



A Message from the CEO

To mark the first real-time vigil in three years, more than a hundred people, including YWCA members, joined Carol McBride, president of the Native Women's Association of Canada, on October 4. With candles in hand, participants walked from our new head office in Gatineau, Quebec, to Parliament Hill, where they released 100 dove-shaped balloons into the night sky.

NWAC started the Sisters in Spirit vigils in 2006 in honour of the thousands of missing and murdered women, girls, and Two-Spirit people in Canada. That we were finally able to hold a live event since the beginning of the pandemic is doubly significant in light of the tremendous work that NWAC is doing to address the economic marginalization of Indigenous women.

At our Social, Cultural, and Economic Innovation Centre in Gatineau, which played host to a Faceless Dolls workshop prior to the walk, NWAC is building a micro-economy of artisans. The boutique on the ground floor, which features Indigenous