across this province which include the six Metis regions of Alberta.

On Reserve Member Recognition

These acknowledgements are a result of guidance from ACWS members from Kainai, Bigstone, Sucker Creek and Ermineskin First Nations. Together we developed a statement of principles and values, which included that ACWS would “Respect and acknowledge the traditional Indigenous territories and treaties that are at the foundation of the Province of Alberta”. Our action plan was to develop a statement of respect and acknowledgements for the purposes of being read at all ACWS gatherings and meetings, and be included in our website and printed materials. We are pleased to share the results of this work with all of our members.

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Why we do Treaty Acknowledgments

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By acknowledging treaty, we are acknowledging a very special and sacred relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canadians. It goes beyond the recognition that we are on Treaty lands, such as “We acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory.” Our acknowledgment brings us to the most important part of treaty relations from an Indigenous understanding, which is the kinship ceremony and familial relationship that is meant to bring all Canadians and Indigenous peoples together in good relations.

From the Canadian legal perspective making Treaty, and the Treaties, is the bedrock of the Canadian nation-state. The Royal Proclamation of 1763 is the legal corner stone that first defined the treaty making process in British North America. It legally recognizes Indigenous peoples as nations and that the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous nations is a “nation to nation” relationship. Canada cannot exist as an international state unless, as the 1763 Royal Proclamation states, it “treats with” Indigenous peoples as it defines and expands its geopolitical boundaries.

The Royal Proclamation also recognizes that only Indigenous nations and the Crown can enter into treaty making to acquire access to Indigenous territories. It also recognizes that Indigenous nations have “Aboriginal title” and rights to public lands in Canada. Therefore, requiring the Crown to ensure that Indigenous nations are meaningfully consulted on commercial and governmental developments on traditional Indigenous territories. The Supreme Court of Canada has repeatedly upheld and defined the concept of “Aboriginal title” and rights of Indigenous peoples as nations.

While the legal foundation of treaties is well established and constitutionally protected through Section 35 of the Constitution of Canada, the perspective of Treaty as a relationship document is largely forgotten even though considered equally important as its legal definition. The process of treaty making as a kinship ceremony brings much more depth to what treaty means not only as a legal agreement, however, as a sacred relationship between nations. In this respect, Treaties are seen as adoption ceremonies between nations. When Indigenous nations signed treaty, they had also adopted Canada and Canadians as family: as sisters and brothers. Treaties are revered as a sacred covenant based on family trust, sharing, and mutual prosperity.

We are all treaty people. As Canada enters the Age of Reconciliation, acknowledging treaty is an act of honoring the unique and powerful relationship that lies at the heart of Canada. It becomes the first demonstration of respect for Indigenous peoples. It also creates for us another way in which to see our individual roles and obligations of respect for each other in a familial way. It is felt by many that reconciliation is not just settling outstanding legal matters or history, but more importantly how each Canadian today has a role to practice good relations. Treaty becomes more of a verb than a noun. Treaty is respect, honour, sharing, and trust in action. Ultimately, this knowledge of treaty is not limited to the Canadian-Indigenous relationship, but it is also a gift for all Canadians in how we can treat each other as family.

The following pages provide guidance on Acknowledgments for ACWS Members’ use across Alberta.

Local Alberta Treaties, Metis Nation of Alberta Regions, Metis Settlements, and Indigenous Nations Acknowledgements

Banff

Bow Valley Emergency Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which Banff is located. And honour these sacred grounds that were shared by the Siksika, Piikuni, Kainai, the Tsuut'ina peoples of the Stoney-Nakoda First Nations of Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley, as well as the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future.

Brooks

Cantera Safe House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which, Brooks is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Siksika First Nation and the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan"

Calgary

Kerby Rotary Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge Treaty 7 lands, which is the traditional territory of the Siksika, Kainai, Tsuut'ina, Piikani, the Nakota, and an important trading centre for the Metis of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future We honour the courage and strength of Indigenous women who have forged vital diplomatic relationships, trading relations, and as foundation builders of this City. We honour them as life givers and care givers as we honor and learn from their continuing achievements, their consistent strength, and their remarkable endurance."

YWCA Sheriff King Home

"We honour and acknowledge Treaty 7 lands, which is the traditional territory of the Siksika, Kainai, Tsuut'ina, Piikani, the Nakota, and an important trading centre for the Metis of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We honour the courage

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The Brenda Strafford Centre for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

“We honour and acknowledge Treaty 7 lands, which is the traditional territory of the Siksika, Kainai, Tsuu’tina, Piikani, the Nakota, and an important trading centre for the Metis of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We honour the courage and strength of Indigenous women who have forged vital diplomatic relationships, trading relations, and as foundation builders of this City. We honour them as life givers and care givers as we honor and learn from their continuing achievements, their consistent strength, and their remarkable endurance.”

