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To: Kanehsatà:ke Chase the Ace

Shé:kon Organizers,

In 2018, the Mohawk Language Custodian Association wrote to Chase the Ace requesting a donation to extend the Ratiwennenhá:wi Adult Immersion Program. MLCA was very grateful for the donation that extended the program by providing the adult learners with stipends for an additional month.

In the Fall 2019, Ratiwennenhá:wi Immersion offered other adult learners to join the current group because MLCA is adhering to the recommendations of a 2015 Kanehsatà:ke education study that emphasized the urgent need for a “succession plan” for our Kanien’kéha learning community in Kanehsatà:ke.

MLCA is indebted to Kanehsatake Education Center for their continued financial support for Ratiwennenhá:wi. It is regretful that this funding has decreased significantly over the years and only covers to March 31.

Students began a fundraising activity to show their commitment to the program that owes much of its success to their outstanding Kanien’kéha teachers. They want to be a part of fighting for the right to learn, speak/write their ancestral language in Kanehsatà:ke. In 2019, Ratiwennenhá:wi Immersion proved to be a successful revitalization program and was very proud to celebrate and honour their first graduate, Wenhni’tí:io Will Gareau, who found meaningful employment at the Health Center.

Ratiwennenhá:wi students did such an outstanding job of increasing the focus of the urgent need for Kanien’kéha revitalization. Chase The Ace responded to the call for our fundraising activities with a wonderful donation of \$38,740.00 that will be added to our other fantastic donors and raffle fundraiser.

The Mohawk Language Custodian Association is extremely grateful for your donation. Niawenhkó:wa and wish continued success to Chase The Ace in helping so many community organizations including Ratiwennenhá:wi.

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