



Down and Out - City Living

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Before you judge me or give  
me some colonial prescription  
for success, live one day as a  
survivor of cultural genocide.  
Grow up despised in your own  
land. Watch it wither under  
greed's heavy step.

Listen first.

For a long time.

Listen to the land, to all life  
and to your heart.

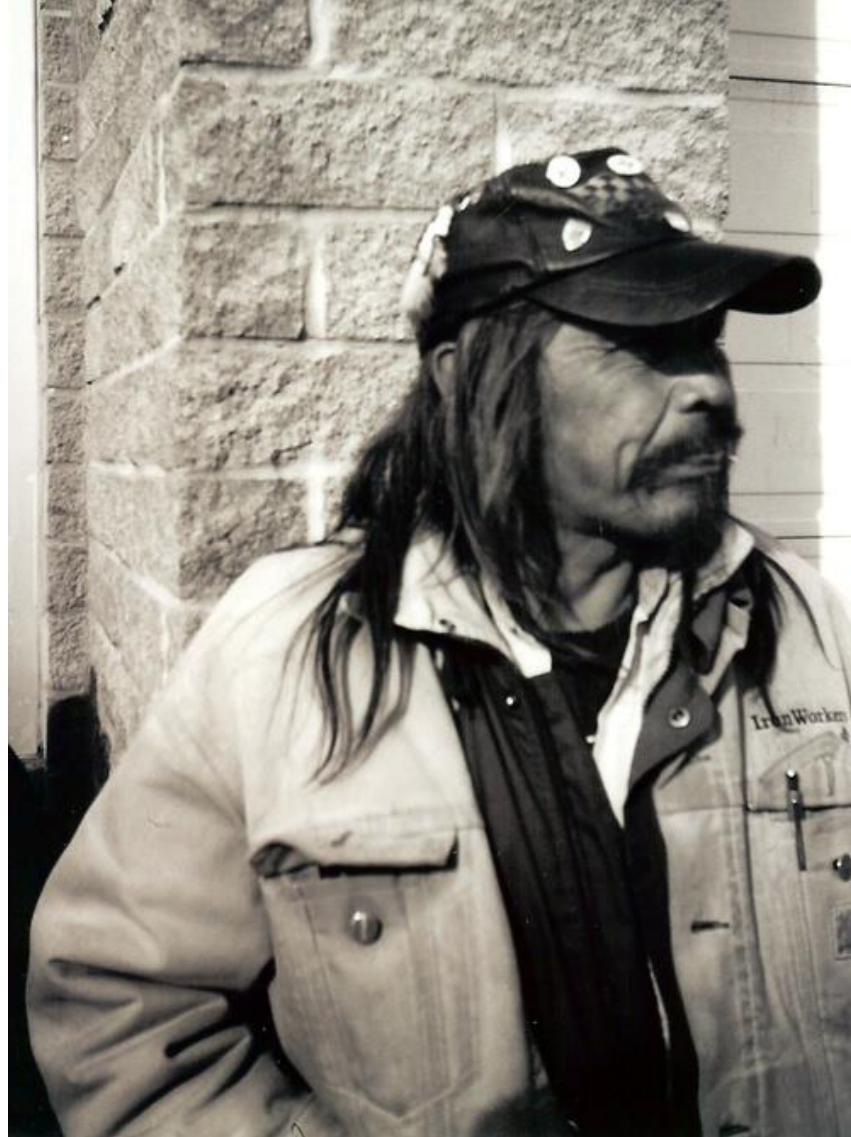
We were once all free and  
lived with love, happiness,  
family and purpose.

We are your legacy.

# TaWow: Ambrose Place



# Ambrose Daniels





# Ambrose Place

- Provides an Indigenous Cultural Environment : smudging, ceremony, elder supports, language use is encouraged, Indigenous staffing, food
- Operates from an Indigenous World View: we are all related, we are all connected, natural law guides our work