Discovery House

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Sonshine Centre

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Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter

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Camrose

Camrose Women’s Shelter

“We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which Camrose is located. We respect and honour our Plains Cree neighbors of the Samson First Nation, the Ermineskin First Nation, the Montana First Nation, the Louis Bull First Nation, and the Metis who also make Camrose and area their home. As well as, the Metis peoples of Region 4 of the Metis nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future.”

Cold Lake

Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre

“We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which Cold Lake is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Dene and Cree peoples of the Cold Lake First Nation, the Puskikiakiwenin First Nation, Unipouhoes First Nation, as well as, the Metis of the Elizabeth Metis Settlement and the Fishing Lake Settlement and the Metis of Region 1 and 2 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future.”

Joie’s Phoenix House

“We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which Cold Lake is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Dene and Cree peoples of the Cold Lake First Nation, the Puskikiakiwenin First Nation, Unipouhoes First Nation, as well as, the Metis of the Elizabeth Metis Settlement and the Fishing Lake Settlement and the Metis of Region 1 and 2 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future.”

Edmonton

SAGE Senior’s Safe House

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Understanding. We honour the courage and strength of Indigenous women who have lived in this river valley forging diplomatic relationships, trading relations, and as foundation builders of this City we call Edmonton. We honor them as life givers and care givers as we honor and learn from their continuing achievements, their consistent strength, and their remarkable endurance.”

WIN House

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Lurana Shelter

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La Salle

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Wings of Providence

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Enilda

Next Step

“We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which our city is located. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the Woodland Cree people of the Bigstone, Sawridge, Driftpile, Swan River, Sucker Creek First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of the East Prairie Metis Settlement and the Metis of Region 5 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding. ACWS celebrates and values the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta’s Indigenous people have shared us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan.”

Sucker Creek Emergency Women’s Shelter

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Fairview

Crossroads Resource Centre

“We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which, Fairview is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Woodland Cree at the William Mackenzie First Nation and the Metis of the Pevine and Gift Lake Metis Settlements and the Metis of Region 6 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding.”

Wood Buffalo Region

Wood Buffalo Second Stage Housing

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which the Municipality of Wood Buffalo is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Woodland Cree and the Dene at the Fort Chipewyan First Nations, the Fort Mackay First Nation, the Clear Water First Nation, the Gregoire First Nations, the Cowper Lake First Nation, the Winefred Lake First Nation, and the Mikasew First Nation. As well as the Metis peoples of Region 1 of the Metis Nation of Alberta who have made this area their traditional home for hundreds of years. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding."

Unity House

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which the Municipality of Wood Buffalo is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Woodland Cree and the Dene at the Fort Chipewyan First Nations, the Fort Mackay First Nation, the Clear Water First Nation, the Gregoire First Nations, the Cowper Lake First Nation, the Winefred Lake First Nation, and the Mikasew First Nation. As well as the Metis peoples of Region 1 of the Metis Nation of Alberta who have made this area their traditional home for hundreds of years. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding."

Grande Cache

Grande Cache Transition House

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which, Grand Cache is located. We honour and respect the Mountain Cree, the Woodland Cree, the Plains Cree, the Foothills Ojibwe, and the Metis peoples who have made these mountains and hills their home for many generations and the Metis Nation of Alberta's Region 4. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding."

Grande Prairie

Odyssey House

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which, Grand Cache is located. We honour and respect the Mountain Cree, the Woodland Cree, the Plains Cree, the Beaver peoples of the Clear Hills First Nation, the Horse Lake First Nation, and the Sturgeon Lake First Nations. As well as, the Metis peoples of Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta who have made this their home in our city and this region for many generations. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding."

Serenity Place

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which, Grand Cache is located. We honour and respect the Mountain Cree, the Woodland Cree, the Plains Cree, the Beaver peoples of the Clear Hills First Nation, the Horse Lake First Nation, and the Sturgeon Lake First Nations. As well as, the Metis peoples of Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta who have made this their home in our city and this region for many generations. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding."

