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Sonhatsi:wa to Receive Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction

On April 14, 2021, it was announced that the Attorney General of Ontario selected Sonhatsi:wa, Ganohkwasra's Sexual Violence Healing Center, as a recipient of the Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction for 2020-21.

This award recognizes the dedication and creativity of professionals and volunteers who serve victims, and the courageous efforts of individuals who have been personally impacted by crime and are now working to raise the profile of victims' issues in Ontario.

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council would like to congratulate the Sonhatsi:wa team for this outstanding achievement, and offer their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the important work they do for the community. Elected Chief Mark B. Hill stated, "Sonhatsi:wa cares for some of the most vulnerable members in the community, and it's a great honour that they are being recognized for the compassion and love they impart each day to help those in need overcome past trauma and hurt."

Sonhatsi:wa's community-based and culturally-sensitive healing approach for victims makes them a valuable resource within the community. Sonhatsi:wa provides one-on-one counselling to survivors of sexual abuse and other forms of sexual violence, victims of human trafficking, residential school or intergenerational trauma and abuse; to educate them about issues of family violence and sexual assault, and encourages them to do "present day repair work" on past traumas.

Ganohkwasra/Sonhatsi:wa was graciously nominated by the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant. This award is a well-deserved recognition of their tireless efforts to provide support and counselling to individuals and their families.

Sonhatsi:wa received their award during the virtual awards reception on April 27, 2021.

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