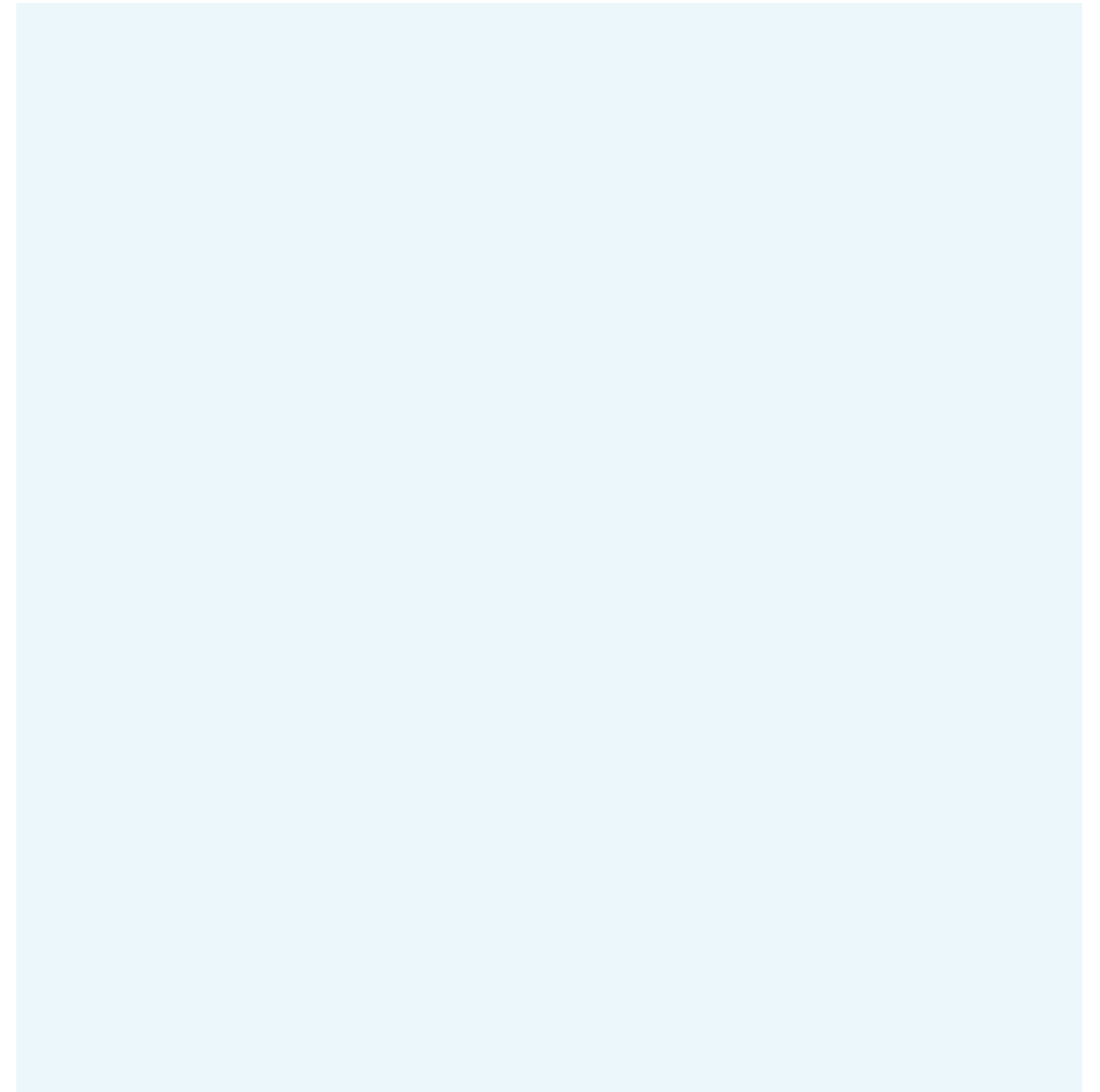


More than 60 language learners, teachers and supporters came together to share Xaad Kíl, to work together to overcome the trauma of language

Ja Háw'aa'uu

To everyone that took the time to participate and support this Xaad Kíl gathering and language revitalization.



