



**SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON
SIOUX COMMUNITY**

FY 2016

**DONATION
REPORT**

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY BUSINESS COUNCIL

THROUGH OUR GIVING PROGRAM, THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY IS ABLE TO PRACTICE OUR TRADITIONAL DAKOTA VALUE OF “WO’OKIYE” —HELPFULNESS.

Over the past 25 years, our Community members have donated more than \$350 million to other tribes, Native American and non-Native American nonprofits, health care facilities, and local governments for a variety of important projects across the country and in our home state of Minnesota. We also have provided more than \$500 million in economic development loans to other tribes to help them achieve their economic development goals.

In fiscal year 2016, we donated nearly \$18 million. This year, we are telling the stories of a selection of donations and tribal grants in five themes: 1) Healing the Oyate, 2) Preparing the Next Generations,

3) *Wo’okiye*: Supporting Indian Country, 4) Preserving Our Culture, and 5) Respecting *Unci Maka* (Grandmother Earth). These key focus areas are all rooted in our ways as Dakota people.

As a Community, we are committed to being a good neighbor, as well as a leader in protecting and restoring our natural resources. We invest in sustainable energy, green infrastructure, and tribal food sovereignty to protect and show respect for the environment.

We not only ensure that our own youth are prepared to be our future leaders, but we also support educational opportunities for other Native students, including through an endowed scholarship fund at the University of Minnesota.

The SMSC established the Endowed Scholarship in 2009 through a \$2.5 million gift. The fund has since helped nearly 200 Native American students in their pursuit of higher education at University of Minnesota campuses.

Through the Mdewakanton LIFE Program, managed by Mdewakanton Public Safety, our full-time fire and ambulance department, the SMSC has donated more than 940 lifesaving AEDs to tribes, schools, police and fire departments, and other organizations across the country. We also bring medical services to high-need communities across Minnesota and beyond. Our mobile medical

clinic provides free immunizations and health screenings, like mammograms, each year.

Launched in 2015, the Seeds of Native Health campaign has driven a new approach to our philanthropic efforts. Through it, we have continued to provide funds to improve the nutrition of all Native Americans, as well as increase public awareness of the serious dietary health problems affecting Indian Country. We partnered with experts and key organizations to work towards much-needed solutions.

On behalf of our Community, we would like to thank our tribal members and the approximately 4,200 people employed by our various enterprises. They make possible all of the good happening at the SMSC and beyond. We also want to extend our gratitude to our many important partners, including our donation and tribal grant recipients, who are doing so much to improve the lives of many.

This Donation Report shows only a fraction of the impressive and meaningful work that tribal communities, nonprofits, and other organizations are doing to improve the lives of those around them. From community gardens to wellness centers to Dakota language programming, we feel blessed to be able to support your work.

Wopida (Thank You)

Fiscal Year 2016 total:

\$17,999,379



Lori K. Watso served as SMSC Secretary/Treasurer through January 2016.



The SMSC Business Council (left to right): SMSC Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson, SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Freedom Brewer, and SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig.

THROUGH WORK GROUP, COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE IN DONATION SELECTION

To ensure SMSC Community members have a role in tribal initiatives, the tribe introduced several work groups in 2012. The Sharing Resources Work Group is tasked with reviewing donation requests. The group of Community members then makes charitable giving recommendations to the SMSC Business Council, the last step in the selection process.

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HAN MITAKUYEPI. HELLO, MY RELATIVES. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SUBMITTED CHARITABLE GIVING REQUESTS OVER THE LAST FISCAL YEAR. IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS, BUT IT IS ALWAYS AN HONOR TO BE A PART OF SUPPORTING SO MANY GREAT PROJECTS. WE HOPE THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO CREATE A GOOD LIFE AND A GOOD WORLD FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. PIDAMAYAYE. THANK YOU.

—ALLENE ROSS, SMSC SHARING RESOURCES WORK GROUP LEADER



The Sharing Resources Work Group is comprised of Community members and a staff facilitator (left to right): Jennifer Brewer, Allene Ross, Karen Anderson, SMSC Donations Coordinator/Staff Facilitator Deb Peterson, Cherie Crooks, and Selena Mendolia.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHARITABLE GIVING AND DONATION REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT SHAKOPEEDAKOTA.ORG.

DAKOTA WAY OF LIFE

The SMSC is a Community of Dakota people living where our ancestors have lived for centuries. The Dakota are part of the Great Sioux Nation. Historically, the Dakota hunted wild game, fished in rivers and lakes, gathered wild rice, and aligned their lives with the changing seasons. Throughout history, the Dakota culture has focused on living in harmony with our surroundings and sharing our natural and material resources with others. These values continue to guide the decisions of our government and Community today.

Pe' Sla, sacred land in the Black Hills of South Dakota, was put into federal trust status in 2016, thanks to the work of SMSC and several other Indian tribes.

The Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community is a federally recognized, sovereign Indian tribe located southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Following a Dakota tradition of generosity, the SMSC is one of the top philanthropists in Minnesota and is the largest contributor to Native American Indian tribes and causes

across the country. It is a strong community partner and a leader in protecting and restoring natural resources. The SMSC's government, Gaming Enterprise, and various other enterprises are collectively the largest employer in Scott County.

A GOOD EMPLOYER



The SMSC's Wozupi Tribal Gardens educated students at Five Hawks Elementary School about the organic farm's lesser-known produce now featured in their lunches, part of the Prior Lake-Savage Area School district's focus on providing fresh foods to students.



The SMSC Mobile Unit made a stop at the Red Lake Nation in September 2016. The mobile clinic brings free medical, dental and vision care to communities in need across Minnesota and beyond. In 2016, the Mobile Unit went on 62 deployments, including 12 Native American communities, and provided services to 1,327 patients.

OR



The SMSC introduced the Community Outreach Program for employees in fiscal year 2016, with the first #SMSCGives outreach event in partnership with the Community Action Partnership. More than 100 employees volunteered 435 hours to support their neighbors in Scott, Carver and Dakota counties.

A GOOD

STEWARDS OF THE EARTH



The SMSC Organics Recycling Facility hosts a yard waste drop-off program in the spring and fall, free to all Scott County residents. Participants of the program have grown from 3,306 in 2014 to 4,745 in 2016.



In 2016, the SMSC presented a \$100,000 donation allocated toward tribal sovereignty efforts of the National Congress of American Indians.

GOOD NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

WO'OKIYE (HELPFULNESS)

All people are considered relatives to the SMSC. That's why the SMSC pours millions of dollars every year into the betterment of neighboring cities, schools and communities across the country. Here are a few ways the SMSC gave back to our neighbors in fiscal year 2016.

THE SMSC IS:

- The largest tribal donor in the United States
- One of the top philanthropists in Minnesota
- In contract with 60 shared-priority agreements with local governments

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (CAP AGENCY)

Community Action Partnership (CAP Agency) helps individuals and families in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties with food, housing, child care, energy assistance, and other needs.

THE SMSC:

- Donated over 2,900 pounds of food to the food shelf
- Toys for Tots: Donated more than 960 toys, food, and personal items; raised \$9,638 in monetary donations
- Brought in 81 non-perishable food items by offering free family play admission at Playworks; collected 321 total donations in November
- Donated \$20,000 for Hope to the Holidays program
- Donated \$1,000 to Project Community Connect

SAFETY

MDEWAKANTON LIFE PROGRAM: Donated 54 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to tribal communities, organizations and governments in need. More than 940 AEDs have been donated since the program began, saving approximately 28 lives

EXPLORER PROGRAM: Free program for youth to be trained in CPR, firefighting and emergency medical response. Explorers also keep County Road 42 roadsides clean

VOLUNTEERED AT SCOTT COUNTY FAIR: 6th year in serving

FIRE TRUCK DONATION: \$90,000 truck donated to enable a new fire brigade for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

NEIGHBOR SAFETY CALLS: Mdwakanton Public Safety responded to more than 190 calls for neighboring cities

SMSC MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT: Provided free medical, dental and vision services to communities across Minnesota with deployments (more than 600 deployments and 10,000 patients since 2007)

SMSC MOBILE COMMAND UNIT: Provided free incident management assistance during large-scale events and emergencies, including responding to 238 calls during the Ryder Cup in Chaska

SCHOOLS

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Awarded nine deserving Native American students scholarships to the University of Minnesota: six undergraduate students and three graduate students from six different tribes (an endowed \$2.5 million gift). Overall, 48 students are enrolled in the program this year, representing more than 25 tribal nations across the United States.

LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING:

- Prior Lake-Savage: \$137,700
- Shakopee-area Catholic Schools: \$6,245
- Shakopee: \$153,050
- St Michael's-Prior Lake: \$750
- Jordan: \$3,100
- New Prague: \$600

WOZUPI (ORGANIC FARM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE SMSC; WOZUPI.COM):

- Grew organic produce and produced honey for Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
- Introduced "garden bars" to schools, increasing vegetable and fruit consumption among students
- Hosted "Meet the Farmer" events for kids to learn where their food comes from
- Collaborated with Midwest Food Connection to host field trips at the farm for schools to learn about agriculture and the importance of eating healthy

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig spoke with Shakopee High School students about topics ranging from bullying to college, inspiring them for future success
- Wozupi worker presented Science Night Life to teach kids and parents about soil at Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

PEOPLE

SEEDS OF NATIVE HEALTH (SEEDSOFNATIVEHEALTH.ORG)

IMPROVES THE NUTRITION OF NATIVE AMERICANS NATIONWIDE:

- Launched the First Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition, bringing together more than 450 Native leaders, academics, and public health workers
- Continues to lead the program, contributing more than \$5 million to the cause



LAND

COUNTY ROAD 83: Provided the majority of an estimated \$20 million for road upgrades and a new bridge

COUNTY ROAD 16: In collaboration with Scott County, helped expand the road into a four-lane highway with trails on both sides

COUNTY ROAD 81 (STEMMER RIDGE ROAD): Donated \$2.8 million of the \$4.49 million needed for the project, in collaboration with the City of Prior Lake, to connect Stemmer Ridge Road between county roads 12 and 82

ARCTIC LAKE: The SMSC partnered with the City of Shakopee, Three Rivers Park District, and the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District to improve the health of Arctic Lake. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$485,000-\$1 million, to be split between all parties

Seeds of Native Health

A Campaign for Indigenous Nutrition

Children of the Pueblo of Nambé (New Mexico) tend their family gardens with the help of a Seeds of Native Health grant.

\$2,500,000

SMSC CAMPAIGN MAKES GROUNDBREAKING PROGRESS IN IMPROVING NUTRITION OF ALL NATIVE AMERICANS

SEEDS OF NATIVE HEALTH

Launched by the Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) in March 2015 with a \$5 million commitment, Seeds of Native Health made groundbreaking progress in its second year. In 2016, this national philanthropic campaign focused on bringing people and organizations together to improve Native nutrition and food access. Through Seeds of Native Health, the SMSC established a major partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA), hosting two first-of-their-kind conferences.

Additionally, the SMSC and the University of Minnesota brought together more than 450 people for the first-ever scientific conference on Native American nutrition.

"Each Native American tribe is sovereign, but we cannot solve every problem individually. That is why our tribe is committed to bringing together the best minds and organizations to find workable, long-term solutions," said SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig.

The work of the campaign is focused on grant-making to tribes and Native nonprofits, raising more awareness, education, research, and bringing new funders to invest in efforts to improve Native nutrition. By the end of fiscal year 2016, Seeds of Native Health's regranteeing partners, First Nations Development Institute and the Notah Begay III Foundation, had disbursed 51 grants totaling \$2.5 million to reduce childhood obesity; increase access to healthy, traditional foods among low-income communities; and teach people of all ages about sustainable farming and gardening.

In a column about the SMSC's campaign, *Indian Country Today* wrote, "One tribe has heeded a call to action to create a national campaign dedicated to improving Indian nutrition, reversing chronic health problems, reducing extreme poverty, and reclaiming traditional foodways in Indian Country."

Learn more about the SMSC's work to improve Native nutrition and health at seedsofnativehealth.org.

FORGING NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE NATIVE NUTRITION

The SMSC and AHA announced a partnership in August 2015 to accelerate the development of a national framework to improve Native American nutrition.

"We are honored to join the SMSC and extend our support to plant more seeds of health—increasing awareness and energizing organizations across the country to invest in reducing health disparities of Native Americans," said CEO Nancy Brown.

Conference participants discussed knowledge gaps and resources needed to advance work to improve Native nutrition during breakout sessions at the First Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition.



This partnership has resulted in the Fertile Ground conference series. The first convening, Fertile Ground: Planting the Seeds for Native American Nutrition and Health, was an unprecedented gathering of 41 national philanthropic organizations in Minneapolis in October 2015.

The conference was the first effort to convene major funders to consider the critical needs and opportunities to improve Native American food access and nutritional health. At the conference, participants agreed on concrete steps to develop solutions to this critical issue, including holding a second convening focused on Native-led advocacy and policy work. A report from the conference is available online at seedsofnativehealth.org/fertileground.

Fertile Ground II: Growing the Seeds of Native American Health provided a platform for nearly 200 Native leaders, practitioners, activists, youth advocates, and national funders to discuss opportunities for advocacy work around food and health.

The conference included a simultaneous track where 20 Native youth learned from tribal leaders and community activists, and shared their own innovative visions for a healthier future.

The AHA and SMSC issued a conference report that includes strategies for future policy efforts that were developed at the conference. It was funded by a generous grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and is available online at seedsofnativehealth.org/fertilegroundII.



U.S. Representative Betty McCollum met with the SMSC Business Council to learn about the work of Seeds of Native Health. McCollum is co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Native American Caucus and the ranking member of the House Appropriations Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee.

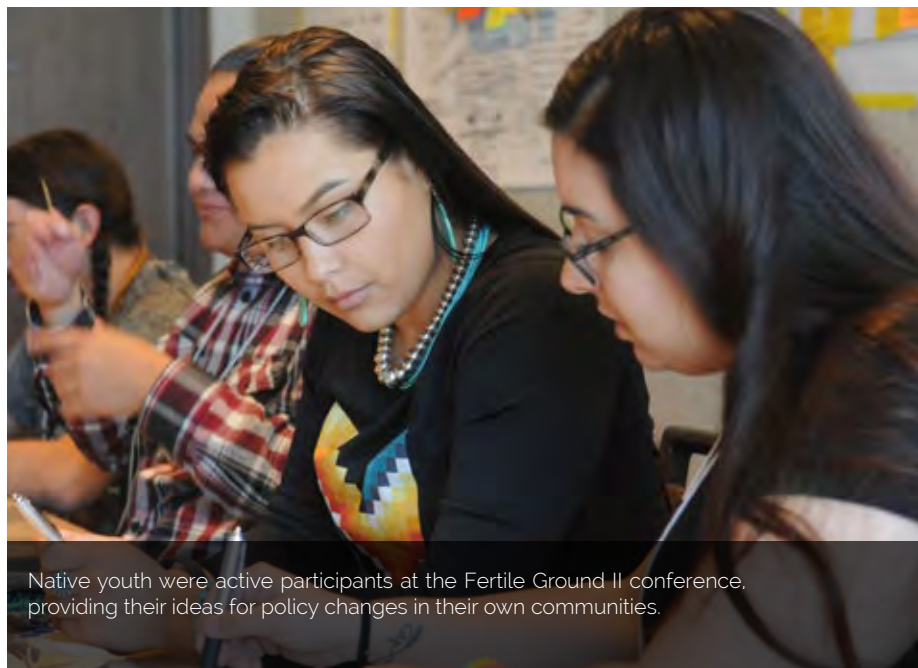
INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

The First Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition was a milestone event in the growing movement to restore Native American health by reclaiming traditional diets and foodways and increasing access to nutritious food.

The conference was a collaboration between the SMSC and the University of Minnesota. It was organized by a planning committee of Native and non-Native scholars and practitioners led by the University's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute.

More than 450 Native leaders, academics, and public health workers gathered to collaborate and integrate traditional Indigenous knowledge with Western scientific research in order to combat the dietary factors contributing to profound Native health disparities.

The sold-out conference featured more than 30 world-renowned Indigenous nutrition experts and included participants from 32 states, five countries, and dozens of tribes. A summary report, videos of the speeches, and other resources are available online at seedsofnativehealth.org/conference.



Native youth were active participants at the Fertile Ground II conference, providing their ideas for policy changes in their own communities.

PRESERVING OUR CULTURE

A person with a braided hairstyle and a decorative headband, seen from behind, holding a large feathered object. The image is in black and white with a red overlay on the right side. The text 'PRESERVING OUR CULTURE' is written in large, bold, black letters at the top.

LANGUAGE. THE CULTURAL CONNECTION TO THE HORSE NATION. BETTER REPRESENTATIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE ARTS. Investing in these efforts not only benefits tribes today, but also helps ensure our culture is strong for the next seven generations. Along with supporting initiatives in our own Community, we are committed to empowering others to preserve culture throughout Indian Country.

Native American Fellow Dakota Hoska (left) installing the Native American galleries along with intern Iris Colburn (right) at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.



\$125,000

MUSEUM RESTORING RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVE ART COMMUNITY

MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART

For the first time in at least five years, a large group of Native American scholars, artists and educators convened at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia).

The gathering marked a "reset" of Mia's relationship with the Native community, according to Mary Mortenson, Mia's senior advancement executive. This was just the beginning of the museum's work to better represent and serve Native Americans.

"The roundtable constituted a major step toward building mutual trust and respect between Mia and living representatives of Indigenous communities, whose arts have entered the permanent collection," Mortenson said. "This collaborative approach is designed to bring together academic research and the perspectives of Native artists, who serve as culture bearers and contemporary interpreters of their artistic heritage."