# An Indigenous Cultural Environment

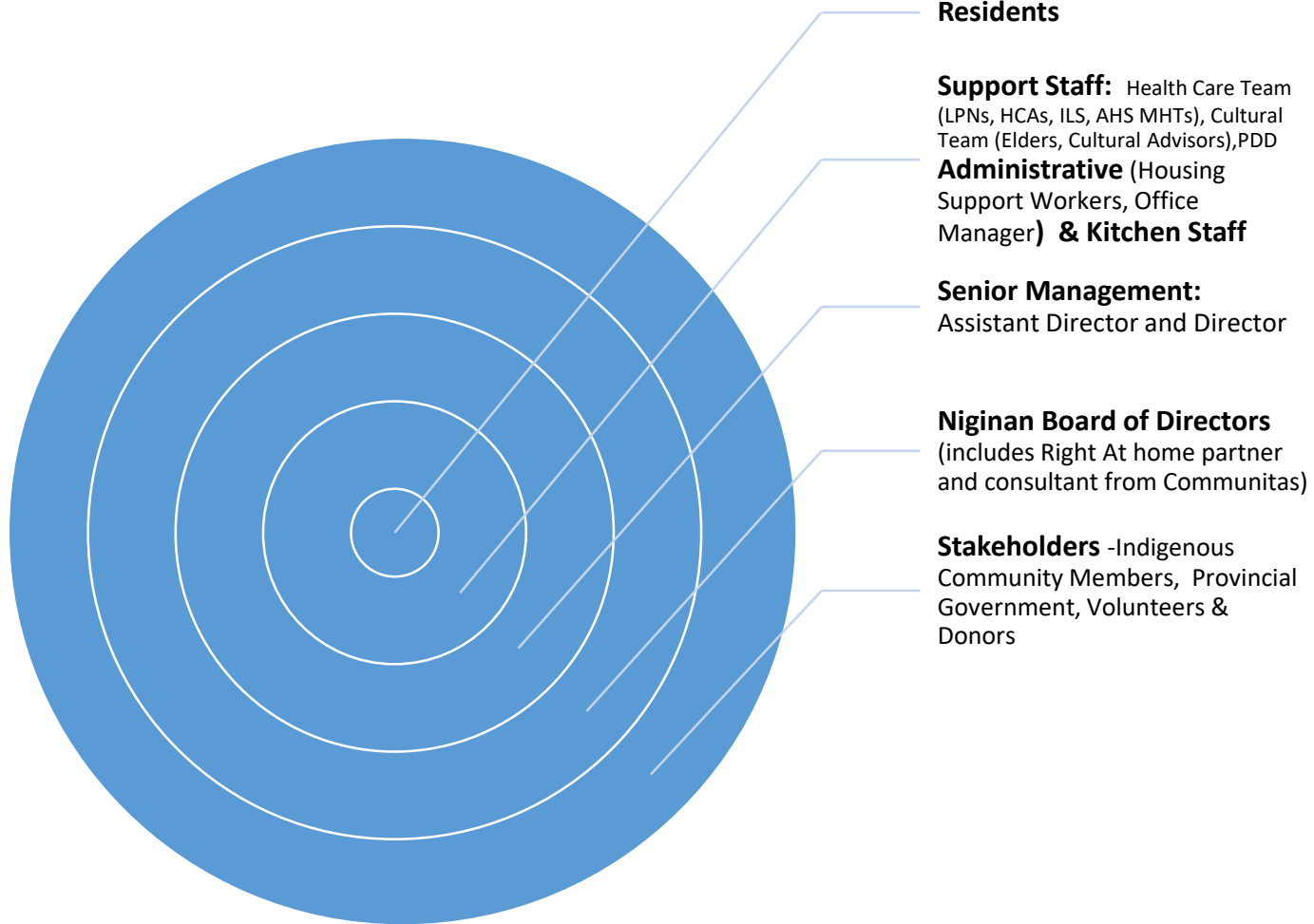


- All people are welcome
- Designed to address First Nations, Metis and Inuit cultural and traditional needs and beliefs
- Based on a harm reduction model
- Provides permanent and supportive housing, for hard to house individuals

# Why is it important for us to work from an Indigenous world view?

- To assist in the decolonization of Indigenous peoples and recovery from
  - Government laws and policies that traumatized
    - Indian Act
    - Pass system
    - Outlaw Ceremony
    - No legal recourse
    - No vote or citizenship
    - No gathering of Indian people
    - Intergenerational trauma of Indian Residential School
    - Sixties Scoop
    - Foster Care group homes

# Ambrose Place Organizational Chart



# Indigenous methodologies are employed in:

- **Administrative process**
- **Program design**
- **Case management model**
  - self care wheel
  - safety wheel
  - health wheel
  - life wheel