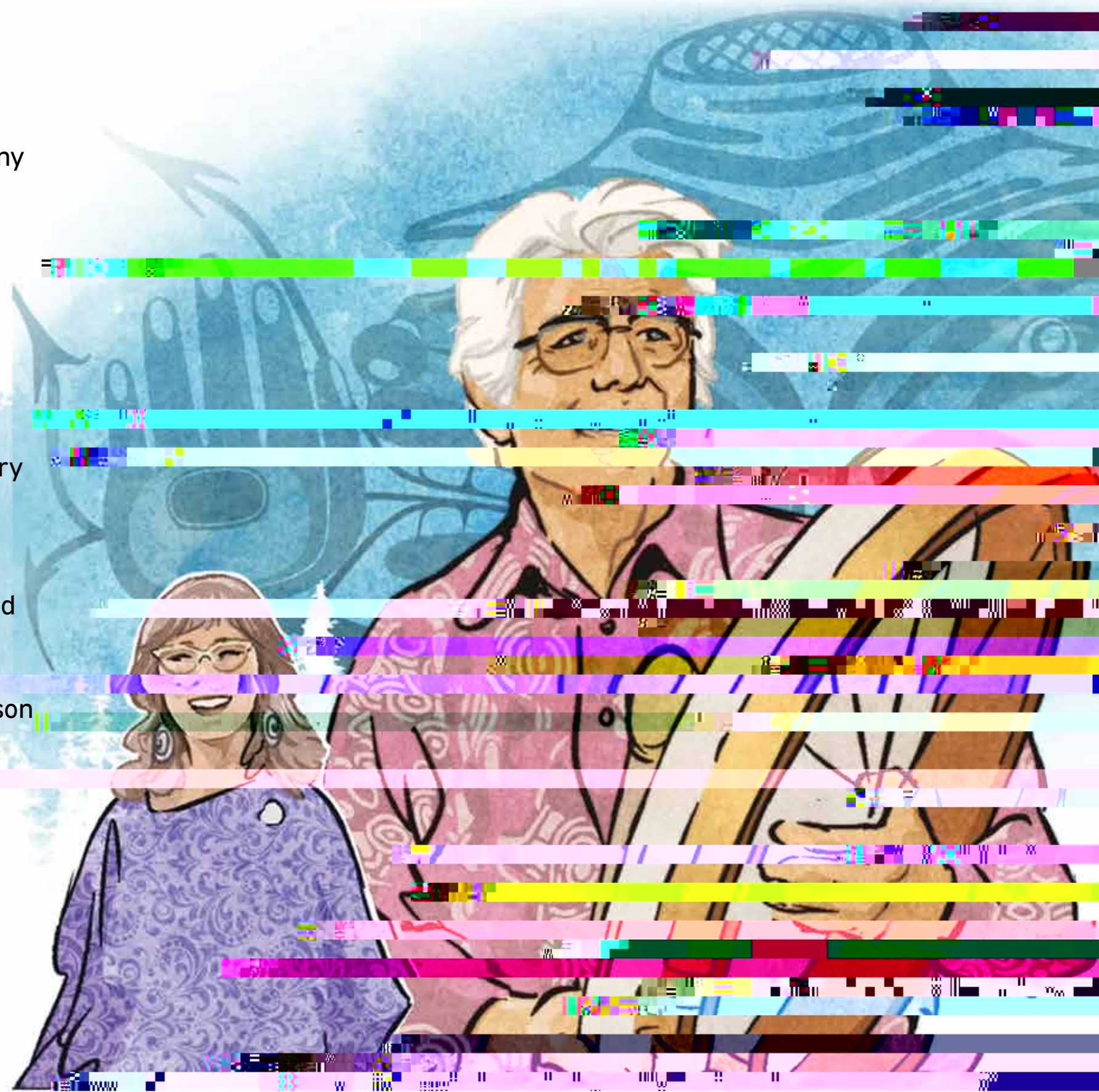
Today we have a great challenge breathing life into Xaad Kíl with so many of our fluent speakers passing on. I have a vision that this trend can be reversed just like how the art of our ancestors is alive. One way this can be done is a renewed commitment to reviving Xaad Kíl.

“A thin curtain hangs between us”, is a Haida term I learned from Uncle Victor. He translated it to mean, “when two people are closely related there is a thin curtain hanging between us”.

Today there are a lot of groups studying the language and some are very advanced in Xaad Kíl, but sometimes a thin curtain hangs between our groups, preventing us from working together.

How can we lift that curtain so we can all benefit from the knowledge and insights we all hold?

-Guud San Glans - Robert Davidson



Gidahl Gudslaay, Lalaxaaygans - Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson

Áajii Xaad kíł, gaa xadláa sk'at'áas gwíijgwaá 'la 'wáadluwaan Xaad kíł an únsadee ga díi sdahláang.

“Concerning the children learning Haida, it’s my hope that they all will learn and come to understand the Haida language.”

- Iłskyaalas - Dr. Delores Churchill





Being here changed my life and being back here for the last 48 hours has changed my life again.

I am so proud to hear about what everyone has been doing with all of this work.

All of the work that everybody has been done is not being forgotten.

Maybe a name slips through the cracks, but the work itself is not being forgotten. It is being brought back out. That is the sign of a healthy language that is the sign of language revitalization.

- Yaari K'anggdanga - Dr. Jordan Lachier

Working with all of the Elders that I had an opportunity to work with and all the students and learners that I had a chance to work with. That made me the linguist that I am today.

You guys have made a huge contribution to languages outside. Any dictionary, textbook, any classes I taught stand on the shoulder of the work that we did together.