The roundtable has resulted in better communication and more robust, culturally specific programming, as the institute prepares for a special exhibition called "Native American Women Artists" in fall 2018.

The SMSC contributed \$125,000 to the exhibition, in addition to previously funding a fellowship for artist Dakota Hoska to join Mia's curatorial team.

FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

The donation also funded widespread curation throughout North America and an assessment of needs to inform the exhibition planning process and address barriers that may be preventing neighbors in the adjacent Native American residential area and business district from visiting the museum.

“ **MIA IS IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING MEANS TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT 'NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS,' A PROJECT WHICH IS PROFOUNDLY INFLUENCING THE MUSEUM IN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE.**

—**MARY MORTENSON**
SENIOR ADVANCEMENT EXECUTIVE,
MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART

Mia's recently-formed alliances with Native-focused organizations will play an important role in the institute's efforts to build a relationship with the broader Native community, according to Mortenson.

In addition to the SMSC, Mia has formed new relationships with the American Indian Studies Department at the University of Minnesota, Bockley Gallery (dedicated to Native American art), Birchbark Books and Native Arts (established by Ojibwe writer Louise Erdrich), the American Indian Center, All My Relations Gallery, and Northland Visions Art Gallery.

HORSE NATION HEALING

SHUNKA WAKAN OYATE HORSE CAMP

Dakota people of all ages experienced the power of the Horse Nation during the third annual Shunka Wakan Oyate Horse Camp in June 2016. The SMSC has helped support the program every fiscal year since its inception with donations of \$10,000 in 2014, \$5,000 in 2015, and \$7,500 in 2016.

"Our people who attend needn't be horseback-riding people, or ride, but simply being with the Shunka Wakan (horse) brings about a therapeutic effect," said Tim La Batte, director of the horse camp. "Historically, this has been a part of our way of life for healing and strength."

The camp offers activities free of charge to Dakota youth, adults and elders, including horseback riding, swimming, fishing, and dancing, along the shores of the lake known as Enemy Swim (*Toka Nuwan* in Dakota) located in northeastern South Dakota. Meals are provided and include historically appropriate open-grilled buffalo.



\$7,500

A GROWING TRIBE, A GROWING HERD

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

The SMSC donated \$150,000 to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska to renovate a wellness center, update tribal offices, and add a corral system for the tribe's bison herd. The SMSC supplemented funds from the InterTribal Buffalo Council, a federally chartered Native organization that has a membership of 58 tribes in 19 states with a collective herd of more than 15,000 bison. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has been reintroducing the bison to their native homelands since the tribe was restored in 1990. With assistance from the InterTribal Buffalo Council, the Ponca Tribe now has a herd of nearly 100 animals in two pastures.

\$150,000



HISTORY MATTERS

FIRST NATIONS SCULPTURE GARDEN



\$35,000

The finishing touches are being put on four sculptures in Rapid City, South Dakota, which honor prominent figures in Indian Country. The SMSC donated \$25,000 to the First Nations Sculpture Garden in fiscal year 2015 and \$35,000 in fiscal year 2016 as the sculptures reached the bronzing phase. The project was initiated by the local Native American community.

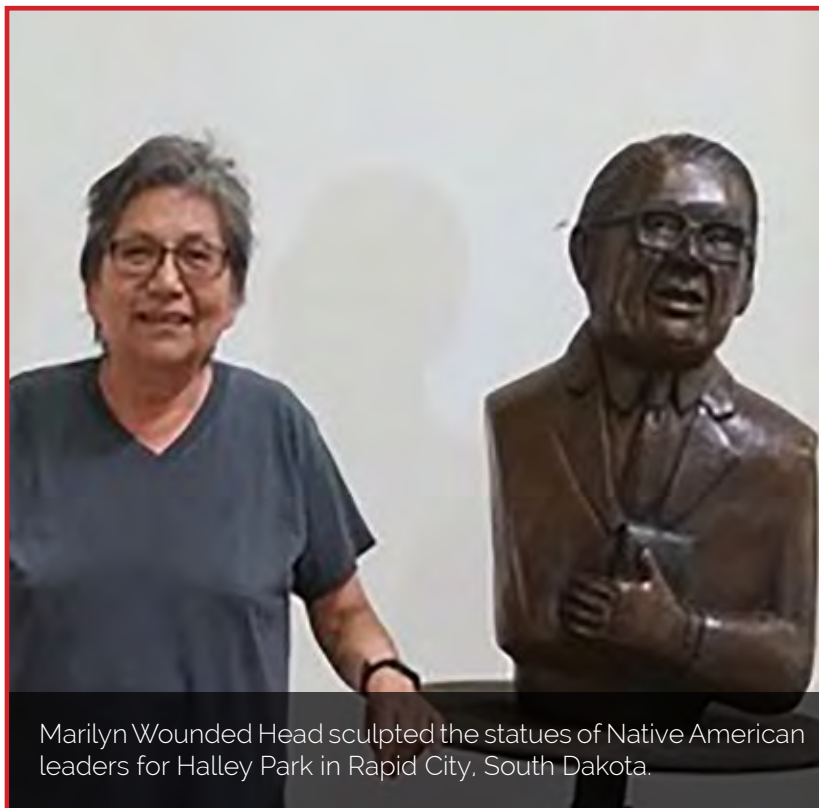
THE SCULPTURES DEPICT FOUR NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS:

CHARLES EASTMAN (1858-1930) – The first Santee Dakota medical doctor, who was a physician at the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890

OSCAR HOWE (1915-1983) – Yanktonai Dakota artist and grandson of Not Afraid of Bear, the Yanktonai Headman who used his artistic talent and knowledge to interpret the ceremonies, philosophies and mythologies of the Dakotapi

VINE DELORIA (1933-2005) – A Hunkpapa Lakota foremost Indian law scholar, who rejected the colonial Bering Strait theory of the origin of the Northern American Indigenous

NICHOLAS BLACK ELK (1863-1950) – An Oglala Lakota holy man and 20th century religious advocate for the survival and public defense of traditional tribal ceremonies, liturgies, and language




Marilyn Wounded Head sculpted the statues of Native American leaders for Halley Park in Rapid City, South Dakota.

WO'OKIYE:

HELPFULNESS

SUPPORTING
INDIAN
COUNTRY



A photograph of two young women with long dark hair and glasses. They are standing in front of a large, dark wooden sculpture of an eagle's head and neck. The woman on the left is smiling, while the woman on the right has a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image is overlaid with a white text box in the upper right and a dark grey text box in the lower right. There are also decorative colored bars (blue, yellow, green) at the top and bottom of the page.

A strong tradition of helping others—*wo'okiye*, helpfulness—has defined the Dakota people for generations. Honoring that tradition, the SMSC contributes to causes, organizations and tribes across the region, state and country. The SMSC is the largest charitable giver for Indian Country in the United States.

SMSC's donation to Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund helped build financial stability for these new homeowners.

LEGAL HELP FOR TRIBES

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND

\$200,000

THE SMSC AWARDED \$200,000 TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND. THE NATIONAL NONPROFIT PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS NATIONWIDE WHO MAY HAVE OTHERWISE GONE WITHOUT ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION.

THE ORGANIZATION'S VICTORIES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Winning broad relief for Alaskan Native voters, including translation of all voting materials into Native languages and posting of bilingual translators at polling places
- Securing and managing more than \$1 million in federal funding for 25 Indian legal services programs across Indian Country
- Supporting confirmation of Justice Diane Humetew (Hopi), in coordination with the National Congress of American Indians and the Judicial Selection Project; Judge Humetewa is the only Native American federal judge out of 866 judgeships
- Preserving tribal existence
- Protecting tribal natural resources
- Promoting Native American human rights
- Holding governments accountable to Native Americans
- Developing American Indian law
- Educating the public about Indian rights



Native American Rights Fund Executive Director John Echohawk met with S. James Anaya, dean of the University of Colorado Law School, to discuss legal help for Native American tribes.



\$1,000,000

A PLACE TO CONNECT

RED LAKE NATION

To provide a healthy and safe community space for youth, adults and elders, the Red Lake Nation built the Redby Community Center in Redby, Minnesota.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community dedicated \$1.5 million (\$500,000 in fiscal year 2015, with the remainder awarded in fiscal year 2016) in tribal grants to help fund the \$3.6 million project.

The former community center served "as a connection point" for tribal members, according to Tribal Council Secretary Don R. Cook Sr. It's where they gathered for special occasions and community events, such as beading, sports, funerals, and language tables.

But it was nearly 50 years old and had outdated heating, lighting, wiring and plumbing. "It [was] very difficult to maintain obsolete equipment," Cook said. "We constantly exceeded space capacity in the summer, and [were] unable to properly heat the facility in the winter."

The new 9,816-square-foot community center includes a kitchen, gym with bleachers, meeting rooms, and an office.

The SMSC has been an ongoing supporter of Red Lake's construction of new youth and community

facilities. Another recent contribution helped fund the new Little Rock Community Center.



