



TORONTO BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we look back on this past year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. Whether you engaged with us online, attended workshops, or joined us in September at Queen's Park, thank you for showing up for The Word On The Street this year. Your support of the festival's mission means everything right now.

To our community: *you are the heart of The Word On The Street*. You've stood with us through remarkably uncertain times, offering not only your financial support but also your understanding and patience as we have crossed thresholds of great change and upheaval. Your belief in our mission to uplift Indigenous and Canadian authors, your faith in our vision of a world where literacy empowers all, and your unwavering presence to support these efforts in our community have kept us energized and inspired through hard times, and now we look forward, as we flourish together.

This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Every single donation helps us build stronger infrastructure to platform Indigenous and Canadian voices. It takes \$300,000 to physically build the festival on the street every year, between infrastructure like stages and sound equipment, and vital services like medics and security. It takes another almost \$300,000 to ensure the organization that *runs* the festival can keep its lights on. By making even a \$5 donation, **you will help reinvest vital resources into authors by expanding marketing efforts, improving stage production, providing ongoing support for over 150 dedicated volunteers, and much more.** Your gift is not just an investment into The Word On The Street; it's an investment into the future of Indigenous and Canadian storytelling.

Books and stories have always had the power to change lives — it's your belief in that power, your support, that makes everything we do possible. It is our privilege to be part of stewarding Canada's largest free-to-attend literary event. We might not get the chance to blow out the proverbial candles in person together, but as we round out celebrating The Word On The Street's 35th festival, we wanted to acknowledge your part in this milestone year.

With warmth and gratitude, and as always happy reading,

Haley, Sienna and Sarah  
WOTS Executive Team