

JOB DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS STORY 2014



Cornelia "Cindy" King-Meza



Lawrence Shonias

In 2014, **Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek** trained and employed two community members in the occupation of "Maintenance Workers" to maintain the Health Centre, Band Administration Office and public grounds.

Before the project Cornelia was receiving Employment Insurance benefits. On this project she has been trained mostly in custodial duties. In the mornings she is at the Health Centre and afternoons at the Band Administration office. She sweeps, mops, cleans bathrooms, washes windows and on occasion greets people when they enter the buildings. Cornelia is very friendly and is suited for this position. She is meticulous in ensuring the buildings are germ free and clean. At the Health Centre she wipes down observation rooms, walls, door handles, tracks inventory of cleaning supplies and orders when low. During my monitor visit she pointed to a room full of janitorial items, all organized and neatly placed (brooms, boxes of garbage bags, brooms, dusters, rags, etc) and with a big smile says "Welcome to my office!" She truly enjoys her job and upon completion of the project continues on as a janitor.

Lawrence worked outside mainly cutting grass, brush cutting, delivering Sassi Water containers to community members due to the water boil advisory, garbage pickups on Mondays and does minor repairs to residential and public toilets. Lawrence recently completed his Grade 12 Diploma through the Anderson Project and is planning to take a HEO training program for employment in forestry/mining. At present Lawrence enjoys his position and continued to be employed upon completion of the program.