

# **Annual Report - Memorial Site Construction Project January 2024**

Dear friends,

We would like to express our deep gratitude to each one of you who played a crucial role in contributing to the construction of the memorial site dedicated to commemorating the 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda. This proposed site will be located in the Ottawa-Gatineau region. This annual report serves both as a testament to our gratitude and an update on the collective progress we have made since the inception of this initiative:

### 1. Mobilization

Humura Association committee successfully reached out to leaders within the Rwandan community across Canada, receiving widespread support for our initiative. Despite these efforts, there is more work to be done to engage a broader audience, particularly among the younger generation. The construction of this memorial site is an investment in our future, and we are committed to ensuring its significance for generations to come. We have also met with representatives of the federal government, obtaining positive responses. In 2024, we plan to intensify our lobbying efforts to secure additional support from government officials.

#### 2. Contributions

We express our sincere appreciation to contributors who generously supported us in 2023, contributing a total of \$8,278.00. This substantial achievement in our first year motivates us, and we look forward to continued contributions in 2024. Your dedication to preserving the memory of the 1994 Tutsi genocide is deeply appreciated. Special recognition goes to Jean Claude Ngabonziza for initiating the sale of pins badges, a creative way to support our cause. You can purchase these pins for \$10 each, and we encourage you to contact him. For those who have not yet contributed, we urge you to make an effort to support this initiative, emphasizing that our collective contributions are crucial to achieving our goal. We have a goal to triple the contributions from 2023, and each one of your contributions is necessary to reach our target.

# Objectives for the year of 2024

## Team Strengthening

Willy Rangira and Tharcisse Ruhamyandekwe have accepted leadership roles for the memorial site project, bringing valuable skills, experience, and commitment.

# Feasibility Study

We have commissioned a feasibility study for the construction of the memorial site, and once available, we will share it with all contributors.

## Mobilization

New community engagement strategies will be developed to rally more people, especially with the approach of the 30th-anniversary commemoration. Our goal is to reach at least 250 people by the end of this year.

Once again, our deepest gratitude goes to each contributor. Together, we have a profound impact on our community, ensuring that the memory of the 1994 Tutsi genocide is preserved for future generations. Reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year, we look forward with hope and determination to the tasks ahead. With your continued support, we are confident in our ability to achieve our common goals and create a lasting legacy that honors the memory of the victims. For any inquiries, additional information, or to stay informed of our progress, please feel free to contact us. Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

Sincerely, Pascal KANYEMERA

Humura Association president