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Kahnawà:ke, Quebec

This past September, the Kanien'keha:ka Onkwawen:na Raotitiohkwa Language and Cultural Center (KORLCC) in Kahnawà:ke, Quebec, celebrated its opening after years of planning and fundraising.

Alongside Hope has watched the centre grow into a community space for language and cultural revitalization. In June 2026, Alongside Hope board members and staff toured the community and the centre. They listened to a deeply personal history of the community, from the impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway to the inspiring resilience of the local ironworkers. Delegates saw the stunning, land-inspired building, its longhouse-inspired skylights, and the language school, where they learned of the challenges facing this threatened language — only about 300 native speakers remain — and the importance of elder-led intergenerational support.

KORLCC's opening marks a meaningful milestone in the revitalization of Kanien'kéha, and Alongside Hope is honoured to stand alongside the community as this important work continues.

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