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WIIKWEMKOONG ROBOTICS TEAM HEADING TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

WIKWEMIKONG, MANITOULIN ISLAND (April 23, 2019) -The Wiikwemkoong Robotics Team 5672 have been successful in achieving the financial support they needed to attend the FIRST Robotics World Championships. A generous donation came in from Bridging Finance Inc. to cover the budget needed to attend the Championships on April 24 – 27, 2019.

In a statement, CEO David Sharpe, said "Bridging Finance and I are very proud to support the Wikwemikong High School Robotics Team on their trip to the World Championships in Detroit. We are proud of the incredible accomplishments of the Wiky Robotics Team as they inspire Indigenous youth across the country to reach for their goals. I am also impressed with the leadership of Ogimaa Peltier and greatly admire his leadership and support of youth and children in the community."

Ogimaa Duke Peltier congratulated the Team for its fundraising efforts. "It was great to hear David Sharpe and Bridging Finance Inc. took up the challenge to support the Team. We very much appreciate it. I would also like to thank all of the ongoing support from our teams' sponsors: Oakridge Place, Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation, Metal Supermarkets, Jazz Solar, TD Bank, RBC Wealth Management, Argosy Foundation, SnoLab, Testmark Laboratories, and Microsoft."

The Team will be competing against 400 of the best teams in the world. Their Chairman's team will compete for Worlds in the robotics competition and Mary Pangowish will compete for the Dean's List. The Chairman's Award recognizes the impact of the team in inspiring Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) in their community and beyond.

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory wish the team all the best in the competitions and will be cheering them on!

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