



# HOUSE OF THE MOON

Strengthening Our Relations | Empowering Our Life-Givers | Reclaiming Our Worth

## Empowerment & Self-Defense Facilitator Training *for Indigenous Women*

*Together, ending the MMIWG CRISIS, one Sacred Relative at a time!*



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**We truly *NEED YOU* to be a part of the Solution!**

***“The treatment of Indian people is a tragedy and a National disgrace.”***

**Robert F. Kennedy, Bismark, North Dakota, 1963**

Did you know that:

- Murder is the 3rd leading cause of Death for Native American girls and young adults ages 10-34 according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention?
- Indigenous women are the most stalked, raped and murdered of any women of any ethnic group in America according to the U.S. Department of Justice?
- In 2016 the DOJ reported 5,712 Indigenous women and girls that went missing or murdered in the U.S. alone?
- Canada’s **“National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls”** final report was comprised of testimony from more than 2,380 family members of victims of MMIWG?

There is a very real and present day contemporary crisis happening in Indian Country that knows no borders and is called the **“Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls crisis or MMIWG”**.

There are many reasons that make Indigenous women more vulnerable to these tragic crimes against humanity. One reason is transitory worker camps or extractive industry “Man-camps” that set up to do their work on or near Reservations. The camps drive a market for trafficked women and girls. Another is outdated laws which don't allow Tribal Law Enforcement jurisdiction over non-Natives. So if you are a non-Native and commit a major crime on a reservation, you cannot be arrested or prosecuted for this crime by Tribal Law enforcement. Another issues is the cartels that take advantage of loopholes in jurisdiction and inability to be prosecuted for major crimes that makes Indigenous women and girls more vulnerable. Let's not forget about the systemic impacts of extreme poverty and loss of agency, all of which debilitate and demoralize women and communities. This tragedy will require all of us to **join together to protect Indigenous women and girls**.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation opens with this poignant declaration: ***“At the core of every problem we're trying to solve, from poverty to disease, are the undervalued but powerful lives of women and girls. One of the most impactful ways to accelerate progress is to invest in women's and girl's movements. Yet, grassroots women's organizations and movements are severely underfunded and under threat.”*** **With House of the Moon, this is your chance to invest in one of these grassroots movements.** It's time we do more than merely help people survive: ***with your support, we can restore dignity, respect and the creative energy that Indigenous women and communities both embody, let alone deserve.***

While there is much that needs to change in order to address this devastating crisis, **this grassroots initiative is a solutions based program that is designed by and for the communities who are experiencing MMIWG tragic effects.** We are addressing the crisis from within instead of waiting for long processes and government systems or corporations to change. Let **US** give Indigenous women the support, tools, and self-determination needed to thrive.

Words are not enough. Effective actions must be taken to protect and honor the Indigenous women and girls affected by the MMIWG crisis. That is where House of the Moon comes in...

**We need each of your gifts, unique contributions, compassion and sponsorships in these unprecedented times.** Let the resiliency, ingenuity and Traditional Knowledge of Indigenous people rise once again. It is time to end a continued genocide on Indigenous people. **With House of the Moon's Empowerment and Self-Defense Facilitator Training program, together we can prevent, heal, and strengthen women and communities.**





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**Dear Relative,**

House of the Moon is a grassroots, Indigenous led holistic healing and restoration movement designed to address the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women & Girls (MMIWG) Crisis in the U.S and Canada through the empowerment of Indigenous women.

The heartbeat of the organization is a Holistic **Empowerment & Self-Defense Facilitator Training Program** designed for women to learn physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual empowerment and self-defense tools and practices rooted in Traditional, Spiritual knowledge. The program's curriculum embraces a comprehensive approach to healing, learning, and empowerment. Our focus is to restore reverence, renew a strong web of sisterhood, and support women in reclaiming their inherent leadership abilities, strength, and sovereignty.

To offer and expand the program, we need sponsors to offset the cost of trainings, retreats, healing sessions, and more. The levels of sponsorship are attached. Enclosed you will find a sponsorship application, offerings for the women and benefits for you. Any donation is greatly appreciated and greatly impacts the sustainable growth of *House of the Moon*.

