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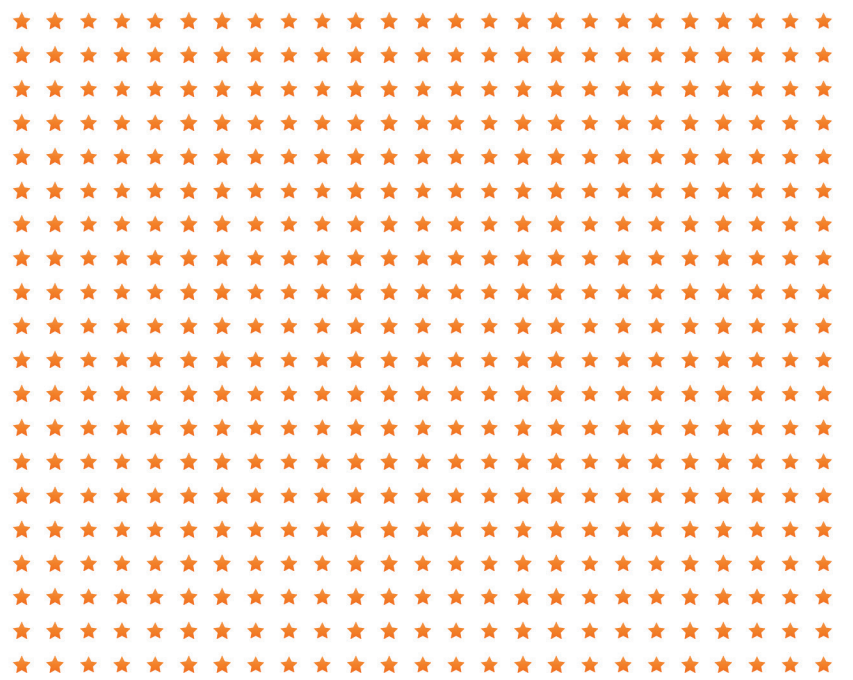
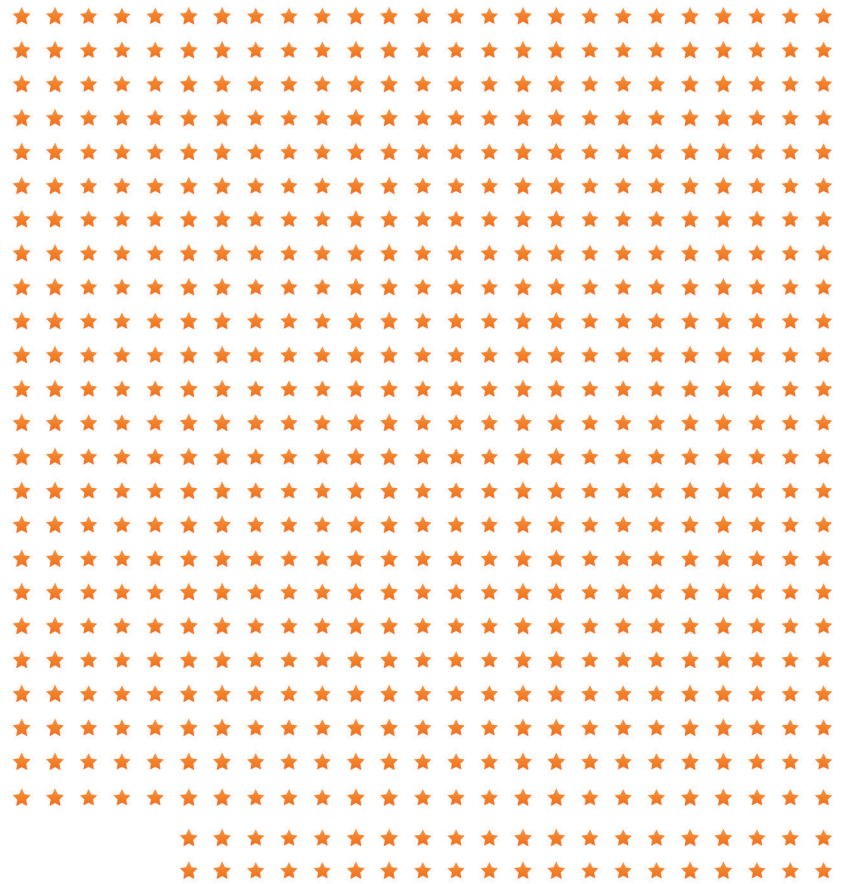
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‘Just believe us, that’s been the hardest’

“Even before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission we’ve been talking about how there were more children, we’ve always known that. We’ve been talking about how pervasive racism is, we’ve always known that. We’ve been talking about how there was an active plan to erase Indigenous people, and we’ve always known that. What’s been difficult is that for generations we’ve been saying this and Canadians have been going, ‘Well, no. That can’t be.’ They’re minimizing or diminishing it and trying to distance themselves.”

“This is shared history. The residential school discoveries aren’t about Indigenous people as much as they’re about what Canadians did.”

Karl Dockstader
Executive director
Niagara Regional Native Centre



Each of the 1,140 stars above represents an Indigenous child lost to Canada’s residential school system, in Kamloops, Cowessess and lesser known sites in Regina, Brandon and Lestock. These numbers are sure to grow.

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