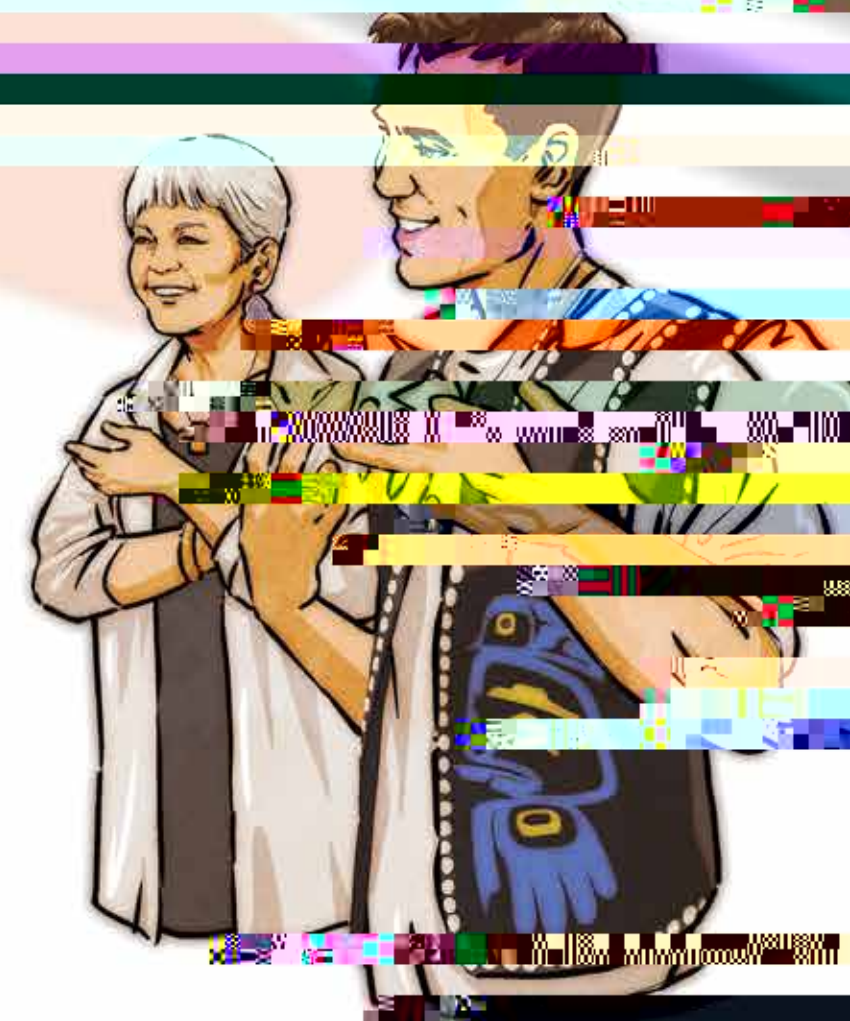
It goes far beyond Prince of Wales of Island, goes far beyond the mountains. I need you to know that.



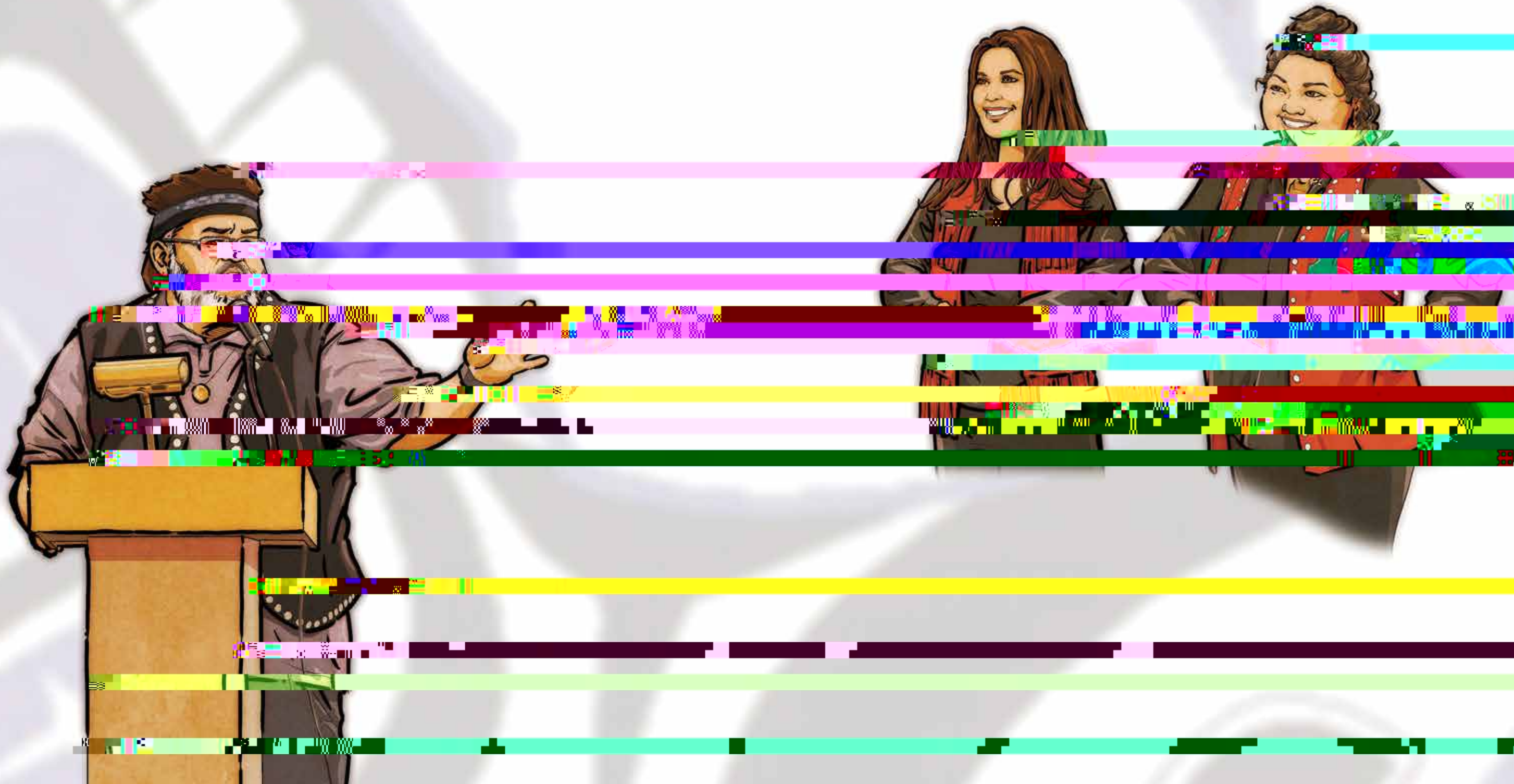
"Her vocabulary is amazing and Ben's vocabulary, too. I really admire that Ben gave up four years of his life to learn vocabulary to learn the Haida language with his grandfather. Every time we did something for the language nest Ben would say Xaad Kíl words for the children in the language nest. I really honor Ben and Skíl Jáadei. They are amazing. They are really going to help to keep our Haida language and help to teach it in kindness and love."

