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Open letter to Citizens Concerned about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls,

RE: CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE FAMILIES FIRST FOUNDATION

On behalf of the newly incorporated *Families First Foundation*, I am very pleased to provide you this open call for one male youth and one female youth (ages 18-25) for the Board of Directors.

Incorporated on May 13, 2015, the *Families First Foundation* is informed by engagement with families of MMIWG. It is a separate legal entity from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs that will:

- 1) Educate the public on the needs of families of MMIWG;
- 2) Provide and coordinate the delivery of:
 - a. religious, spiritual, emotional, cultural and financial support to families;
 - b. translation services, media liaison services and independent legal advice to families;
 - c. community-based mentorship and child-minding services to families;
- 3) Provide communication services for the delivery of information to families; and
- 4) Undertake activities related to the above..

A community-based board will guide the business of the Foundation that shall be comprised of the following individuals:

- (a) two nominees from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs First Nations Women's Committee, with one representing Northern Manitoba and one representing Southern Manitoba;
- (b) one female youth;
- (c) one male youth;
- (d) three nominees representing families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls; and
- (e) two nominees from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Coalition.

For more information on the Foundation, please go to www.familiesfirstfoundation.ca. Attached is a form to submit to the *Families First Foundation* indicating your interest on being on the Board.

Yours truly,

Marcel Balfour
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