2022 Impact Report

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A thank you from our CEO

In many ways, 2022 has been a hard year. Together, we've witnessed heartbreaking human rights violations in the news here and around the world.

But we are not without hope.

You and I both know that respect and understanding of human rights serves as a positive force for change in the world.

Generous people like you are improving our world step by step, every single day.

This report shares some highlights of the initiatives you've made possible.

This year, you've reached hundreds of thousands of people from across our country and around the world with stories of courage and resilience.

You've empowered and inspired youth to defend human rights for all.

You've encouraged visitors to examine and dismantle their own harmful attitudes to make way for a respectful and inclusive society.

I'm so grateful you've partnered with us to take a stand for human rights here and around the world. I truly can't thank you enough for all that you've done.

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Inspiring the next generation

Bringing students to the Museum - virtually

You have supported young human rights champions through virtual field trips to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

"I am still seeing the effects of the virtual field trip," says Calgary teacher Natalie Steeves of her students. "It was so moving to watch them…understand how they could be leaders and take action for human rights."

Thanks to the generosity of The Asper Foundation and the Richardson Foundation, these field trips were offered at no cost to the schools.

Empowering teachers with anti-racism resources

Your support means Edmonton teacher Sarah Adomako-Ansah (pictured above) can develop resources for teachers and students to learn about anti-racism together.

As the Museum's Educator in Residence, she provides invaluable support for teachers championing human rights education in classrooms across Canada.

The Educator-in-Residence program is proudly supported by Bee-Clean – Jose & Maria Correia; Power Corporation of Canada; Cargill; Michaëlle Jean Foundation and Peter Tielmann & Tara DeFehr-Tielmann; Sara, Michael & Debbie Gray, in memory of Dr. Frank Plummer; and Myron & Marion Klysh.

21,000+ students
learned about human rights through virtual field trips

Fostering reconciliation

Launching WitnessBlanket.ca

Thank you for bearing witness to the truth of the residential school era through the launch an online platform that shares the first-hand accounts of Survivors and stories behind the items in *The Witness Blanket*.

The Witness Blanket is powerful work of art made from items reclaimed from residential schools and other important sites. It was created by master carver and Indigenous artist, Carey Newman as a national monument to recognize the atrocities of residential schools, honour the Survivors, and symbolize ongoing reconciliation.

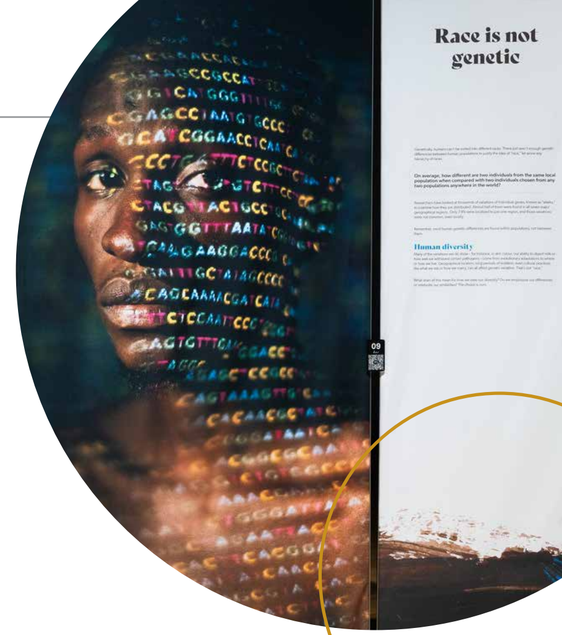
"In the oral tradition of my ancestors, a witness has an important role to make sure things are not forgotten," said Carey. "A witness watches, listens, and then shares with others."

This project was made possible by TELUS, the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation and the Entwistle Family Foundation. TELUS also provided invaluable promotion of this resource across Canada – thank you!

Scan to explore *The Witness Blanket* at WitnessBlanket.ca

200,000+ web visitors
engaged with WitnessBlanket.ca since the September 2022 launch

Challenging the way we think



Behind Racism: Challenging the Way We Think

By bringing a travelling exhibition to the Museum, you've encouraged visitors to examine their own biases through the lens of science.

There is no scientific basis for "race" and its injustices. Yet our mental and emotional biases can lead us to believe that one race is superior to another. *Behind Racism* invited visitors to explore their biases and challenge harmful beliefs using empathy and self-understanding.

This exhibition ran from May to October in the Museum's Level 1 gallery

We are grateful to Wawanesa Insurance and CPA Manitoba for their support of the exhibition in Winnipeg.

Scan to watch a video about *Behind Racism: Challenging the Way We Think*

32,000+ visitors
encountered their biases through *Behind Racism*

Amplifying young artists' reflections about human rights

Sharing young artists' work in the Museum

You have encouraged young artists across Manitoba to reflect about the future of human rights in their lives and communities.

Thanks to your generosity, their artwork is displayed in a vibrant exhibition, called *ARTiculate Our Rights*, in the Expressions Gallery at the Museum.

This exhibition would not have been possible without the support of Vickar Automotive Group, PCL Constructors Inc., and Crosier Kilgour & Partners.

Scan to view the artwork featured in *ARTiculate Our Rights*

100+ pieces of art

created by youth to express their view of human rights

Celebrating and learning together

Gala 2022: Raising Our Voices

Thank you everyone who celebrated with us on November 17, whether in-person or online. Together, we learned from Kimberly Davis, Senior Executive Vice-President with the National Hockey League.

Her message of brave and bold leadership and the need to focus on dignity inspired us all to find ways to further diversity, equity and inclusion in the world around us.

At the event, we also honoured Gail Asper's incredible contributions to make the Museum a reality.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we raised $920,000 to support the ongoing work of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

We can't thank you enough!

Scan to watch Gala 2022: Raising Our Voices online

$920,000 raised

through Gala 2022 to support the Museum

Thank you to our generous Changemakers Circle members!

You are committed to generating positive change in the world — now, and for generations to come. Thank you!

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