- Ilskyaalas - Dr. Delores Churchill

"One thing I find really moving is people like Ben Young and Linda Schrack. I'd like to tell you about Linda's grandmother. In the late 70s early 80s, her grandmother gave her her name, Skíl Jáadei . Nora was the youngest daughter of Charles and Isabelle Edenshaw. She got that name when she was very young. It is an honor to be given that name. When Skíl Jáadei and I did translation work it was amazing that she could know every word right away."

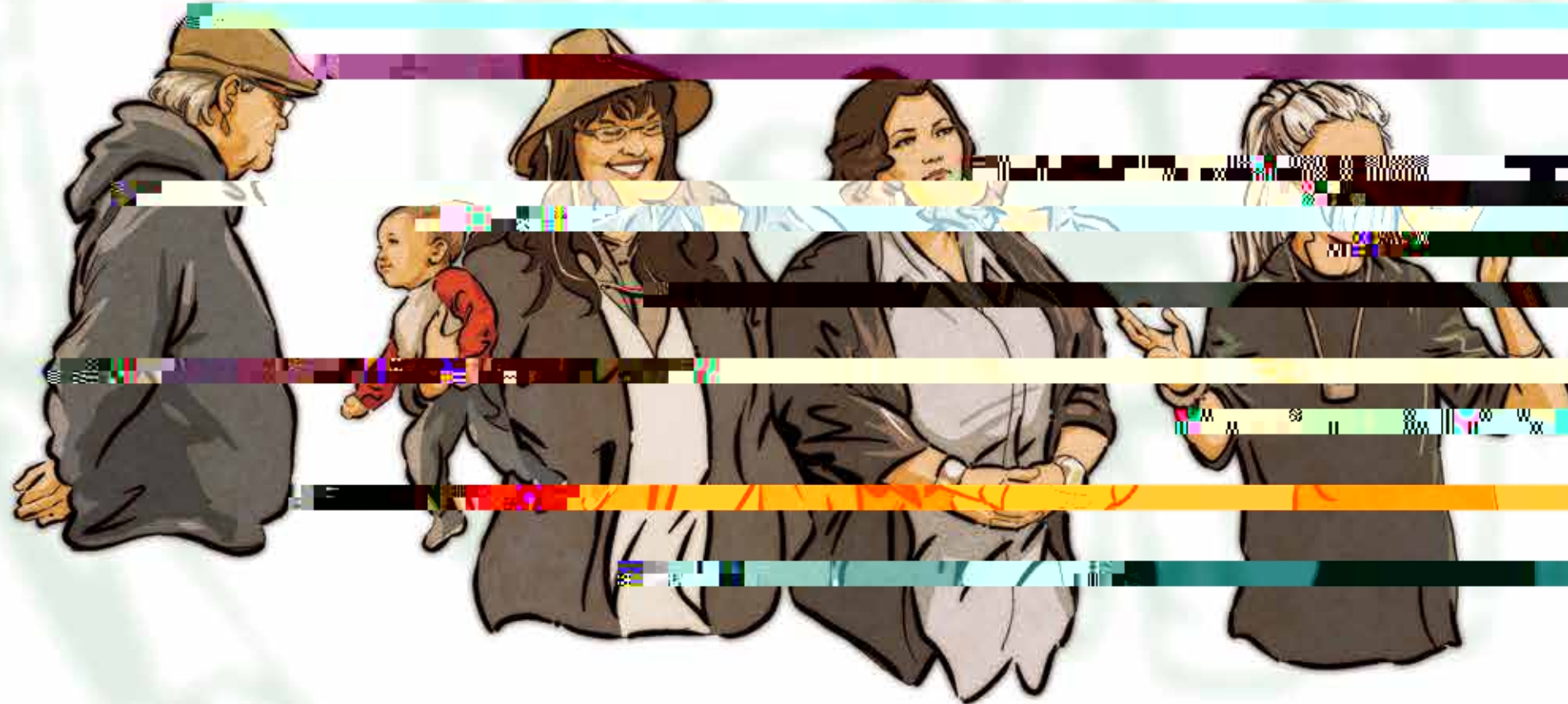
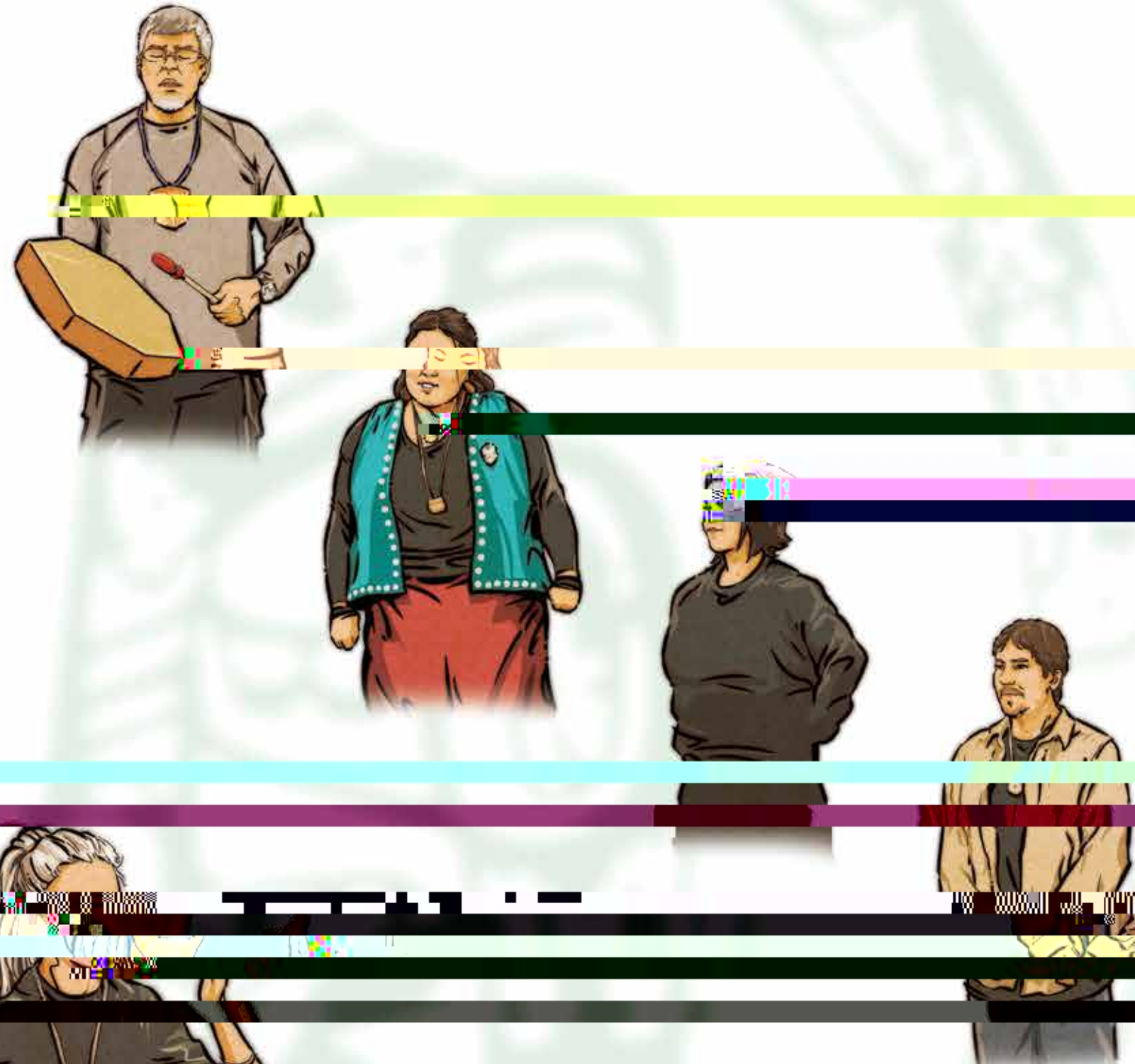


“The Haida language gathering serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and richness of our culture. It is through the revitalization and celebration of our language that we ensure the survival of our heritage for generations to come.”