The SMSC's donation funded \$30,000 in books for Red Lake Nation's library.

“ YOUR SUPPORT CONTINUES TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR HUNDREDS OF RED LAKE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

—DON R. COOK, SR., TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY, RED LAKE NATION





Bii Gii Wiin
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND



\$20,000

REMOVING BARRIERS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

BII GII WIIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND

A Minneapolis group is helping low-income American Indians build financial stability and long-term success.

The Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund is offering credit repair loans while empowering their clients with financial literacy training through its Individual Development Account Programming.

The SMSC provided a \$20,000 matching grant to support the programming, which can be used to help participants cover the costs of higher education tuition, new business creation, or the purchase of a home.

"Thank you so much for the donation and your investment into our community," said Monica Flores, executive director of Bii Gii Wiin. "Together we can make a difference in the Native Community through our asset-building programs promoting self-sufficiency."

Bii Gii Wiin also provides first-time homebuyer training, volunteer income tax sites with free tax preparation, and matched savings accounts.

VALUABLE VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS

NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE

A \$750,000 SMSC donation will help complete the last mile of a fiber network for the Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming. The infrastructure will provide internet access to schools, tribal health programs, the tribal government, ATMs, and 115 residents. The SMSC also donated \$250,000 for the internet network in fiscal year 2014.

\$750,000

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WE APPRECIATE THE SMSC'S CONTINUED FUNDING SUPPORT, WHICH IS BRINGING CRITICAL 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE TO OUR TRIBAL NATION.

—DEAN GOGGLES, CHAIRMAN, NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE

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EVEN SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS STORAGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE

The Eastern Shoshone Tribe in Fort Washakie, Wyoming, recently built a new casino and hotel with the support of the SMSC. The SMSC continued its support by awarding an additional \$250,000 tribal grant in fiscal year 2016 to help fund the construction of a maintenance and storage building.

"Much of our casino equipment [has been] stored outside or under temporary seasonal coverings," said Darwin St. Clair, Jr., Eastern Shoshone Business Council chairman. "This shortens the lifespan of the equipment and makes it more difficult to start up and operate, especially during the winter months."

The new facility is intended as a home for valuable equipment like trucks, plows and mowers. The storage building will help the tribe save time and money by eliminating the need for off-site rented storage units.

\$250,000



DAKOTA CULTURE

WO'OKIYE | A DAKOTA VALUE

MEANS "HELPLESSNESS" IN THE DAKOTA LANGUAGE

Healing the *Oyate*—the people—is the motivation behind donations that fund health care facilities, wellness programs, and safe places for our relatives in recovery. It's also why we deploy our mobile medical clinic each year to provide screenings and health care, including mammograms and basic dental services, to those in need in the Midwest and beyond, with an emphasis on tribal communities. We strive to help communities throughout Indian Country be in a better position to provide for their people's basic needs.

HEALING



A SAFE PLACE TO RECOVER

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Recovering from substance abuse and mental illness requires persistence and support. With youth delinquency rates on the rise, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska knew they had to find resources to help their youth conquer their addictions.

With the help of a \$250,000 donation from the SMSC, a Youth Crisis Intervention Center (YCIC) will help Winnebago youth recover in a local, familiar setting.

"The goal of juvenile justice services flowing through the YCIC will be to provide a safe, nurturing environment for youth and their families to receive timely and appropriate intervention services," said the tribe in a letter. "There will be a concerted effort to match youth needs, based on their individual risks and protective factors, with appropriate services, including rehabilitation, treatment and re-entry."

The YCIC will centralize the tribe's justice system, bringing all the youth-serving resources on the reservation to a single location for greater collaboration.

Funding from the SMSC will go toward purchasing equipment for the center, including furniture, outdoor signage, security equipment, phone and computer hardware, an elevator, and a fire alarm system.

\$250,000



G THE OYATE

IMPROVEMENT TO A HEALTH CARE CENTER

ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE

To provide quality care to its tribal members, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe needed to improve its health care center. With a \$250,000 grant from the SMSC, the tribe's health care center will be able to remain open and be able to improve its care through dietary, nursing and maintenance upgrades.

Much of the donation will go toward providing meals and supplements, nursing supplies, a multi-passenger van, and maintenance services to the building.

The SMSC has donated Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to tribes, schools, police and fire departments, and other organizations across the country for more than a decade. In fiscal year 2016, the SMSC donated its 900th AED.

"Our goal is to make our community a safe place for everyone, and providing AEDs and supporting public safety efforts are some of the ways we do that," said SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig.

The SMSC has donated an average of 100 AEDs annually. This is part of the tribe's extensive public safety-related giving, which in 2015 alone included \$535,000 in grants to 34 public safety organizations in Minnesota and other contributions of time, vehicles and equipment. The single-largest recipient of AEDs from the SMSC is the Minnesota State Patrol, which received 199 AEDs from 2006-2008. This effort put AEDs in all state patrol cars.

Since the program's inception, at least 28 lives have been saved by law enforcement officers and emergency medical personnel using SMSC-donated AEDs. Many more have been saved by the SMSC's first responders using the 27 AEDs located around the reservation and at tribal enterprises.

"We are so appreciative for what the SMSC does for the community as a whole," said Excelsior Fire Chief Scott Gerber, whose department received the 900th AED. "This donation will allow us to use these crucial lifesaving tools in areas that best serve our community."

The SMSC donates AEDs through the Mdewakanton LIFE Program, which is managed by Mdewakanton Public Safety, our full-time fire and emergency response department.

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OUR TRIBAL ELDERS HAVE VERY LIMITED CHOICES FOR CARE, AND THIS GRANT WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THEIR CARE. IF OUR FACILITY WERE TO CLOSE, THEIR FUTURE WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY.

—WILLIAM KINDLE, PRESIDENT, ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE

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\$250,000



SMSC DONATES 900TH AED

Back row from left to right: SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Freedom Brewer, SMSC Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson, and SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig. Front row from left to right: SMSC Director of Public Safety Gregory Hayes, SMSC Firefighter/EMT and Mdewakanton Public Safety Community Member Liaison Nathan Crooks, Excelsior Fire Chief Scott Gerber, and Excelsior Fire Inspector Kellie Murphy-Ringate.

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PROVIDING AEDs AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY DONATIONS IS A CRUCIAL PART OF THE SMSC'S COMMITMENT TO HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS.

—CHARLES R. VIG, CHAIRMAN, SMSC

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PROVIDING FOR THE COMMUNITY

FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa constructed its first human services center, Min No Aya Win, in 1986. Ever since, the tribe's demand for health care has continued to climb, leading to the construction of its new Center for American Indian Resources facility. With a \$500,000 grant from the SMSC, the tribe was able to install new equipment in the center so that it can better provide services to its people for the next 15 years.

THE 40,383-SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY OFFERS:

- Medical services
- Pharmacy
- Behavioral health
- Physical medicine
- Outpatient chemical dependency treatment services
- Community health services and administration

"With [the SMSC's] help, we will continue to work toward addressing critical health concerns for all Native people who access our facilities," said Fond du Lac Chairman Wally Dupuis. "Creating a good path and improving the quality of life for our patients and community members is our goal."

The Fond du Lac Band started constructing the facility in the summer of 2014 and opened it in late 2016.



\$500,000



“YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP US IN ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONGST OUR PEOPLE, WHILE PROVIDING A CULTURALLY SENSITIVE APPROACH TO WELLNESS AND HEALING.

—WALLY DUPUIS, CHAIRMAN, FOND DU LAC

DAKOTA CULTURE

WE ARE ALL RELATED

The Dakota people have a common expression “*Mitakuye Owasin*” [mee-tah-ku-ay oh-wah-seen], which means, “*We are all related.*” It reflects the SMSC's view of connectedness and our Community's ongoing dedication to helping in cooperation.

THE ART OF HOLISTIC HEALTH FOR NATIVE PEOPLES

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TASK FORCE

\$250,000

In the heart of Minneapolis, Native Americans will soon have a retreat for health education and services with a global approach. With continued support from the SMSC, the Indigenous Peoples Task Force (IPTF) is ready to build the Mikwanedun Audisookon Center for Art and Wellness.

"The [center] will continue the healing traditions that have been passed down through generations, providing an urban sanctuary where body, mind and spirit can become whole through time-honored indigenous practice," said Sharan Day, executive director of the IPTF in a letter to the SMSC.

The Indigenous Peoples Task Force provides HIV education and services to Native American communities. The group implements programs to further prevent the transmission of HIV, increase traditional and western medical services, and improve people's quality of life.

EXPANDING WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The SMSC donated \$250,000 to expand the group's health and wellness programs and create new opportunities in the arts and green economy fields.

Projected impacts of Mikwanedun Audisookon include:

- Access to culturally-based health education and services
- Training in green building technologies
- Increased arts and cultural programming
- Improved community safety, economic stability, and relationship building

IPTF plans to minimize climate impact and use Indigenous building materials in the new center. The building will feature solar panels, a green roof, and geo-thermal heating and cooling, in addition to a garden for a nutritional food source. Compressed earth block, the oldest traditional Indigenous building material, will be used in the center as well.