# Circle, medicine



# **We are all four layered people and have a responsibility to address and create balance in our lives.**

- **House and keep housed**
- **Meet them where their at**
- **Celebrate success**
- **Improve quality of life**
- **Encourage motivate**
- **Respect and dignity**





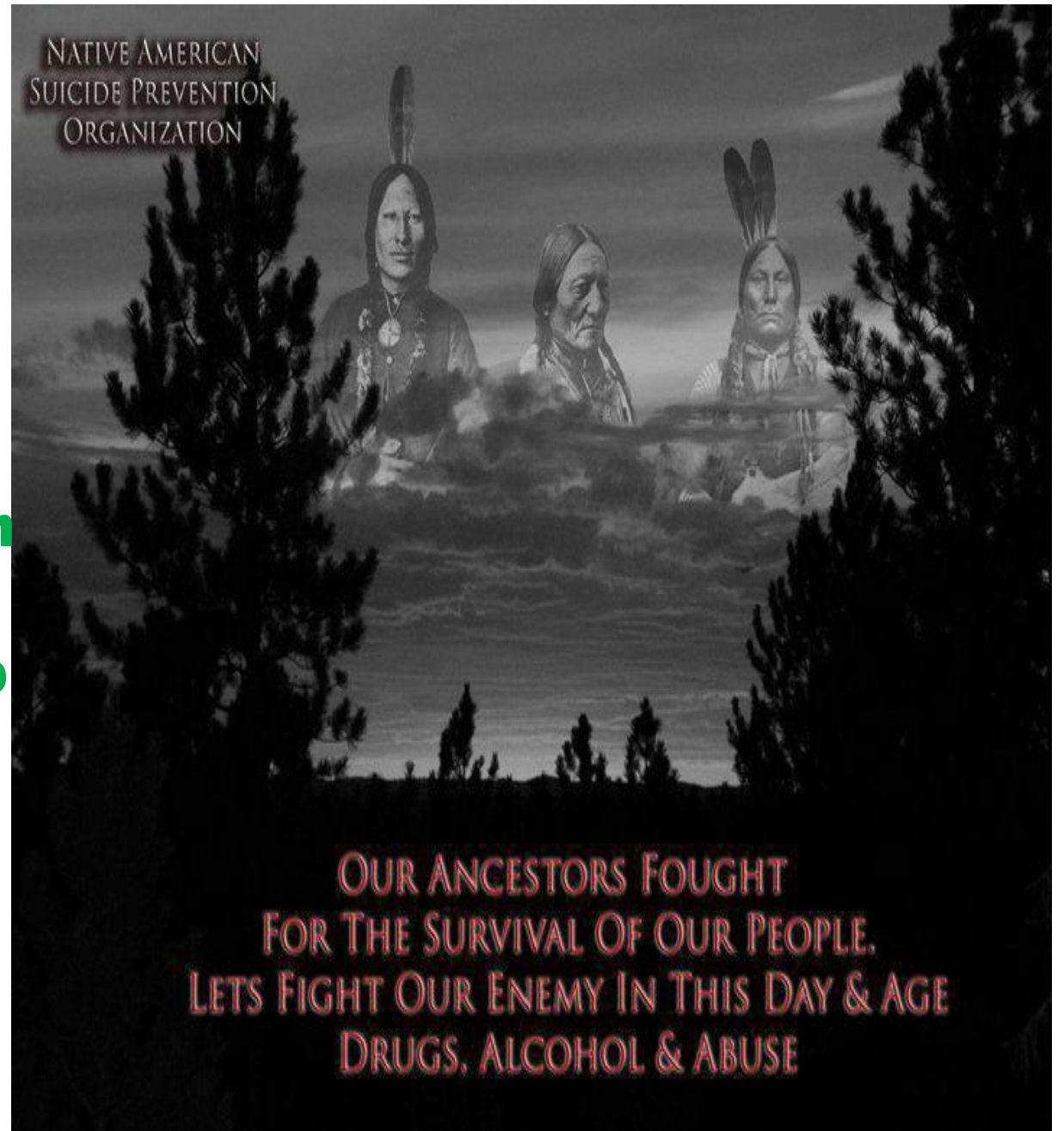
# Physical

- Self contained suites
- 24 hour health care
- Personal living support
- 3 meals a day
- Opportunity to run their own lives in their own house



# Emotional

- **Building community involving residents in the development and management of their community**
- **Providing workshops that assist in their emotional well being**
- **Provide tenants the opportunity to make healthy live style changes**





