

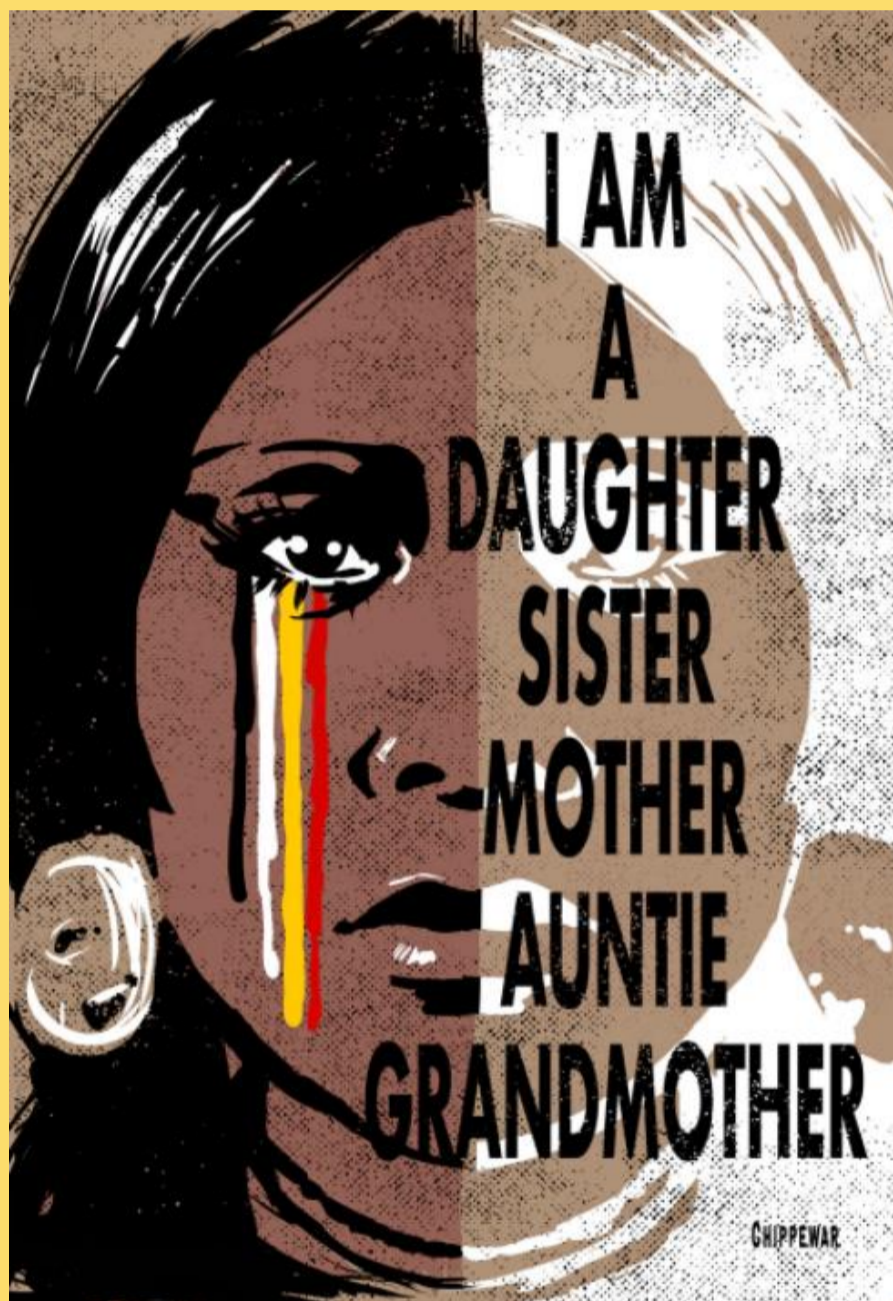


Anishnawbe Health Toronto

# Wisdom Weavers

## Storytelling & Traditional Teachings

Join Anishnawbe Health Toronto for a series of storytelling presentations on enduring troubling times, surviving challenges, keeping families strong, and emerging stronger for it all. Elders and Knowledge Holders from across Turtle Island will share their experiences as well as stories within their own cultures and Nations.



“All Our Relations” by Jay Soule / CHIPPEWAR

Kunsi Pahan Pte San Win (Grandmothers) is loving, strong, and gentle. From Leader of the Sundance of Women to Kunsi/Grandmother of children in Winnipeg schools, Pahan Pte San Win wears many hats. Her father, Tapwe Chretien, whose curiosity and deep reverence for the natural world, taught her the joy of Creation. Kunsi Pahan’s roots reach out to Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan where her grandmother, Eliza Paul, was born and the Northwest Territories where her father is buried. She is Metis Niheyaw. She says, “The first time I had a vision, I was eight years old. Years later as an adult, I had another that taught me my life has a plan, even when I don’t know what it is. The more I surrender to it and follow where it leads, the more meaningful life becomes.’ In 2016 she received a vision to have a Sundance of Women that honours the spirits of missing and murdered women. In 2017, that vision was realized and continues until 2022. Kunsi Pahan is a published author most recently contributing to the anthology, “Keetsahnak / Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Sisters.” She is also a storyteller sharing remarkable accounts on the blog, “IMarriedaHolyMan.com.”

Kunsi Pahan’s storytelling presentation will be titled “Stories from Lived Experience: Overcoming Your Adversaries and the Life Lessons that come from that.” Kunsi Pahan has said: “I have been rejected, abandoned, hurt, which left wounds that I have spent a lifetime healing. I cannot let others define me. I recognize that the way I look allows me privilege and protects me from the racism and discrimination that my father, family, and Indigenous relatives experience. It has also, at times, made me a target for lateral violence from my own people. Today I choose to embrace all those who love, respect, and accept me and to love, from a distance, those who don’t. I know whatever situation I find myself in, I can choose to respond with hate or with love. These days, I choose love.”



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To view the presentation, please click on the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONo\\_B8CzS6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONo_B8CzS6E)

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