The Mikwanedun Audisookon Center's groundbreaking is planned for March 2017, with a completion date of April 2018. The SMSC donated \$100,000 to the center in fiscal year 2015 for architectural and site design.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mikwanedun Audisookon means "remember our teachings" in Ojibwe.

More than 1,500 youth and adults receive testing, attend educational events, or are otherwise engaged in Indigenous Peoples Task Force programming each year.



CLINIC ADDRESSES NATIVE HEALTH DISPARITIES

LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY

\$750,000

Members of the Lower Sioux Indian Community (LSIC) will be leading healthier lives, thanks to a \$750,000 health-service grant from the SMSC. The grant provides the tribe with the ability to purchase medical and dental equipment for its new health clinic.

The 11,000-square-foot clinic will offer family practice, urgent care, dental, pharmacy, and optical services with a holistic, culturally sensitive approach.

"The LSIC Health Clinic is a very high priority to our Community members," said Denny Prescott, president of the Lower Sioux Indian Community. The tribe's overarching goal for the health

clinic is to decrease health disparities among American Indian people within the tribe's service area.

The Lower Sioux tribe hopes to add adult day services, physical therapy, a diabetes center, research, and podiatry to the clinic's services in the future.

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THIS GRANT SUPPORT WILL HELP [FUND] THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AS PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FULFILL THEIR DREAM.

DENNY PRESCOTT, PRESIDENT, LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY

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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

\$50,000

In 2015, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota provided culturally specific education and outreach programs for Native American communities in northern Minnesota. The programs served more than 1,500 women, men and youth from the Fond du Lac, Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake Anishinaabe communities. The SMSC's \$50,000 contribution in fiscal year 2015 sustained the program, and the tribe continued its support in 2016 with another \$50,000 donation. Services include outreach and education at health fairs, pow wows, and conferences; Native STAND (Students Together Against Negative Decisions), mother-daughter retreats, and a health advisor program.

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I AM WRITING TO SAY PIDAMAYAYE/MIIGWECH [THANK YOU IN DAKOTA/OJIBWE] FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAMS IN THE NATIVE COMMUNITY. WITH [THE SMSC'S] SUPPORT, WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS GOING AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

—ANNA GOLDTOOTH, PLANNED PARENTHOOD MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA

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▶ SUPPORTING RECOVERY

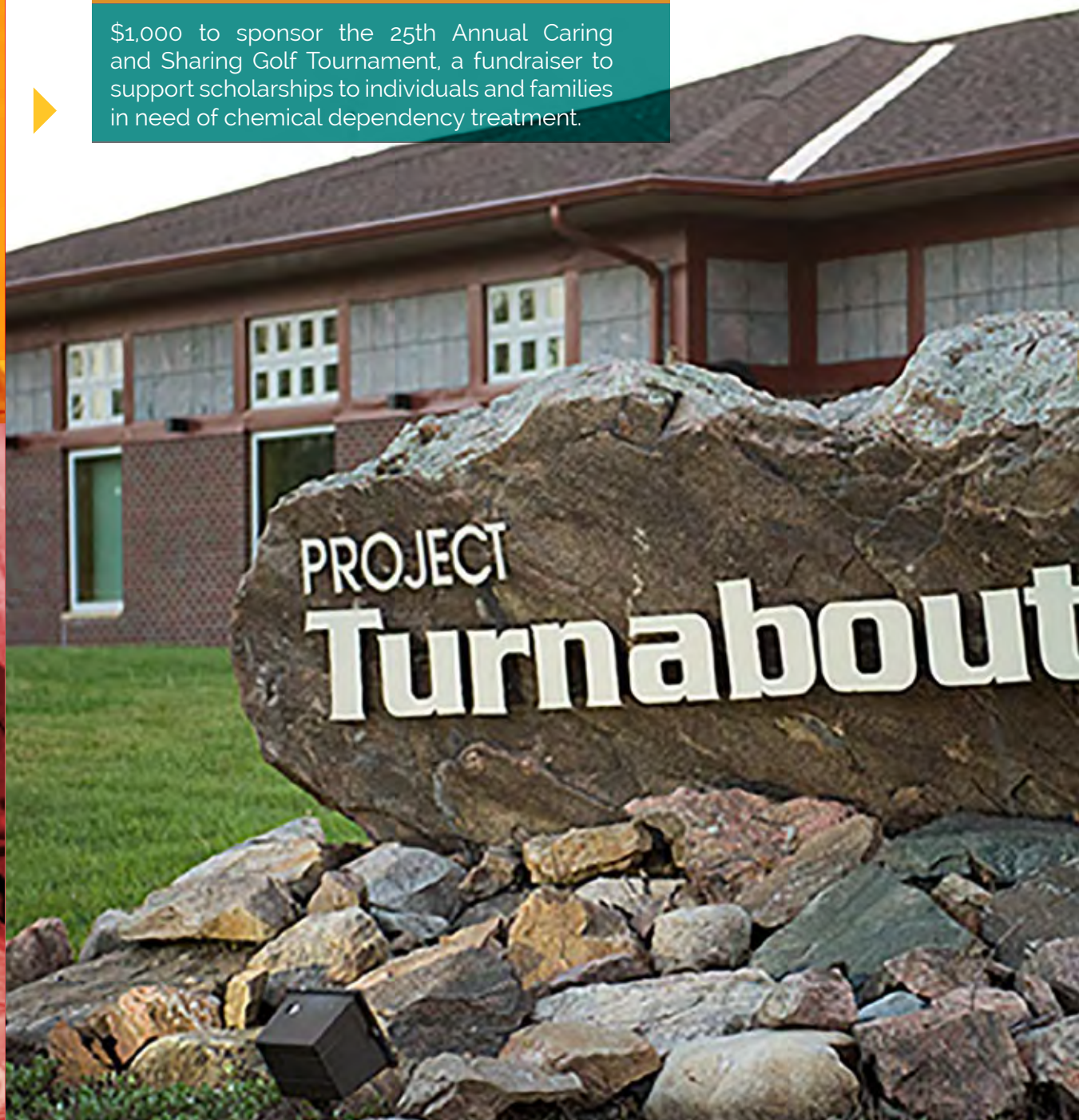
▶ PROJECT TURNABOUT CENTERS FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY

\$61,000

▶ \$55,000 matching grant to support New Women's Recovery Center capital campaign.

▶ \$5,000 to sponsor Appetite for Life, a fundraiser to support Vanguard Center for Gambling Recovery.

▶ \$1,000 to sponsor the 25th Annual Caring and Sharing Golf Tournament, a fundraiser to support scholarships to individuals and families in need of chemical dependency treatment.



LOCAL FACILITY, LOCAL SUPPORT

SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR BATTERED WOMEN

The SMSC's \$5,000 donation is helping the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women (SVABW) continue to offer support to Scott County women in need. The SMSC also contributed \$2,000 in in-kind support for the organization's annual dinner.

SVABW, the only organization in the county offering these services, held its 2016 silent auction and dinner fundraiser at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, which raised

more than \$85,000 to support domestic violence survivors in the county.

"Our programs save lives, figuratively and literally," said Mary Ann Bigaouette, SVABW executive director. "If we do not continue to raise funds each year, there will be no one to answer the crisis line when a battered woman calls for help; nowhere for her to go if she tries to escape the violence; no one to help her navigate her way through the oftentimes confusing and scary legal system."



\$5,000

DID YOU KNOW?

The Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women has helped more than 18,000 women and children since it was founded in 1982.



\$10,000

BATTLING HEART DISEASE

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Little Six Casino, owned and operated by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, did a prize-matching promotion in February 2016 that helped raise \$10,000 for the American Heart Association.



A PLACE FOR OUR ELDERS

MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

\$500,000

To the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, family is everything. This is why they are committed to caring for their elders through long-term services and support. The SMSC's \$500,000 donation will help provide home and community-based services to one of the most impoverished counties in Wisconsin.

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IN OUR MENOMINEE CULTURE, CARE AND RESPECT FOR ELDERS IS TAUGHT THROUGHOUT LIFE AND MIRRORED BY ACTIONS OF THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.

—GARY BESAW, CHAIRMAN,
MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

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MENOMINEE TRIBE'S KEY GOALS:

- Improving the health of tribal members
- Improving access to health care and health care utilization
- Keeping tribal members in their homes and community and out of costly institutions
- Improving living conditions of tribal members
- Promoting job creation
- Strengthening the Menominee tribal economic base
- Sustaining a long-term care program that aligns with tribal sovereignty and self-determination

\$500,000

STRENGTHENING RURAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

LAC VIEUX DESERT OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

The Lac Vieux Desert of Lake Superior Chippewa's (LVD) new Health and Wellness Center has been under construction for two years. With the SMSC's \$500,000 donation, the tribe opened the center in September 2016.

