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A Child Truth is much simpler than an adult's. Provide me with the tools to develop my gifts and I will become all I was intended to be.

Anishnaabek children were gifted a Good Life in a Good enough family setting prior to Residential Schools.

Residential Schools changed Anishinaabek Children's future forever. My future and yours is tied to this reality.

Aboriginal children to-day experience Life in the shadow of Residential Schools.

Some of those children are Adults caught in the MYTH that these schools still have power.

I'm a counselor who listens to stories. I work to nurture the SPIRIT of the Anishinaabek family.

This Quilt Block is to Honor the Spirit that gives Life to us all.

Residential Schools are a part of Anishinaabek history and experience.

In the Past they have much Power over the children.

In the Present they retain Power over those who have not had an opportunity to heal from the experience. In the Future they will have as much Power as I and you chose to give them.

If it gives Freedom....it is from Creator/God....Choose Freedom.

About the "Block"

The white beaded centre flower is Creator. Edged with many colored beads to represent All God's Children.

The individual Hearts and flowers are Residential School Survivors including those who taught and abused the children thus themselves.

The three Darkness figures are represented to remind us that the potential to harm with violence lurks in all of us.

The Butterflies and Dragonflies are essential to bring the Light of the Anishinaabek Grandmothers and Grandfathers who teach us ALL to be Kind and to bring GOODLIFE to the people.

I've done my best...I offer this Block in Gratitude and in the Hope for Peace for the Children and Creation.

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