**This is not just a program, we are uniting to save lives. We need each of your gifts, unique contributions and funding to address this human rights tragedy right here in our own country and our own continent. We are living in unprecedented times. House of the Moon is taking effective actions to address tragedies that have gone on far too long without our awareness and attention.**

All Our Relations,

**Casey Camp-Horinek**

HOM Founding Council,  
Adviser & Core Faculty  
Environmental Ambassador,  
Elder & Hereditary Drumkeeper,  
Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma

**Judy Wilson**

HOM Founding Council & Adviser  
Union of BC Indian Chiefs  
Executive/Chief of Neskonlith Indian  
Band of the Shushwap Nation

**Shelly Fyant**

HOM Founding Council,  
Former Chairwoman of  
Confederated Salish and  
Kootenai Tribes

**Rain Bear Stands Last**

HOM Founding Council,  
Adviser & Core Faculty  
Executive Director of  
Global Indigenous Council

**Gay Kingman**

Founding Council of HOM  
Executive Director Great Plains  
Tribal Chairman's Association

**Erin E. Mitchell**

HOM Founding Council,  
Program Director  
Executive Director of  
Nation Unsevered





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**Melissa Moses**

Union of BC Indian Chiefs  
Women's Representative



**Erin Mitchell**

Executive Director  
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**Rynalea Whiteman Pena**

President Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
2019 - 2020



**Tina Bierle**

Program Manager  
Rocky Mountain  
Tribal Leaders Council  
(RMTLC), 2012 - 2020

## Connecting Our Communities

Reclaiming Sovereignty, Power, & Worth

*"It's more clear than ever that HOM is critically needed at this tumultuous time and there is no other entity doing this work in North America, perhaps globally. It is reaching the very heart of our Nation's and familia, and is the restitution our Chief's, Matriarchal, Hereditary, and Leaders are calling for that is guided by our Ancestral wisdom, teachings, values, and principles by our own Matriarchs and the pillars in our families, communities, and Nations."*

**Chief Judy Wilson**

Neskonolith Indian Band, British Columbia

*"House of the Moon felt like the expansion of our Women's Teachings in a way that must have been gifted in dream and ceremony. To be among women of different Nations and locations, yet gathered through the sacredness of Fire, Air, Water, and Earth, proved to be an experience of empowerment only Wakonda could have guided."*

**Casey Camp-Horinek**

Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma



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## Meet Our Growing Circle of Advisers & Core Faculty



We are grateful to our Circle of Advisers & Core Faculty for their guidance, insights & unique contributions to ensure that our program goes forward in a good way.



**Gladys Radek**

**HOM Adviser**  
Co-Founder of Tears 4 Justice  
Gitksan Wet'suwet'en



**Georgina Lightning**

**HOM Adviser**  
Actress & Film Director



**Grace Alvarez Sesma**

**HOM Adviser & Core Faculty**  
Cultural Practitioner  
& Educator



**Randy'L Teton**

**HOM Adviser**  
Tribes Public Affairs  
Manager  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes



**Elaine Alec**

**HOM Adviser & Core Faculty**  
Author, Political Advisor, Women's  
Advocate, Spiritual Thought Leader  
and Teacher  
Sylix Nation & Secwepemc Nation



**Annita Mcphee**

**HOM Core Faculty**  
Indigenous Facilitator,  
Motivational Speaker,  
International Human Rights  
Advocate  
Tahltan/Tlingit Nations



**Patsy Phillips**

**HOM Adviser**  
Institute of American Indian  
Arts, Museum of Contemporary  
Native Arts Director



**Minnie Kenoras Grinder**

**HOM Adviser  
& Elder Support**  
Neskonlith Elder



**Grand Chief Wilton  
Littlechild, Ph.D**

**HOM Adviser**  
Cree Lawyer & Chief



**Lovina Louie**

**HOM Adviser & Core Faculty**  
Board Member & Trainer,  
Native Wellness Institute,  
Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d' Alene) Tribe,  
Nselxcin (Okanogan/Colville),  
Nimipu (Nez Perce)



**Ben Nuvamsa**

**HOM Adviser**  
CEO & President of  
Kiva Institute  
Hopi Bear Clan



**Amelia Washington**

**HOM Elder Support**  
Union of British Columbia  
Indian Chiefs  
Elder's Representative  
Nlaka'pamux





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## Reciprocity: Giving is Receiving

It's not cliché. At the center of Traditional Indigenous values is the practice of **Reciprocity**. From a grassroots level, your sponsorship and unique contributions to House of the Moon ensure that those of us who have the ability to invest in women, the Life-Givers, will secure stronger, healthier, and more balanced Indigenous communities everywhere. With your commitment and intentional offering, we can grow House of the Moon in a way that empowers and brings solutions from the ground up.