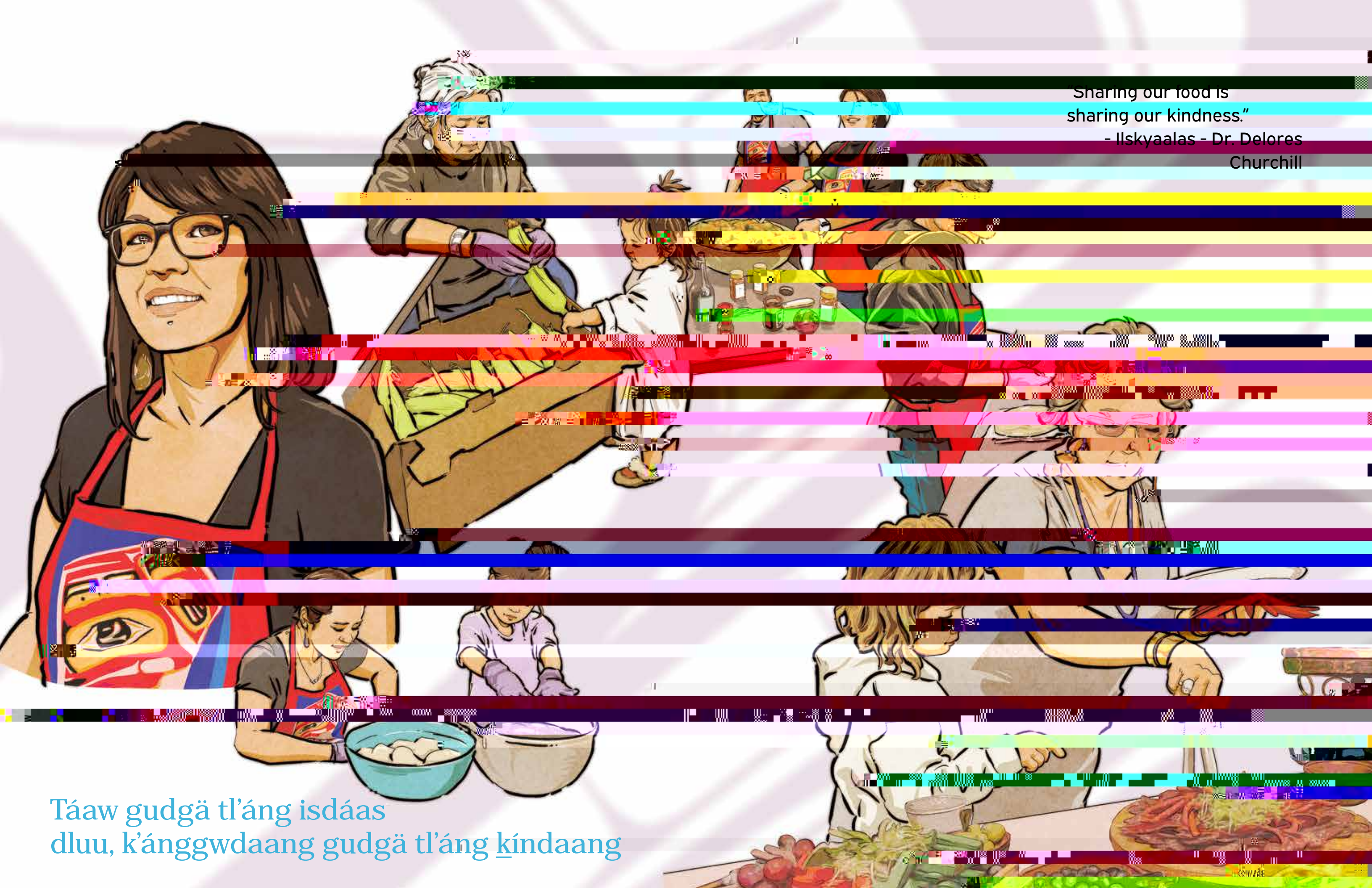
XKKF was honored and delighted to attend the Haida Language conference hosted in Craig, AK. Our hearts are filled with hope and pride to witness the tireless efforts of so many Haida language reclamation programs across Southeast Alaska. XKKF is committed to continuing to provide adult Haida language learners opportunities and to support the missions of our language reclamation warriors.