The SMSC's contribution will help support contractual agreements necessary to operate and sustain the clinic, as well as purchase a new handicap van.

"We are excited to continue forward momentum on our endeavor to safeguard the health and well-being of our community members," said LVD Tribal Chairman James Williams, Jr. "Without your assistance and support, this state-of-the-art rural and tribal health and wellness center would not [have] happened."

The SMSC also contributed \$500,000 to the LVD in fiscal year 2014 toward the health and wellness center.

TACKLING HUNGER IN THE UNITED STATES

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

Ending hunger is a large goal, but Second Harvest Heartland is ambitiously confronting it head-on. The SMSC's \$20,000 donation supported the organization's mission to end hunger through community partnerships.

Second Harvest Heartland's Retail Food Rescue Program provides millions of pounds of healthy, nutritious food to food shelves across the Upper Midwest each year. The program contributes wholesome foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and proteins, to food shelves that might not otherwise have access to them.

"Your increased support this year will help us keep up with the rising demand at food shelves for these nutritious foods," said Second Harvest Heartland in a letter to the SMSC.

The donation also supported the organization's signature fundraising gala, Dish: Cuisine for Change.



DID YOU KNOW?

1 IN 10
PEOPLE
&
1 IN 6
CHILDREN

EXPERIENCE
HUNGER
IN MINNESOTA

Second Harvest Heartland distributed 30 million pounds of food in 2007. This has grown to

96 MILLION POUNDS IN 2016.

TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR NATIVE AMERICANS ABUSED ADULT RESOURCE CENTER

Finding a safe place is important for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. When they stay at Pam's House, an emergency shelter in Bismark, North Dakota, they know they're safe, thanks in part to a \$12,500 grant from the SMSC. The shelter, operated by the Abused Adult Resource Center, is the only facility of its kind operated by a nonprofit to serve seven counties in the area.

"We are grateful to the Mdwakanton Sioux Community for its show of support for a shelter that serves the Native American community in this region," said Diane Zainhofsky, AARC executive director. She also thanked the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for their letter of support.

Pam's House provides 24-hour support services, case management, transportation assistance, criminal justice advocacy, child care services, support groups, financial assistance, and traditional housing for those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.





RESPECTING

UNCI MAKA

GRANDMOTHER EARTH

Dakota people maintain a closer relationship with *Unci Maka*, Grandmother Earth. As part of our commitment to being a good steward of the earth, we invest in sustainable energy, green infrastructure, and tribal food sovereignty as a way to respect and protect our limited natural resources.

SUPPORTING OUR PROTECTORS

HONOR THE EARTH

\$50,000

Supporting a Native-led advocacy organization with a \$50,000 matching grant, the SMSC helped fund the opposition to proposed oil pipelines that would run through wild rice beds and straight into Lake Superior. If the pipeline is successful, the wild rice beds will be ruined and Lake Superior will potentially become contaminated with oil.

The donation helped Honor the Earth raise awareness of the dangers of pipelines through media, outreach and education, and funding legal and regulatory strategies.

The SMSC is a strong supporter of Honor the Earth. In 2008, the SMSC donated \$250,000 to protect Anishinaabe Akiing and the northern lakes from contamination by oil pipelines.

"We cannot thank you enough for your support," said Winona LaDuke (White Earth Nation), who founded Honor the Earth in 1993 with Indigo Girls Amy Ray and Emily Saliers. "Without you, Honor the Earth would not be able to do the work that we do."

Honor the Earth supports "the green path"—sound decisions that promote a just and clean future in many tribal communities, including Pine Point, a village on the White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota. On-the-ground efforts include: painting murals on homes, training community members to install solar thermal panels, and installing them at Pine Point Elementary School on the White Earth Indian Reservation.

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IN THIS MOMENT, WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO STAND TOGETHER. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND AN OBLIGATION TO THE GENERATIONS WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US, AND TO THOSE WHO ARE YET TO COME. IN THIS TIME, WE CAN SIT BY AND WATCH HISTORY BEING MADE BY OTHERS, OR WE CAN STAND UP AND PUT OUR PRAYERS, OUR HEARTS, AND OUR HARD WORK INTO CREATING THE FUTURE WE WISH TO SEE.

—HONOR THE EARTH, 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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CORN, SQUASH, BEANS AND MORE

\$5,500

THE CENTER POLE (CROW INDIAN RESERVATION)



A Native grassroots organization's garden is growing. The SMSC donated \$5,500 for garden equipment, supporting The Center Pole's food sovereignty project at the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana.

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WE HAVE USED THE EQUIPMENT EVERY DAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE IT IN THE YEARS TO COME. WE ARE GROWING FOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, INCLUDING 40 VARIETIES OF TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, INDIGENOUS CORN, SQUASH, BEANS, PUMPKINS, MELONS, AND MORE.

—PEGGY WELLKNOWN BUFFALO, THE CENTER POLE

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\$5,000

ELDERS WORK THE SOIL

AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



A south Minneapolis organization is now able to provide healthy, fresh food to low-income elders in the community. A \$5,000 SMSC donation allowed the American Indian Community Development Corporation to purchase gardening equipment for Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi Elder Housing, so the elders can have their own garden.

"[We're] trying to make every effort to help our residents plan well, age well, and live well in their homes," said Diane Grooms, elder support services and housing specialist. "Our elders are very low income, and the opportunity to purchase good, healthy food is not always an option with their very limited budget."

Grooms said the organization hopes to promote overall well-being among elders, as they tend to the garden and gain direct access to fresh produce.

"We believe gardening will not only be physically beneficial, but there will also be a sense of pride and purpose with the garden, a good mental challenge, and getting back to the connection with Mother Earth," she said.

Master gardeners and wellness professionals will assist about 10 elders as they develop six raised beds, more than a dozen pots, and various supplies to grow food and flowers.



DAKOTA CULTURE

UNCI MAKA (GRANDMOTHER EARTH)

The Dakota people have long considered their relationship with the Earth as a kinship.

THE REINTRODUCTION OF *TATANKA*

THE MINNESOTA BISON CONSERVATION HERD

In four years, the Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd has made considerable progress in protecting and conserving the state's bison population. The SMSC contributed \$60,000 over the last three fiscal years, supporting the development of these herds in Minnesota, managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

PROGRESS HAS INCLUDED:

- Genetic testing of a herd at Blue Mounds State Park to assist with future herd management decisions.
- A new bison herd at Minneopa State Park in Mankato: 11 female bison were reintroduced to the park in September 2015. Three bison came from the Minnesota Zoo and eight were brought in from Blue Mounds State Park. The plan is to expand this herd to 30-40 in a 350-acre enclosure at Minneopa.
- A handling facility to be constructed at Minneopa State Park for the annual roundup of animals, which will help manage the herd.
- A strategic plan for the management of the Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd.

The main goal is to manage and understand bison as a natural resource that is a critical part of the prairie ecosystem, as well as contribute to the overall conservation of American Plains bison.

\$20,000



Tatanka: then and now

Bison (or buffalo) once thrived on Minnesota prairies. However, by 1900, settlement and slaughter by market hunters and the U.S. Army reduced numbers to only a handful of captive bison.

Today, Blue Mounds State Park, Minneopa State Park, and the Minnesota Zoo have bison herds that you can visit.

OF THE
NEARLY

500,000
BISON IN NORTH AMERICA TODAY,
LESS THAN **5 PERCENT**

OF TESTED BISON
ARE GENETICALLY
PURE. MOST
HAVE BRED WITH
CATTLE, TAINING
THE BLOODLINE.

We are committed to nurturing youth throughout Indian Country as part of our cultural value of planning seven generations ahead. We want to provide for our children today, in part to make sure our people are strong tomorrow. Through the SMSC giving program, we are able to bolster the expansion of youth programming and supportive organizations, provide opportunities for our youth to learn the Dakota language, and honor accomplished youth who are future leaders.

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a black dress with a white floral pattern, stands on the left side of the frame, smiling. To her right stands a young man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. They are standing in front of a building with large windows and a modern architectural style. The background is slightly blurred. The overall image has a professional and educational feel.

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION

Students at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology appreciated the SMSC's donation to help with scholarships and tutoring.

TAKING THE WHEEL WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

\$200,000

Despite a regional shortage of technicians, mechanics, drivers, and business development managers, encouraging Native Americans to enter the automotive transportation field has been a struggle in northeast Oklahoma. With a \$200,000 matching grant, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma combated this challenge by opening the Native2Native University (N2N University) in Oklahoma in 2016.

Through classroom and hands-on training, this vocational school offers fast-track certification training in the automotive industry, targeting Native Americans, women, veterans, and disabled individuals.

The certification helps Native Americans enter thriving careers and find financial success. N2N University works with students after certification through on-the-job certification, job placement, and business development services.

"Creating an outreach and attraction for stable jobs in the automotive service industry and collaborating with transit and transportation programs will help impoverished and minority job seekers with a career pathway through N2N University," said Bobbie Wolf, N2N University project manager.

