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## Marie-Katherine McLaughlin Interview

Interviewer's Name: Natasha Pearen Interview Date: September 2019 Child's Name: Marie-Katherine McLaughlin Child's Age: 10 Child's Relationship to KAIROS: Attended KAIROS Atlantic Gathering, Mother is a KAIROS Blanket Exercise facilitator

Can you tell us a little bit about who you are?

I'm in grade 5 in Amherst, NS. I like to dance and sing.

What does "peace" mean to you? It means everyone lives in harmony and there is no fighting.

What does "freedom" mean to you? No one is a slave, and everyone can go to school.

What does it mean to be safe? It means that no one is roaming the streets. It means I have a family to take care of me.

What do you as a child need for the above to happen? I need to be kind to others and protect others.

Do you know what kind of work we at KAIROS do? You help protect the planet from harm and make sure all kids go to school. You help with Women's rights.

Why is this work important? So that we have balance in the environment, and everyone is an equal.

Children are supposed to have the freedom to play, to choose their own friends, and to express themselves. Does that always happen? No, not everyone has these choices.

Why or why not? Not sure.

What is your message for children in Canada? Be yourself and don't let anything stand in your way.