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The Nature of Healing - Surviving the Mohawk Institute

Documentary features the truths of seven Survivors of Canada's first and longest running Indian Residential school.

March 14, 2023 (Midhurst, Ontario) - Filmmaker Faith Howe and JamLab Productions presents *The Nature of Healing*. This powerful documentary shares the spoken truth of seven courageous Elders, Grandmothers and Grandfather, who as children attended the Mohawk Institute.

"I have so many, and so few words about this film, as this time is to listen," says Director Faith Howe. "I invite you to watch the courage shown on the screen as these exceptional individuals share what they bravely felt compelled to share. Sit for 80 minutes and really listen. Witness the search for answers as these Elders and Grandmothers come to terms with the abuse they suffered. Despite the horrors of childhood, they lead us to pathways of healing. I hope we are all moved by their grace."

"The seven Survivors in this film bravely speak up in hopes that others are able to hear they are not alone. Witnessing the Survivors' resilience and bravery creates space for others who may not be able to share their stories," says Tabitha Curley of the Survivors Secretariat. "This film can spark meaningful conversations amongst families, friends and colleagues about the atrocities that took place at Indian Residential Schools."

From 1831-1996, Canada's 139 residential schools were run in a partnership between the Canadian Government, Catholic, Anglican and other churches.

The Nature of Healing tells a story of resistance, resilience and healing. The film features Mohawk Institute Survivors Elder Blanche Hill-Easton, Elder John Elliott, Grandmother Roberta Hill, Grandmother Dawn Hill, Grandmother Sherlene Bomberry, Grandfather Jimmie Edgar, Elder Bud Whiteye, and the daughter of a Survivor, Shelley Clark. The film also provides answers for those who are uneducated about the historic impact on Indigenous Peoples

The Mohawk Institute, located in Brantford, Ontario, was Canada's first and longest-running Indian Residential School, operated by the Canadian Government and the Anglican Church. The Mohawk Institute housed approximately 15,000 Indigenous children for 140 years. The tracking, luring, and kidnapping of children spanned more than 60 communities and four provinces.

About The Nature of Healing: *The Nature of Healing is a JamLab Production owned and operated by Faith Howe, a descendant of a child of the Mohawk Institute. The Nature of Healing is the spoken truth of seven courageous people who survived the Mohawk Institute, Canada's first and longest-run Indian residential school. From victim to survivor to activist, this story is about resistance, resilience and a healing path. For more information about Faith Howe's work, please visit [JamLab Productions](#) . Follow JamLab's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates of when and where to view the documentary.*

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