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*Our mission is to encourage  
and support Aboriginal people in  
building and reinforcing sustainable  
healing processes that address the  
legacy of physical and sexual abuse  
in the residential schools, including  
intergenerational impacts.*

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et d'appuyer les autochtones afin de  
bâtir et de renforcer les processus  
de guérison souhaitables qui  
s'attaquent aux séquelles  
des abus physiques et sexuels  
dans le système de pensionnats,  
y compris aux séquelles  
intergénérationnelles.*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTED TO ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION BOARD

**(Ottawa, Ontario—October 17, 2000)** The Aboriginal Healing Foundation announced today that three new members have joined its 17-member Board of Directors.

Simona Arnatsiaq is an Inuk living in Iqaluit. Born in Igloolik, she attended a church-run residential school up to the age of 16. Ms. Arnatsiaq is involved in healing initiatives and women's issues.

Susan Hare is an Ojibway of the M'Chigeeng First Nation. A practicing lawyer, she worked to establish the Lands, Resources and First Nations' Governments Intensive Law Programme at York University's Osgoode Hall.

Bill Lightbown, a Kootenai Elder, was a spokesperson for the Ts'peten Defence Committee during the Gustafsen Lake standoff. He is a former Board member of the Vancouver Aboriginal Centre and the co-founder of the United Native Nations, also having served two terms as its President.

A further Board member to replace Wendy John will be appointed by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in December.

In addition to appointing new Directors, the Board elected a new Executive and Committee Chairs.

Georges Erasmus continues as President of the Foundation. Richard Kistabish begins his second term as Vice-President. Jerome Berthelette continues as Secretary and Carrielynn Lamouche was elected as Treasurer.

Committee Chairs are: Georges Erasmus (Executive and Program Merit Review), Garnet Angeconeb (Communications & Public Relations), Grant Severight (Evaluation & Research), and Carrielynn Lamouche (Finance and Audit Subcommittee).

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation, funds community-based healing programs which address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse at residential schools, including intergenerational impacts. Program funding is accessible to Métis, Inuit, and First Nations people, status and non-status, both on and off reserve. To date the Foundation has entered into 302 Contribution Agreements, with over 59 million dollars committed to project funding.

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