

## **Chrysalis House Land Acknowledgment**

At Chrysalis House, we acknowledge that we live, work, and gather in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq, or L'nu'k (The People), who have cared for this land since time immemorial. The Peace and Friendship Treaties continue to guide our relationships with L'nu'k, the land, and all living beings. We recognize that these treaties affirmed coexistence and mutual respect, and that Mi'kmaq title and rights were never surrendered.

We recognize that this land provides a sacred space for healing, and that all who come to Chrysalis House share a responsibility to care for it. We honour the strength, resilience, and wisdom of Indigenous women and Two-Spirit people and acknowledge the profound contributions they continue to make to their families, communities, and nations.

We understand that violence against women is not an individual issue, but a systemic one rooted in colonialism and ongoing inequities. As a result, Indigenous women and Two-Spirit people continue to be disproportionately impacted by gender-based violence. Recognizing this truth calls us to action.

At Chrysalis House, we believe safety is built through relationships. We value the Indigenous cultural lens and strive to learn from the Seven Sacred Teachings: Respect, Courage, Wisdom, Truth, Love, Honesty, and Humility. These teachings challenge us to listen deeply, reflect honestly, and remain accountable in our work.

Land acknowledgements alone are not enough. We commit to creating brave spaces where Indigenous voices are centred, where colonial ways of thinking are questioned, and where we continually learn, unlearn, and relearn. Through this commitment, we seek to nurture spaces where people feel supported, valued, and empowered to move toward safety and healing.