

Climbing The Giving Tree

(2020) By Artist Leah Marie Dorion

In this painting three Métis children play on the Giving Tree which is the focal point of this artwork. The cultural significance of the Giving Tree is explained further in the book "The Giving Tree" written and illustrated by Leah Marie Dorion published by the Gabriel Dumont Institute in Saskatoon, Sask. In this artwork there are hearts around the tree to express the love and joy the children have while learning through play which is a key Métis cultural learning methodology. In the roots of the Giving Tree is sash pattern symbolism and the Métis infinity symbol which are two cultural icons that are important expressions of Métis identity through the generations. Since the Métis are known as the "Flowerbeadwork People," there are beautiful spring blossoms all around the canopy of the tree to symbolize the rebirth of Métis culture and the season of spring when children get out into nature to witness the wonders of the natural world.



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For support, or additional information on the Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) Program, please visit www.mnbc.ca/wellbeing
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Miyoopimatishihk

Miyoopimatishihk is a Michif word which means "Wellbeing"

The Elders teach us that Miyoopimatishihk encourages us all to walk a good circle of life journey. When we all walk in a beautiful way our families experience wellbeing.



What is the Miyoopimatishihk Program?

The Miyoopimatishihk (*Wellbeing*) Program has been created for Métis families with children birth to 8 years. Métis families can apply for and access services funded directly by MNBC.

Who may apply?

- * Any parent or guardian who cares for a Métis child that requires extra support.
- * The child must be enrolled in the Métis Family Connections Program.
- * The parent/guardian or child must be a MNBC citizen and provide their citizenship number.

What can you apply for?

A wide range of services, programs and products, including but not limited to: respite care, speech therapy, assessments, specialized equipment, mental health supports.

MNBC recognizes that some children may require multiple supports and services. Please contact us to discuss your child's needs. If more than one child needs support, you can apply for each one on an individual basis.

How do you apply?

Families can connect with their Métis Family Connections Navigator to receive a copy of the application form.

* Southern/Heritage Michif, translated by Michif-language expert Norman Fleury.