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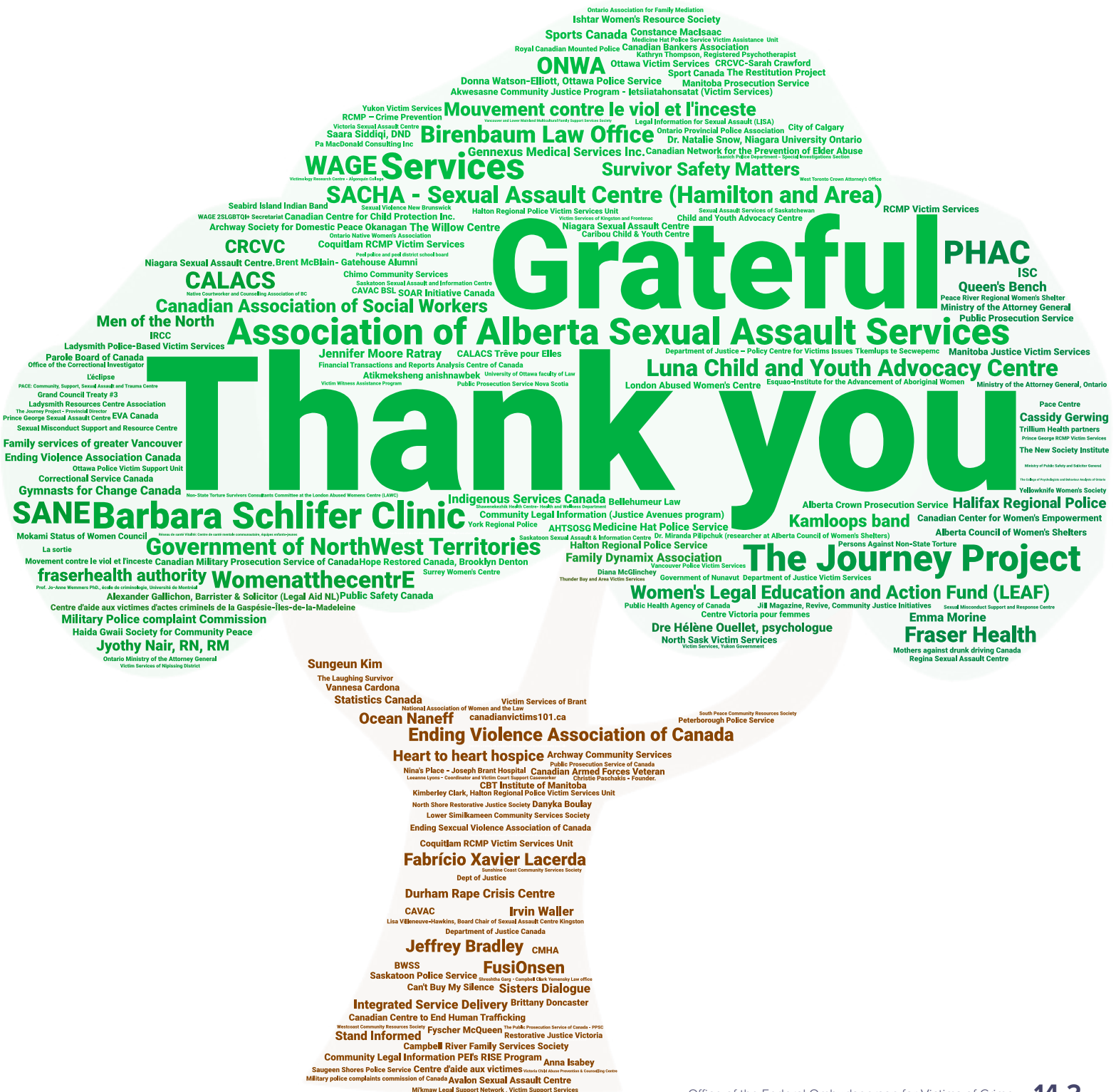
“I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work you are doing in synthesizing all this information. Congratulations! I would also like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be among the first readers of this draft.” [Translation]

CAVAC Outaouais Coordinator

“I want to commend the OFOVC. I knew that this was a substantial undertaking, but the length and depth of this report is significant, and it was so validating to read through so many of the experiences and recommendations that we at the Journey Project have been having or advocating for years. I also hope that everyone who has worked on this report was able to take some time for self and collective care. Bearing witness to ongoing pain and systemic cruelty is a unique experience that requires its own healing and community connection.”

Janet Lee, Provincial Director
The Journey Project

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Your work makes a difference

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