- Dr. Wendy Todd, Xaadas Kíl Kuyáas
Foundation President



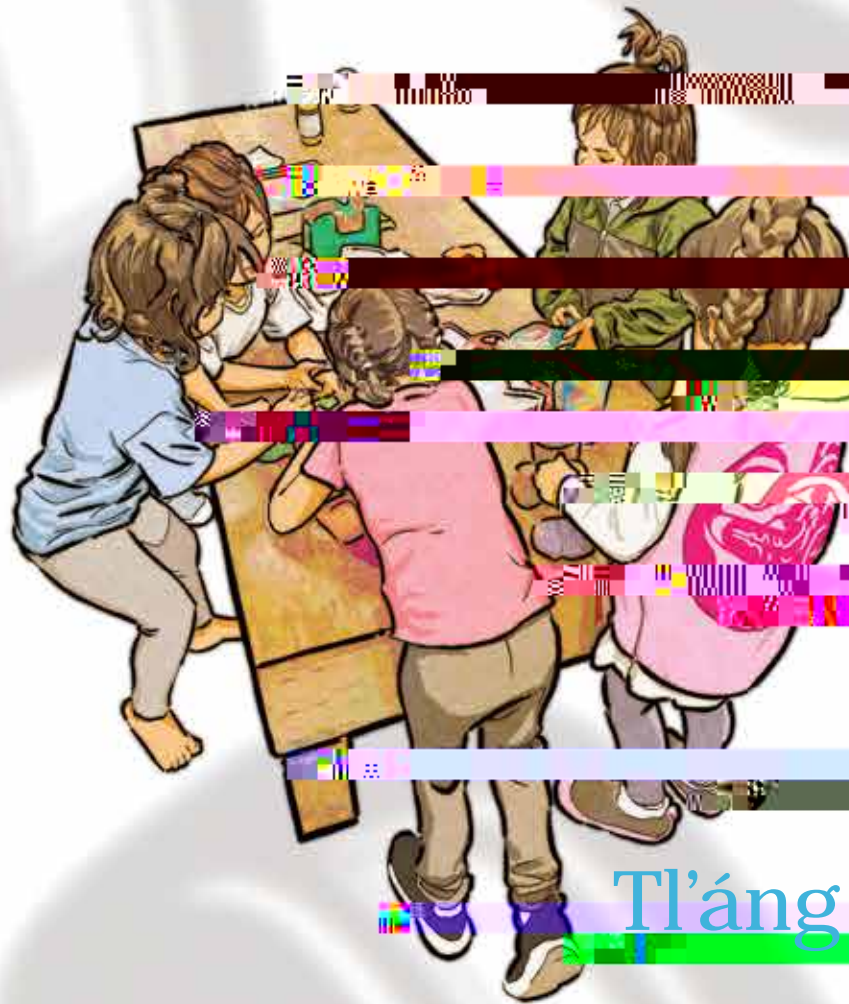
Táawee 'wáadluwaan gud ahl t'aláng táas dluu
xáwlaang". All the food tastes sweeter when we
are together."

- Christian White



Sharing our food is
sharing our kindness.”
- Iiskyaalas - Dr. Delores
Churchill

Táaw gudgä t'áng isdáas
dluu, k'áנגgwdang gudgä t'áng kındaang



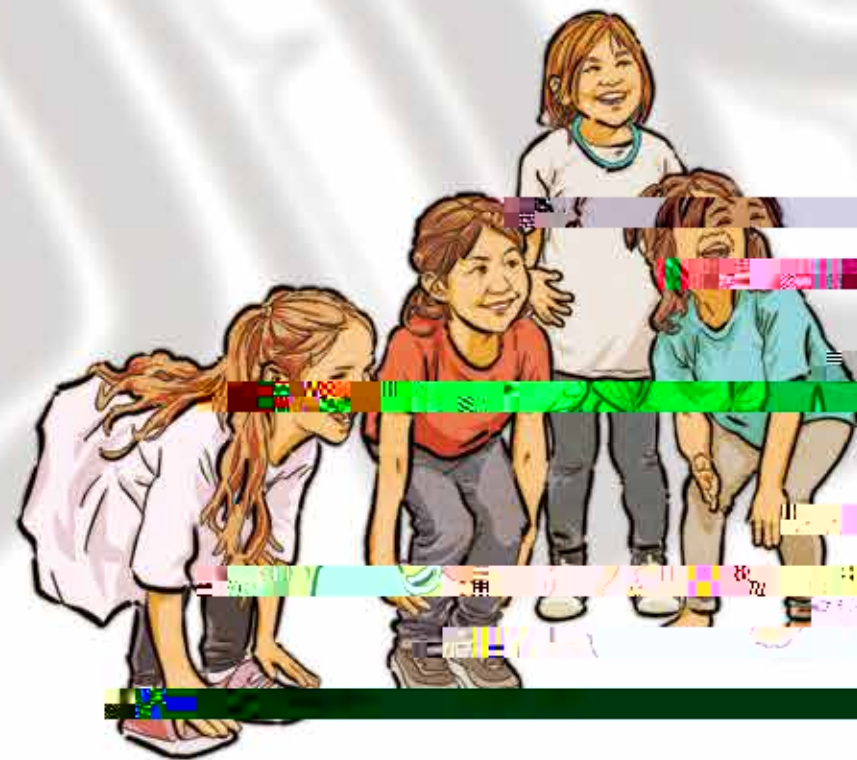
Tl'áng náanggan gyáan

(We played and...)



gudahl tl'áng hlGáanggulgan

(we worked together)