# Spiritual

- Elders on site
- Ceremonies
- All beliefs honored and welcomed
- Teachings



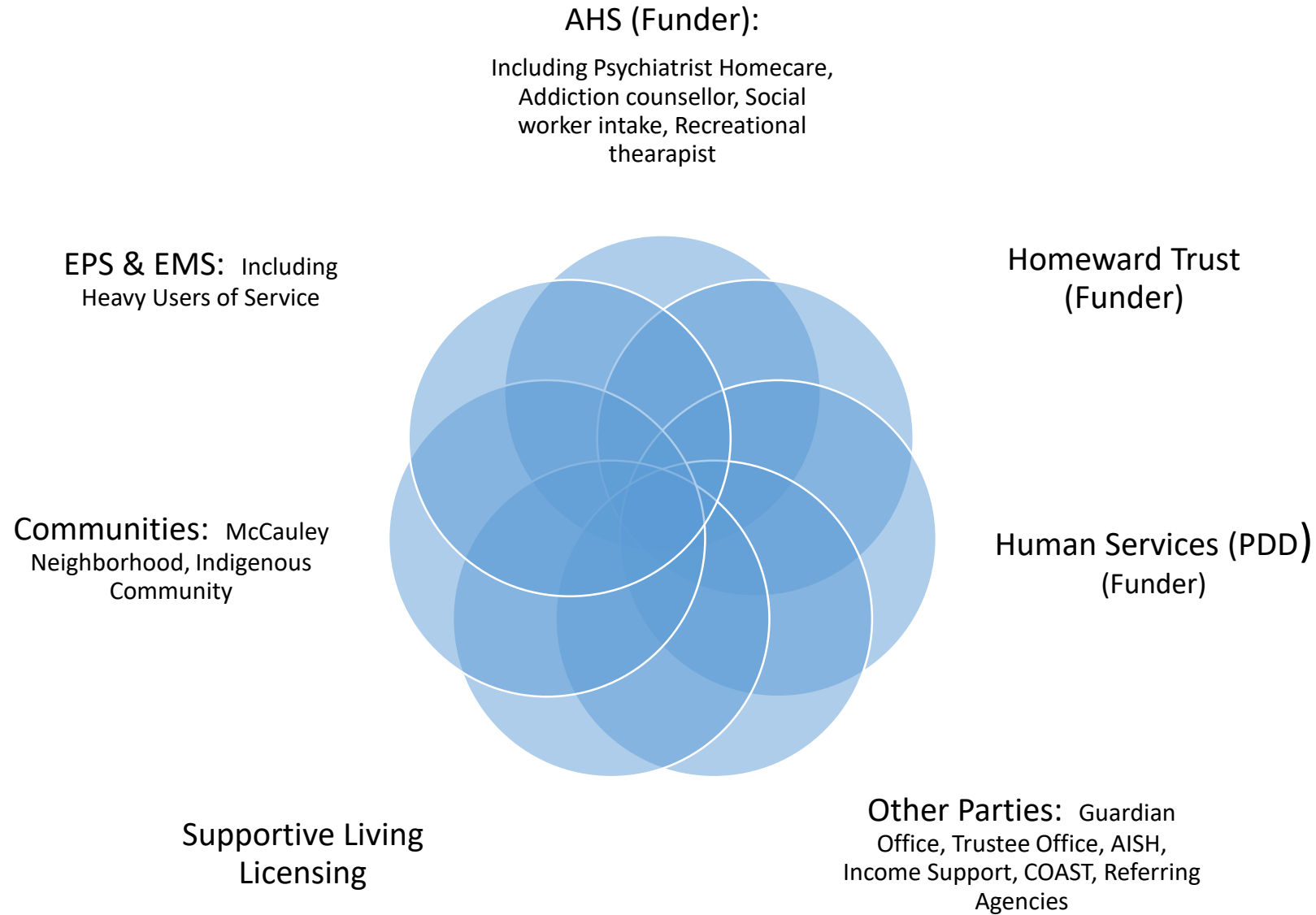


# Mental

- **Provide residents with a sense of control over their lives in decision making**
- **Mental health supports**
- **Activities**
- **Employment and educational opportunities**
- **The Arts**



# Maintaining Indigenous Perspective While Navigating Complex Relationships





# Pimatisowin (good life)





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**HOUSING VENTURES**