### What You Are Giving

- Provide mental, physical, emotional and spiritual content and curricula delivered by Indigenous leaders, educators, elders and healers focused on empowerment and self-defense
- Give Indigenous women the ability to facilitate Empowerment and Self-Defense gatherings in their own Tribal Communities
- Give our Indigenous women the opportunity to earn a Graduate Certificate of Completion in order to become an Empowerment and Self-Defense Facilitator in their own communities
- Give Indigenous women the platform to use their unique skill-sets, strengths, and passions AND accelerate their personal healing, growth, and development
- Give Indigenous women the opportunity to create gatherings and lesson plans in culturally relevant ways in order to empower their own communities
- Give Indigenous women the opportunity to form meaningful connections with Tribal women throughout Turtle Island and to learn from the experiences of other Indigenous leaders, elders, healers, and relatives across North America - **Stronger Together, Never Alone!**
- Continue to have the support from a growing number of alumni, faculty, elders and educators as well as the invaluable support of the program's core values and framework after graduation

### What You Are Receiving

*Dependent upon sponsorship level*

- When we hold HOM events, invitation to attend
- Certificate of Acknowledgement for your generous contribution
- Welcome your insights, feedback and ideas
- Be introduced to or paired with a future trainee to learn more about the program's impact and strengthen relations along the way\* (\*only if trainee gives permission for communications)
- Ability to use your sponsorship story in order to spread awareness
- Name placement on website and marketing materials
- Name displayed on signage at House of the Moon events
- Receive sponsorship gifts(s) created by the House of the Moon Community and Indigenous artists
- HOM Swag; Sweatshirts, T-shirts and Bandanas



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## Our 2021 Pilot Training Program Success...

**Seven Indigenous women from the U.S. and Canada became House of the Moon Facilitators.** Each are now certified to offer culturally relevant empowerment and self-defense gatherings in their own Native communities. On April 27, 2021, these **7 Native Women graduated** from House of the Moon's Pilot Facilitator Training Program and are our Founding Facilitators. We are forever grateful for these courageous women who stepped forward and were the first to walk through the Empowerment and Self-Defense Training. We've been able to implement critical feedback, insights and improve our future programs.

**Regeneration of Self-Worth, Empowerment, Healing, and Self-Definition** of Indigenous Women, Girls, and Communities looks like this:

➔ **100% graduation rate** with women from multiple Tribes & First Nations in the U.S & Canada

➔ One graduate translated **HOM curricula** to be age appropriate **K-12**. They are now **offering gatherings in School District 58 in British Columbia.**

➔ The Facilitator Training Program **reached nearly 400 people from over 30 Tribes & First Nations**

➔ **90% of funds raised were invested in Indigenous Leadership, artists, & small businesses**

*"I have been using the training that I received to apply to every aspect of my job. I am now the elected official representative of our Tribe for MMIP/MMIW & have been seated on the Attorney General's Task Force. I am also the Domestic Violence Coordinator for our Tribe & have been working on setting up a Coordinated Community Response Team for anyone who goes missing on the Reservation. Thank you to HOM, I have these skills that are needed & the fire & passion in my heart."*

**Tina Bierle**  
CSKT &  
Fort Belknap Assiniboine

**CHERYL RULE**  
C'eletkwemx  
(Coldwater Community)  
Nle'kepmxcín Nation  
(Thompson Nation)

**DANA HEWANKORN**  
Ksanka Kootenai of the  
Confederated Salish &  
Kootenai Tribes

**ELDER AMELIA WASHINGTON**  
Nlaka'pamux

**IRIS KILL EAGLE**  
Little Shell Tribe

**MYRNA DUMONTIER**  
CSKT / Salish, Cree,  
Shawnee & Nez Perce

**MELISSA MOSES**  
Nlaka'pamux,  
Sylix & Stl'atl'imx





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## Sponsorship Opportunities

House of the Moon would like to make the Empowerment & Self-Defense Facilitator Training Program affordable for Indigenous Women in the U.S. & Canada and grow a sustainable and lasting effort to end the Murdered & Missing crisis, one Relative at a time.

**We envision that an Indigenous woman from every Tribe & First Nation on Turtle Island takes the training & becomes a HOM Facilitator in her community.**

In an effort to give Indigenous women an opportunity to be trained as a Facilitator in the program, then extend their teachings in culturally relevant ways in their own communities, **we are inviting you to be a needed sponsor.** For without you, we cannot go forward in a good way. Through the training, House of the Moon provides these women with physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual empowerment, as well as physical & non-physical self-defense tools & practices.

**We hope that you will support our efforts in ending this crisis through your sponsorship, belief in and investment in our women and communities.**

In these unprecedented times, we need movements that systemically address equality, justice and the protection of women, the Life-givers. Give the First Women of this Nation the tools, practices and connections necessary to protect themselves.