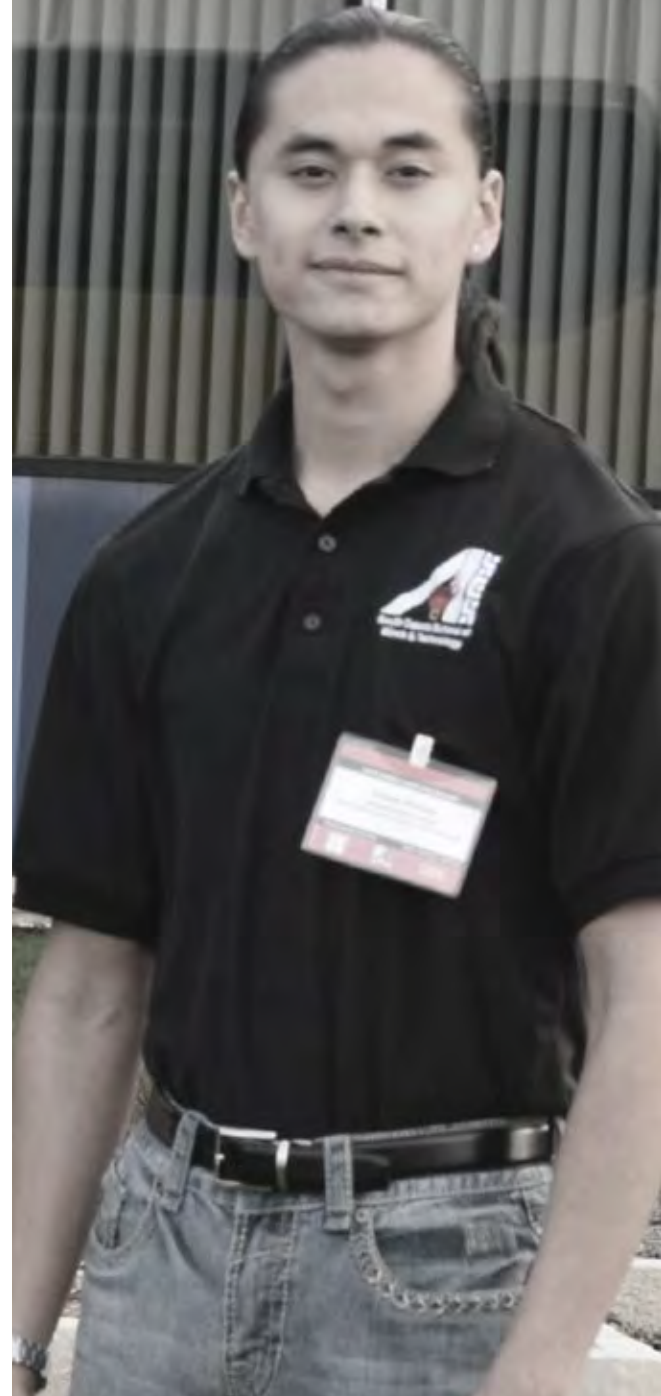
The university also brings the innovative training program to tribes across the country.

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WE BELIEVE THIS WILL HAVE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL IMPACT, AS THE NATIVE2NATIVE OUTREACH IN INDIAN COUNTRY WILL BE AN AVENUE TO SPREAD BEYOND OUR REGION FOR STUDENTS AND TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

—BOBBIE WOLF, PROJECT MANAGER, N2N UNIVERSITY

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EARLY LEARNING STRENGTHENS CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

WICOIE NANDAGIKENDAN

Native American preschool children in Minneapolis are surrounded by their culture, with support from a \$35,000 donation from the SMSC. The Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Education Immersion Program, the first indigenous immersion program in Minneapolis, provides preschool learning in Dakota and Ojibwe.

Children are exposed to culture and heritage in a safe and supportive way. The project partners with existing organizations to bring Ojibwe and Dakota speakers to the classroom—helping to revitalize Native languages before they are lost.



\$35,000

"Wicoie has shown that very early learning in the Dakota and Ojibwe languages strengthens the integral connection between culture, literacy, and educational attainment," said Laura Waterman Wittstock, treasurer of Wicoie Nandagikendan. "The most effective stage of human development for learning languages is pre-kindergarten."

Wicoie Nandagikendan offers a three-hour immersion program in the three preschool classrooms in Minneapolis that predominantly serve Native American families. The program increases children's self-identity, self-esteem, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

YOUTH CENTER OFFERS HOPE

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

\$250,000

Several years ago, the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska pledged to provide more outreach to its members. With a \$250,000 grant from the SMSC, the tribe will fulfill its promise by offering more outreach programs to youth on the reservation at the Walthill Youth Center.

The center will serve pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students in an area that struggles economically. The Omaha Tribe believes "this project will undoubtedly offer hope and inspiration to arguably the most underserved children in the state of Nebraska ... [It] will help the students be better prepared for higher education."

The St. Augustine Indian Mission, the organization that serves the children of the Omaha and Winnebago tribes, will partner with the tribe to fund and introduce programming for the center. The tribe will also form a charter with the Boys & Girls Club of America to help with programming. The nationally recognized organization has expertise in start-up programs on Indian reservations.

NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH EARN LEADERSHIP AWARD

UNITED NATIONAL INDIAN TRIBAL YOUTH, INC.

\$25,000

Tomorrow's leaders are paving the way for future generations with support from United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY), an organization dedicated to fostering development, citizenship and leadership among Native American youth. The SMSC's \$25,000 matching grant will fund another year of the 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Awards.

The award celebrates the accomplishments of motivated and determined Native American youth dedicated to helping their communities. Over the course of a year, the selected youth receive mentoring, hands-on training, and online resources designed to build on their individual accomplishments and develop a support network of like-minded individuals with the same drive. They are also acknowledged at the National UNITY Conference, which offers the youth a welcoming environment of workshops, speakers, fitness activities and more.

"The program's graduates will emerge with renewed motivation, inspiration, and increased capacities that will add value to their efforts as they strive to build a stronger Native America," said the group in a letter to the SMSC.

UNITY also hopes to inspire other Native youth to follow in the honorees' paths. This is the third year the SMSC has donated to UNITY.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2016 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE SMSC

SHAKOPEE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

\$10,000

in scholarships for five Shakopee, Minnesota, high school students pursuing secondary education

“ AS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, WE VALUE YOUR GIFT OF \$10,000, WHICH WILL DIRECTLY ASSIST A DESERVING STUDENT [TO] ATTAIN THEIR COLLEGE DEGREE. WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM YOU AND OTHERS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF SCHOLARS.

—RAY HUSSONG, SHAKOPEE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

\$12,500

Scholarships – \$5,000
Tutoring – \$5,000
Emergency funds – \$2,500
to help retain American Indian students who need extra help

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

DUNWOODY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

\$12,000

Scholarships for three American Indian students at the technical college

“ [THE SMSC’S] HELP WILL REDUCE THE FINANCIAL BARRIER THAT PREVENTS SOME TALENTED AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS FROM EARNING A DEGREE IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION. WITHOUT GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY, MANY STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION, PURSUE REWARDING CAREERS, [OR] BECOME A PART OF THE SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE FOR OUR REGION.

—MARY POUCH MEADOR, SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, DUNWOODY COLLEGE



DAKOTA CULTURE

FOR THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS

The Dakota people have a strong cultural value of planning seven generations ahead, making sure our children are cared for and our ways are preserved.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A photograph of three young girls participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. They are standing in front of a building with dark wood siding. A long, red ribbon is stretched across the frame, and the girls are holding it. The girl on the left is wearing a leopard print jacket, the middle girl is wearing a dark floral jacket, and the girl on the right is wearing a dark floral jacket and blue pants. The background shows a window with blinds.

UPDATE
ON PAST
DONATION
RECIPIENTS



Every year the SMSC donates millions to organizations and causes, both near and far. These donations have made a lasting, widespread impact. Here are some stories from organizations that the SMSC has supported in recent years.



CITY OF SHAKOPEE \$250,000 DONATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2015

The Shakopee Community Center now has a new look, thanks in part to the SMSC's donation last year. With the contribution, the city renovated its Community Center, including the ice arena and a new senior lounge.

The three-phase project is now complete. A grand opening of the senior lounge was held in October 2016, with the ice arena grand opening held in January 2017.

The SMSC also helped fund the inclusive Fun for All Playground at Lions Park in Shakopee. The park is designed for children in wheelchairs and people of all ages with mental, developmental and sensory disabilities. The park opened in November 2016.

The city spent the remaining funds on a snowmobile bridge and historical trail signage to improve outdoor recreation in Shakopee.



KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS \$1 MILLION DONATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2010

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

\$400,000 DONATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2013

Tribal members of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma can more comfortably rest during tornado season. The tribe used the SMSC's donation to build a multi-purpose Community Safe Room for inclement weather. Located in the Early Child Learning Center, the

shelter provides the tribe's youngest children a safe place to play in inclement weather, complete with a rock climbing wall and an ADA ramp for children with disabilities. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in January 2016.



