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Ms Caitlin Downie
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Dear Ms Downie;

On behalf of the FCSS Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) Board, I am very pleased to inform you that your project, I See You: Sawubona Exhibit has been selected as a recipient of a 2020 FCSSAA Award of Excellence, for the category of: Population Between 20,000 and 85,000.

This project provides a unique opportunity to view the lives of those who have lived experience of discrimination through the use of art, video and storytelling. By doing so, participants are able to understand on a deeper level the effect of hate and discrimination not only on the individual but the impact on community and society as a whole. Addressing these issues in a public way such as through this display, supports the intended outcome of the FCSS program, to "enhance the Social Well Being of individuals, families, and communities through prevention".

Traditionally, the FCSSAA Board honours Award recipients at a presentation ceremony at our Annual Conference, however, as the conference was cancelled this year, they would like to find another, meaningful way, to make an in person presentation in your community. Staff from the FCSSAA will be in touch with you in the near future to discuss a mutually agreeable, alternate way to ensure I See You: Sawubona Exhibit receives the recognition it deserves and we look forward to sharing the story of this project with all FCSS programs in Alberta during our Annual General Meeting on November 27.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo FCSS and I See You: Sawubona Exhibit being nominated, and receiving, this Award of Excellence.

Yours truly,

Karen Rosvold, President
FCSS Association of Alberta

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