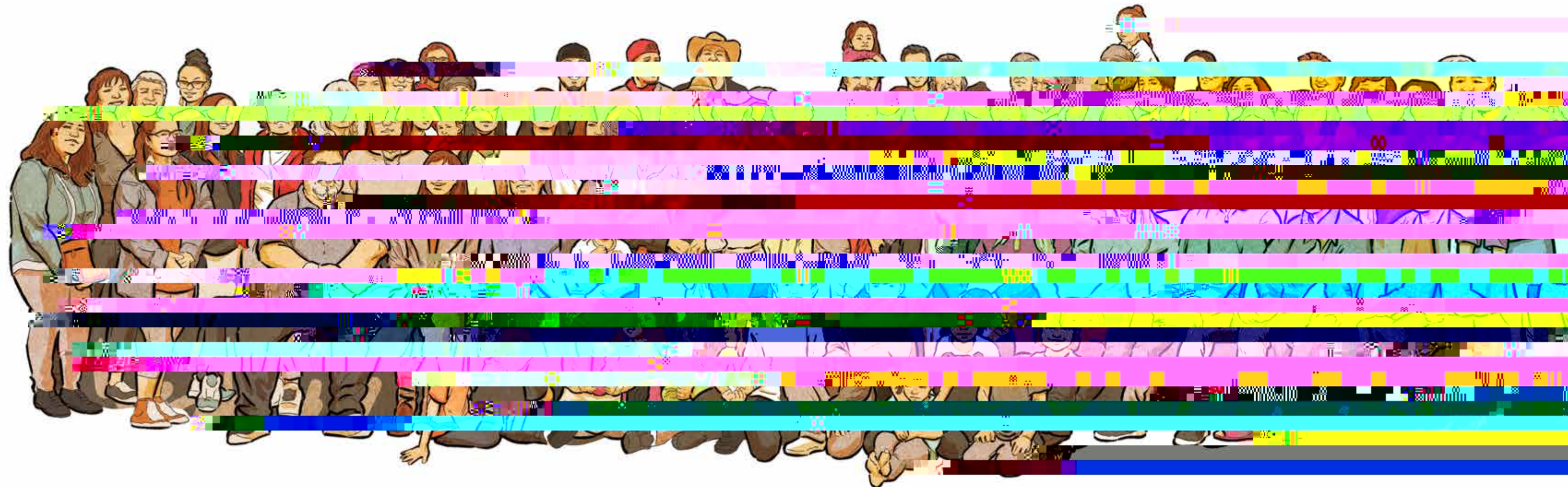
Kiilang tl'áng gya'ándaasaang

(We'll use our language, words and voice)



Tla'ii hl kiilang gudangáadaa

(Make your voice carry)



Agenda – Day I
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Tla’ii hl kiilang gudangáadaa
(Make Your Voice Carry)

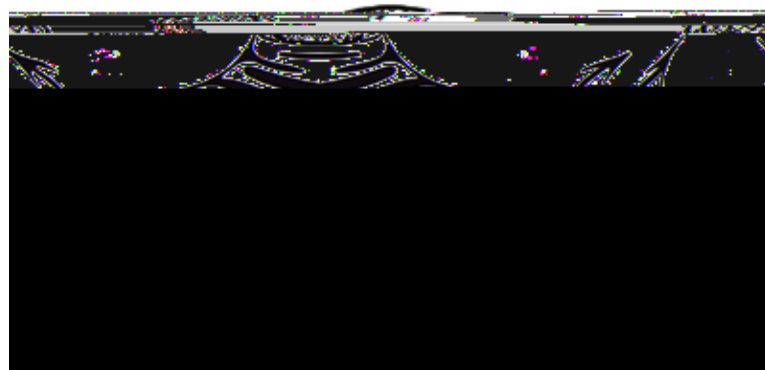
8:00 AM	Meal Blessing • Song • Breakfast Buffet
8:45 AM	Welcome Guests - Islyalaas, Xayáa Jáad Marita Tolson
8:50 AM	Guest Speaker - Guud Sans Glan Robert Davidson
9:30 AM	Networking Song - K'uyáang Ben Young
9:45 AM	Brunch • Networking
10:20AM	Xaad Kil Recollections and _____
10:30 AM	
11:00 AM	_____
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4:15 PM	



Agenda – Day III
Thursday, May 16, 2024

Agán tl'áng sangáadaasaang
(We'll Celebrate Ourselves)

8:00 AM	Meal Blessing • Song • Breakfast Buffet • Networking
9:50AM	Welcome Guests • Introduce Delores Churchill - K'uyáang Ben Young
10:00 AM	Guest Speaker - Iskyaalaas Delores Churchill
10:30 AM	Commitment to Perpetuate the Language <u>Guud San Glans</u> (Robert Davidson)
11:00 AM	Share Resources with One Another
12:00 PM	Lunch
Following Lunch	Song and dance invitationals Peace Offerings • Gift Giving • Fellowship Last words • Announcements • Farewells



It is with the utmost respect to dedicate this book in honor of

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Choose love, Choose life,
Choose Xaad Kíl

- IIskyaalas - Dr. Delores Churchill