The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas' new Administration Building provides hope to a community that continues to struggle with poverty and unemployment. Funded with assistance from the SMSC, this new building houses the tribal government, many tribal programs, and a storm shelter. A grand opening and a ribbon cutting ceremony were held in August 2016.

2016 DONATION LIST

UP TO \$2,500,000

Seeds of Native Health

UP TO \$1,000,000

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

UP TO \$750,000

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Lower Sioux Indian Community
Northern Arapaho
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

UP TO \$500,000

Blackfeet Community College
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
of the Flathead Nation
Crow Tribe
Eastern Shawnee Tribe Oklahoma
Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Indigenous Peoples Task Force
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Little Shell Chippewa Tribe
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Native American Rights Fund
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Northwest Indian College Foundation
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Santee Sioux Nation
Voices of Our Ancestors
White Earth Reservation Committee
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Yankton Sioux Tribe

UP TO \$100,000

American Indian College Fund
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Division of Indian Work
Flandreau Indian School
Honor the Earth
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Lodge Grass Public School District
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North
Dakota, and South Dakota
Prior Lake Rotary Club
Project Turnabout
Saints Healthcare Funds
Twin Cities Public Television
University of Minnesota Foundation

UP TO \$50,000

Abused Adult Resource Center
Ain Dah Yung Center
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
American Indian Science and Engineering Society
Bii Gii Wiin
Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri River Area
Catching the Dream
Catholic Charities
Community Action Partnership (CAP Agency)
Diversity Foundation, Inc.
Dunwoody College of Technology
First Nations Sculpture Garden
Indian Land Tenure Foundation - Spirit of
Sovereignty Foundation
Indian Child Welfare Law Center
Indian Dispute Resolution Services
Indian Youth of America
Mahkato Mdewakanton Association
Metro Meals on Wheels
Mille Lacs Band/Consolidated Tribal Task Force
Minneapolis Public School Indian Education Program
Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation
Minnesota Children's Museum
Minnesota FoodShare
Minnesota Zoo Foundation
Mission Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Native Generational Change
Native Report
Nett Lake School
New Native Theatre
Notah Begay III Foundation
One in the Spirit
Prior Lake High School
Red Lake Nation College
Running Strong for American Indian Youth
Safe Alternatives for Abused Families
Second Harvest Heartland
Secondhand Hounds
Shakopee Dollars for Scholars
Shakopee Public Schools
Smile Network International
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
St. Joseph's Indian School
St. Paul Public Schools
Union Gospel Mission
United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.
Wakhanyeza Wounspe Oti
Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Education
Immersion Program

UP TO \$10,000

360 Communities
ACES
Ain Dah Ing, Inc.
All Nations Indian Church
Alpha Women's Center
Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North
Dakota Chapter
American Cancer Society
American Diabetes Association
American Indian Community Development Corp.
American Indian Family Center
American Indian Health Research &
Education Alliance
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

American Indian Wellness Fair
Augsburg College
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Bemidji Community Food Shelf
Blandin Foundation
Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area
Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud
Boys and Girls Club of the Grand River Area
Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Brule
Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri River Area
Browns Valley Food Shelf
Bemidji State University Council of Indian Students
Center Pole
Chapel Hill Academy
Cheyenne River Youth Project
Children's Law Center of Minnesota
Cloquet Area Fire District
Crescent Cove
Crow Creek Tribal Schools
Crow Creek Youth Softball
Cub Foods
Dakota 38+2 Wokisuye Ride
Dakota Horse Camp
Dakota Memorial Run
Daukotapi Youth Group
Dan Patch Days
De La Salle Blackfeet School
Department of Indian Work
Diaper Bank of Minnesota
Dupree Lakota Wacipi
East Side Neighborhood Services
Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc.
Elders Lodge
Feed My Starving Children
First Nations Sculpture Garden
Flags for Fallen Military
Fond du Lac College Human Services Club
Fort Peck Tribes Assiniboine & Sioux
Gathering of Nations
Gift of Love
Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board
Guadalupe Alternative Program
Guild Incorporated
Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota
Heart of the City Race
Hidden Oaks Middle School
Honoring Veterans Pow Wow Committee
Hunger Solutions
Indian Youth of America
Indigenous Language Institute
Jackson Elementary
Jeremiah Program
Jordan Dollars for Scholars
Jordan School District 717
Kateri Residence
LaCreek District
Lake Traverse Animal Rescue
Lakota Council of Tribes
Lakota Dakota Nakota Language
Lakota Women Warrior Color Guard
Let's Go Fishing Scott County Area Chapter
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Little Canada Veterans Memorial Fund
Little Earth Residents Association
Loaves and Fishes
Lower Sioux Community
Mothers Against Drunk Driving Minnesota Chapter
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Marty Indian School
Michael Cooper Basketball Camp

Tinta Ottonwe Drum Group
 Tiospaye Topa School
 Tiwahe Foundation
 Traverse County Social Services Department
 Turtle Mountain Head Start
 Tusweca Tiospaye
 Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
 Union Gospel Mission
 United Tribes Technical College
 Upper Midwest American Indian Center
 University of South Dakota Educational Talent Search
 USTA Northern Tennis Foundation
 Viking/Chief Game Rally
 Wambli Ska Wacipi Committee
 Welch Charities Annual Ride for School Supplies
 Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations
 Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters Institute
 Wolf Lake Fire Department
 Women of Nations
 Woodland-Plains Project Dakota, Inc.
 Yankton Sioux Housing Authority
 Youth Riders/Wokiksuye Ride
 YouthCARE
 Zuhrah Shrine Circus

Johnny Smith
 Jordan Family Outreach
 Kennedy High School Senior Class
 Lake Park Audubon Elementary
 Lakeville Public Safety Foundation
 Lakeville South High School
 Leech Lake Tribal College
 Little Earth Residents Association
 Little Wound High School
 Lupus Foundation of Minnesota
 Memorial Round Dance for Terry St. John
 Metro Conservation Districts
 Minnesota Indian Education Association
 Minnesota Indian Primary Residential
 Treatment Center
 Minnesota National Guard Youth Camp
 Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 Mobridge-Pollock Schools Lakota
 Education Program
 Mounds Park United Methodist Church
 Michigan Tech University AISES Chapter
 Na'ah Illahee Fund
 National Fire Safety Council, Inc.
 Native American Community Clinic
 Native American Youth and Family Center
 New Prague Blue Line Club
 New Prague High School
 Nicollet Junior High School
 Oglala Sioux Tribe
 One Heartland
 Porcupine Pow Wow
 Prior Lake Athletics for Youth Lacrosse
 Prior Lake Growers Association
 Prior Lake Honor Society
 Prior Lake Robotics
 Rainy River Community College
 Red Lake Nation Embassy
 Ring Thunder Wacipi
 Rochester Public Schools Native American
 Education Program
 School of Environmental Studies
 Scott County 4-H Program
 Shakopee Saber Football
 Shakopee Saber Volleyball Booster Club
 Shakopee Youth Football Association
 Shawnee County Allied Tribes
 North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
 Shotgun Tune-Up
 Shut Out HIV
 Sinte Gleska University
 Sota Boys High School Basketball Team
 Southwest Metro Educational Coop 3 Cs Program
 Spokane Falls Community College
 St. Michael Catholic School
 Tribal Education Departments National Assembly
 TYCOR Community Development Corporation
 Utah Valley University Native Wolverine Association
 Walker River Paiute Tribe
 We Care Project
 Winner Pow Wow Committee
 Winona Dakota Unity Alliance
 Wisdom Steps in Collaboration with the
 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
 Wounded Knee District School
 Wunk Sheek
 Yankton Sioux Tribe

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American Indian Cancer Foundation
 American Indian Center
 American Indian Magnet School
 American Indian Student Cultural Center
 Anoka Hennepin Indian Education
 Antelope Community Youth Group
 Arizona State University Pow Wow Committee
 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
 Radio Stations
 Apple Valley High School Senior Class
 Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 Belle Plain Festivals
 Black Hills State University Center for
 American Indian Studies
 Big Mar Basketball Tournament
 Bolder Options
 Brookings County Housing and
 Redevelopment Commission
 Burnsville High School
 Carver-Scott Humane Society
 Cherry Creek Annual Pow Wow
 Chief Joseph Pow Wow Committee
 Circle the Bluffs Pow Wow
 Creative Spirit
 Crow Creek Youth Softball
 Debwe Youth and Family Center
 Delano High School
 Dress for Success
 Eagan High School Senior Class
 Eagles Healing Nest
 Eastview High School
 Fort Randall Annual Pow Wow
 Friends of Wood Lake Nature Center
 Fur-Ever Home Rescue
 Great River Coalition
 Greater Rochester Area Dakota Supporters
 Greenwood Community Pow Wow
 Hackensack Area Community Food Shelf
 Indian Health Board Minneapolis
 Jack King Memorial Pow Wow Association
 Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel
 Jackson Elementary

TOTAL: \$17,999,379

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