

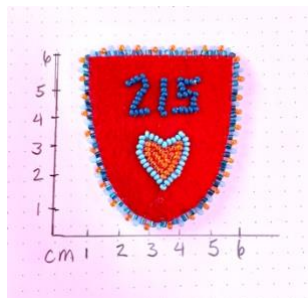
CALLING FOR 215 BEADED BABY VAMPS

To commemorate the **215** children who lost their lives at Kamloops Residential School

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BEADING IS HEALING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE

The goal is to gather 215 single beaded vamps (not a pair) by September 30, 2021, Orange Shirt Day. Vamps will be framed and donated to the School of Social Work, Carleton University, to honour the 215 young lives lost at Kamloops Residential School as well as all of the children yet to be found.



Instructions: The single vamp should be 5-6 cm (length) by 5-6 cm (width) with a beaded design of your choice, including edging. It can be either felt or leather. Backing can be put on, but it is not necessary. If you are interested in contributing a vamp, please let us know. It will help us track the number of vamps being made. Beading kits are available upon request.

Email: deborahgyoung@cmail.carleton.ca for mailing instructions (you cover the delivery costs but as the vamp is tiny, one stamp should be sufficient postage).

Ottawa Residents: Beading kits are also available for pick up at **Canada Beading Supply - 190 Colonnade Rd. S. Unit 8B, Ottawa, ON.** Completed single vamps may also be dropped off at the store.

Why?

One thread, one bead, and one vamp represent an incomplete journey. A single bead on its own remains unfinished but when many beads are brought together it tells a powerful story of resistance and resilience which is only made possible by community voice and action.

Given social work's historical role in perpetuating and maintaining settler patriarchy and violence, this commemorative display will honour the lives of the lost First Nations, Metis, and Inuit children and bring the conversation into the School of Social Work and the wider community.



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