**When we invest in Indigenous Women, we prioritize their empowerment, sovereignty, and self-definition, preventing further Murdered & Missing.**

*"House of the Moon is going to help keep these Women and Girls memories alive; Henny, Ashley (Loring Heavyrunner), Jermain (Charlo), and continue to keep their memory alive so more women will be empowered and confident in themselves."*

### Paula Castro-Stops

Mother of 14-year-old Henny Scott,  
from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation  
& Victim of the MMIWG Crisis





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Please consider sponsoring House of the Moon and the Indigenous women that come through our program. **Levels of Sponsorship** to choose from are listed below:

### 4 Directions Sponsorship

#### 1 YEAR COMMITMENT

#### 2 YEAR COMMITMENT

#### 3 YEAR COMMITMENT

#### 4 YEAR COMMITMENT

### Sponsorship Opportunities

#### TURTLE \$10,000

Training supplies, materials, Full Tuition for 6 Month Virtual Training plus a 4 day in-Person Healing Retreat in Yellowstone National Park: All costs for **One Indigenous Woman**

#### CARIBOU \$7,000

Covers 16 Indigenous Led "Processing Sessions" that follow all curricula presentations in order for trainees to discuss content, questions and impact of subject matter on their personal lives.

#### BEAR \$5,000

Full Destination Healing Retreat, includes: lodging, welcome package, Traditional foods & preparation, plus travel for **One Indigenous Woman**

#### HORSE \$4,000

Full Virtual Training Tuition, includes 6 month Virtual Training Program, Opening, Closing and Graduation Ceremony for **One Indigenous Woman**

#### SALMON \$3,000

Provide a Traditional Elder's Support/ Cultural Social Worker for the 7 Indigenous women throughout the training to help process any trauma or emotional impact of the work and growth

#### DEER \$2,000

Covers printing and design of Training workbook and personal growth journal for 14 Indigenous women to use throughout the training

#### WOLF \$1,000

Provide a Spiritual Cultural Leader in the community to conduct a virtual Graduation Ceremony for the women upon completion of the training for **14 Indigenous Women and HOM Community**

#### ELK \$700

Provides Indigenous Artist crafted thank you gifts for our program volunteers and contributors along the way (You will receive one too!)

#### Hummingbird \$500

Includes Framed Graduation Certificates of Completion Design and Shipping to 14 Indigenous Women from U.S. & Canada





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## Sponsorship Information

Please fill out the fields below to ensure your sponsorship and return this completed form to [relative@houseofthemoon.org](mailto:relative@houseofthemoon.org), along with how you would like your name to be printed on our sponsorship page, printed materials and website. You can also sponsor "In Memory of", so please indicate that if applicable in the notes section. When you mail your check as indicated below, make a note that your donation is for House of the Moon. **Please make your Tax Deductible contribution check payable to our Fiscal Sponsor, Columbiana:**

### Columbiana

2055 Chesaw Road  
Oroville, WA 98844

**EIN#** 91-1372443

[rickg@columbiana.org](mailto:rckg@columbiana.org)

Or you can go to <https://gofund.me/c220f82e> to make your tax-deductible donation via GoFundMe & indicate in the notes your sponsorship level.

We want to express our deep appreciation in advance for your generous contribution to this program. For more information about House of the Moon, please visit our website at:

[www.houseofthemoon.org](http://www.houseofthemoon.org) or contact us at [relative@houseofthemoon.org](mailto:relative@houseofthemoon.org)

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SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	
SHIRT SIZE	
ADDITIONAL NOTES	

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT Program Coordinator: ERIN MITCHELL | [RELATIVE@HOUSEOFTHEMOON.ORG](mailto:RELATIVE@HOUSEOFTHEMOON.ORG) | 443.939.4834



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**Endorsements, Supporters and Advocates...will you join us so we can add your name here?**

*"House of the Moon is an incredible spirit driven program that empowers Indigenous Women. They were transformed and armed with education, healing, and self-defense as they became a voice in their own communities,"* says **LoVina Louie**, HOM Adviser and Core Faculty, Board Member and Trainer for Native Wellness Institute.

*"I think House of the Moon is an incredible example of prevention of what tribes are doing to address the crisis, and one of the best examples that I've heard so far."* **Mary Kathryn Nagel**, one of the foremost Indigenous attorneys in North America.

***"I am not an expert. I am a grassroots person who cares deeply about my people. My intentions are to bring our people together in a safe space to learn more about MMIWG, to reclaim our traditional perspectives and our inherent courage to overcome this crisis. With House of the Moon, we will stand to empower ourselves and protect our women, girls, and people."*** **Dana Hewankorn**, a recent graduate from the Pilot Training Program and CSKT Tribal Member.