High Level

Safe Home

*"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour the Indigenous nations of the Woodland Cree, the Dene, Dene-tha peoples of the Hay River First Nations, the Amber River First Nation, Zama Lake First Nations, the Bistcho Lake First Nation, the Bushe River First Nation, the boyer and Beaver Ranch First Nations. As well as, the Metis peoples of the Paddle River Metis Settlement and the Metis of Region 6 of the Metis Nation of Alberta who have made this area their home. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and **Understanding.**"*

High River

Rowan House Emergency Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour our neighbors and friends the Indigenous nations of Siksika, Tsu'tina, and Kianai First Nations, as well as the Metis people of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Hinton

Yellowhead Emergency Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends of this region the foothills Ojibwe and Cree of the O'Chiese-Sunchild First Nations and the Metis of Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6, so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Lac La Biche

Hope Haven Emergency Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon where Lac La Biche is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Dene and Cree peoples of the Beaver Lake and Heart Lake First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of the Buffalo Lake and Kikino Metis Settlements and Region 1 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Lynne's House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon where Lac La Biche is located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Dene and Cree peoples of the Beaver Lake and Heart Lake First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of the Buffalo Lake and Kikino Metis Settlements and Region 1 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that we are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Lethbridge

YWCA Harbour House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the Kianai, Siksika, and Piikani peoples of the Blood, Kainiai, and Siksika First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan"

Lloydminster

Dolmar House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors the Cree peoples of the Puskikiakiwenin First Nation, Unipouhoes First Nation, as well as, the Metis peoples of the Elizabeth Metis Settlement and the Fishing Lake Settlements and of Region 2 of the Metis nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Lloydminster Interval Home

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Maskwacis

Ermineskin Women's Shelter

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Medicine Hat

Musasa House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 and Treaty 4 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the Kianai, Siksika, and Piikani peoples of the Blood, Kainiai, and Siksika First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Phoenix Safe House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 and Treaty 4 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the Kianai, Siksika, and Piikani peoples of the Blood, Kainiai, and Siksika First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Morley

Eagle's Nest Stoney Family Shelter

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Peace River

Peace River Regional Women's Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which we live, work, and play. We respect and honour the Indigenous nations of the Woodland Cree and Beaver peoples of the Clear Hills and Duncan's First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of the Peavine and Gift Lake Settlements and of Region 6 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding. ACWS celebrates and values the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Pincher Creek

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends of the nations of the Kianai, the Piikani, and the Siksika who are also known as the Blackfoot Confederacy, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. ACWS celebrates and values the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Red Deer

Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 and Treaty 6 upon which we are located. We honour and respect our neighbors the Cree peoples of the Sunchild, O'Chiese, Samson, Ermineskin, Louis Bull, and Montana First Nations, as well as the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Rocky Mountain House

Mountain Rose Women's Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors the Cree and Nakota peoples of the Sunchild, O'Chiese, and Stoney First Nations, as well as the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Sherwood Park

A Safe House

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our friends and neighbors the Cree and Nakota peoples of the Ermineskin, Montana, Louis Bull, Samson, Paul, Enoch, Alexis, and Alexander First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. ACWS celebrates and values the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Slave Lake

Northern Haven Women's Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the territory of Treaty 8 upon which our city is located. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the Woodland Cree people of the Bigstone, Sawridge, Driftpile, Swan River, Sucker Creek First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of the East Prairie Metis Settlement and the Metis of Region 5 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 8, and by doing so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future build upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding. ACWS celebrates and values the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

St. Paul

Columbus House of Hope

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors the Cree peoples of the surrounding 7 First Nations, as well as the Metis People of the surrounding 4 Metis Settlements and the Metis Region 1 and 2 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Strathmore

Wheatland Shelter

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the T'su'tina, Kainai and Piikani peoples of the Blood, Kainai, Siksika, and Tsu'tina First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate

and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan.

Taber

Safe Haven

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our neighbors and friends the Kianai, Siksika, and Piikani peoples of the Blood, Kainiai, and Siksika First Nations, as well as, the Metis peoples of Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. ACWS celebrates and values the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Wabasca

Neepinise Family Healing Centre

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Bigstone Cree Nation Women's Second-Stage Shelter

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Whitecourt

Wellspring Family Resource & Crisis Centre

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We honour and respect our friends and neighbors the Nakota and Cree peoples of the Alexis and Alexander First Nations, as well as the Metis peoples of Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future. We celebrate and value the resiliency, successes, and teachings that Alberta's Indigenous people have shared with us, as well as the unique contributions of every Albertan."

Treaty 6 Short Version:

"We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 6 upon which we live, work, and play. We recognize that all Albertans are Treaty people and have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 6 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future."

Treaty 7 Short Version:

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Treaty 8 Short Version:

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