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SOCIAL CHANGE PROJECT IMPACT REPORT

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1. Name of your organisation and date funded by TFN?
Zanders Community Education Program Incorporated: March 2013

2. What does your organisation do?
We empower and develop talented Aboriginal students as future leaders in a cross-cultural environment by promoting whole-of-life learning, building participants' capacity to take control of their lives and contribute to their communities.

We work with the community to empower youth through education support, community engagement and mentoring. Our key objective is to provide support for people who have need by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, to improving the conditions of life by:

- assistance for activities which will develop their educational skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society and become self-reliant;
- providing funds which would supplement their day to day survival.

Overall, these aims have stayed the same since receiving TFN funding, although we have expanded our area of interest to include sporting activities as these are often the one thing that young Aboriginal men and women can relate to. Often, it is a dream or goal for them to succeed at a high level in the sporting arena. In some scenarios, they can even see it as a way to make changes to their life and circumstances.

3. When was your organisation first established?
16/10/2012

4. Since receiving funding from TFN, how has your organisation changed?
Given our increased capacity with the help of TFN funding, we were able to develop an interactive website, where our students from remote Aboriginal communities could still liaise with their families via direct and confidential messaging. Our families from remote Aboriginal communities are able to converse with family team members as they log into the private section of the website and update their own news, including some that are competing against and logging their daily cycled kilometers.

In addition to this, we have been able to assist a team of 8 members (Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal) participants in the Cape to Cape Mountain Biking (MTB) 2013 Enduro event. Due to the massive success of last year's Cape to Cape team (one of our riders placing 52 and 3 riders within the top 250 out of a field of 1100 riders), we have expanded the team for the Cape to Cape MTB 2014 Enduro event and have our first female Aboriginal student participating.

We are an organisation that has been facilitated to grow through in-kind support from the Board of Directors and their family and friends. We do not have any paid staff and the Chairperson in addition to being the Zanders Inc. spokesperson, runs the day to day operations.

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5. Can you describe/measure the impact the specific TFN funded projects/work has had?
The main change that the TFN funding enabled was to fund the development of the interactive website and provide accommodation for the Cape to Cape 2013 team during the event. This has had a positive impact on the organisation as a whole, alleviating the students and team members to focus their financial obligations on more pressing matters such as rent and weekly expenses whilst at university. The main evidence we have of success for this is the increase in the number of youth engaged with our mentoring programs.

6. Could you provide an estimate of how many people have been reached by the TFN funded projects/work and by how much?
We would estimate that an additional eighteen people have been reached by the TFN funded work, as well as countless others accessing the interactive website.

7. Did receiving the funding from TFN make a positive difference to your organisation? If yes, in what way? If no, please specify why?
Receiving TFN funding made a huge difference to Zanders Inc. Firstly, it enabled the development of the website that has in turn assisted with attracting more youth and will assist with attracting more mentors and program sponsors.

This funding has allowed the organisation to direct our other resources into securing professional services to acquire DGR status, which will enable us to apply for a diverse range of funding initiatives.

8. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?
This funding was absolutely crucial in giving The Life Skills Program the momentum it really needed. Without it, the Directors would not have been able to devote themselves to the organisation and to build up its capacity. The program participants "give back" to the community, empowering others as they become involved in the Zanders Inc. Community. Moving into the mentor role, they learn new skills pertinent to their leadership style and capability.

Once again TFN thank you so much for this precious gift and invaluable support! **Jacqueline Minney, CEO, Zanders Community Education Program Inc.**