



**We are the ones
We've been waiting for!**

Dear Friends and Family,

I am working on a Child Abuse Healing Journey/Walk taking place on June 15, 2018. We are planning on walking in Fairbanks then boating down the Yukon River. Tentatively, we plan on bringing 12 youth— we are keeping it small. It is going to be an emotional but healing journey for us. We will also have a counselor along with us. I will need all the help I can get in Fairbanks, Minto, Manley Hot Springs, Tanana, Ruby and Galena—boots on the ground!

We are working on details now. I have confirmed with Fred Meyer West and booked the Pioneer Park Civic Center for June 15. We plan to start gathering at 10am, beginning the Walk at Noon so others can join in on their lunch hour. We will also have a trooper car and boat to assist us along the way! I have kids flying in from all over Alaska. I will need to raise funds for airfare, housing, food, vehicles, signs, tee- shirts, fuel for boats, advertising—it is a lot!

Tentatively, after Friday's Walk and Fundraiser, we will continue the journey Saturday morning, driving to Minto. There we will have a community picnic and gathering continuing on to Manley with a blessing gathering and picnic at the boat launch. We plan to continue the boat journey onto Tanana where we will overnight, with a gathering in Tanana the next day. The journey will continue with gatherings in Ruby, ending in Galena. This is all in the works and plans are subject to change as they progress. If you are in these communities and would like to get involved please contact me at (907) 750-9123.

I would appreciate any and all assistance! We will need volunteers, monetary and in-kind service donations, and silent auction/raffle donations.

Our youth are anonymously writing their stories and collecting stories from anyone. You can write yours! We encourage all of you to write—any age, gender, race, demographic, it does not matter! Let your voice be heard! There will be no names—this is all anonymous! Please keep your stories direct, specific, and not too long. We will be sharing these stories all the way, posting them on the website, social media and possibly in newspapers. I encourage you to write what happened to you, its impact, how you dealt with it, what you learned, and how you have overcome. Please do not use names. Please try to incorporate where you are now, and end it with a positive note. You are a survivor not a victim. We want to share, but we do not want to cause more trauma. We understand it is hard, but this is the first step towards healing.

We invite you to like, follow, share My Grandmas House on all social media platforms such as, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Our website is in the making. Stay tuned for updates via all of these outlets. Thank you for your support. We appreciate you supporting the children of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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