

Hello Everyone:

I wanted to say thank you for ensuring that the vision Graham Tobe created in 2016 with The Owemanco Charitable Foundation continues to create authentic transformative societal change in deeply moving and meaningful ways. Your investment has reached into the very core of the work of The Gatehouse (www.thegatehouse.org)

The Gatehouse is the only place of its kind in Canada in terms of the variety of programs that are offered here.

And, despite the daunting nature of fundraising, the people at the Gatehouse have, for the past 26 years, continuously engaged in creating transformative processes that have resulted in people and organizations visiting with us from around the world. Gatehouse is connected with people from places such as Ghana, Bolivia, Scotland, England, Ireland, Japan, Australia, Denmark, United States, Germany and all across Canada.

In just the past month alone we had people from Ghana and from Denmark visiting with us to explore the programs we offer. This really is an authentic experience of words rippling across the globe. To date, over 20,000 people have been impacted by the work of the Gatehouse.

This past week we had the wonderful opportunity to meet with Graham and the folks of Owemanco to receive the Charitable Award. During this event, Graham referred to the idea of Compassion and Commerce - and as he spoke, I couldn't help but to think what our world would look like if Compassionate Commerce was a pillar of every financial organization. I think it would look like people touching the lives of people that they may never ever meet all because of their compassionate commerce.

And, that is exactly what all of you have done here with your support of Owemanco Charitable Foundation. I just want to say thank you for being the social alchemists who embrace the negative that can so often surface in the world and transform that state into something powerful and uniquely meaningful for everyone connected to the Gatehouse and all the organizations that you support.

What a profoundly powerful gift you have created.

With deep gratitude.
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