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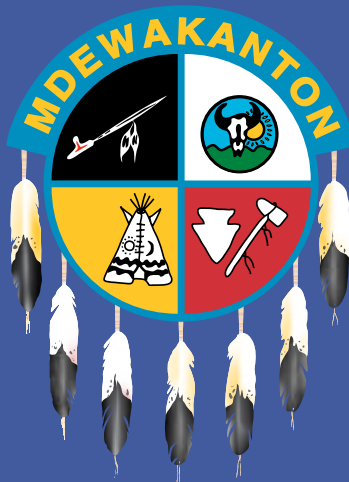
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community



Donation Report 2014



**Helping Tribal Governments,  
Local Governments, and Charities.  
Helping with Needs Throughout America.**



# DONATION REPORT 2014

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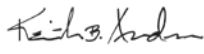

Owas, cante wasteya nape ceyuzapi. We greet you all with a good heart and a handshake.

As Dakota people, we learned from a young age our tradition of giving. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community showed that dedication through \$17,858,469 in donations in fiscal year 2014, a \$1 million increase from the previous year. We offered more than \$14 million in donations to American Indian tribes, continuing our goal to boost Indian Country nationwide.

Since the opening of Mystic Lake in the 1990s, we have given more than \$325 million in donations and more than \$500 million in loans to other tribes, making the SMSC the largest philanthropic benefactor for Indian Country nationally and one of the largest charitable givers in Minnesota. Still, we continue to seek ways to remain a good neighbor, good employer, and good steward of the earth.

Learn more in the pages of this Donation Report of fiscal year 2014. Thank you for your interest, and we invite you to visit the SMSC's website, [shakopeedakota.org](http://shakopeedakota.org), for more information.

Piundzpi, we are thankful,

		
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## TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

To help other Indian nations grow and prosper, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community supports economic and community development through tribal grants and loans. In fiscal year 2014, the SMSC made \$14,763,757 in donations to 30 tribes.

## NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

Less than 1 percent of all philanthropic dollars in the United States goes to tribal communities, according to the Foundations Center. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community focuses charitable giving largely on Indian tribes and organizations that serve Indian people. In fiscal year 2014, the SMSC donated \$636,975 to 61 organizations. These organizations are chartered by individuals, Indian tribes, churches, schools, and groups united by a common goal of improving the living conditions for Indian people.

## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Youth today will be leaders tomorrow. To prepare them, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community dedicates funds each year to educational initiatives, this year donating \$1,501,971 to 102 schools and organizations supporting youth.

## CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Nonprofit organizations provide a variety of valuable services to the individuals they serve. Without donations, these organizations would struggle to operate. The SMSC made \$588,677 in gifts to 89 charitable organizations that provide a variety of services and programs.

## POW WOWS

Safe in the arms of their parents, Native children will often dance at a Pow Wow before they learn to walk. A Pow Wow, or Wacipi, is a traditional American Indian celebration where generations gather to socialize, dance and sing in a grassy field, dry prairie, gym, or community center. "Wacipi" in the Dakota language describes a family event where drummers sing and play songs in their native language, and dancers, in ornate regalia, keep time with the drum. In fiscal year 2014, the SMSC donated \$38,250 to Pow Wows all across the country.

## HOLIDAYS

To share the holiday spirit with children and families in need, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community dispersed \$174,421 in donations. The donations, which went to 37 social service and youth organizations primarily in the Twin Cities, provided toys, clothing, food, activities, and other gifts for families.

## PARTNERSHIPS

The SMSC partners with local entities when it benefits both parties, and it meets goals that SMSC tribal members and the Business Council have set in place.

## GOOD EMPLOYER

Together, the SMSC and the SMSC Gaming Enterprise (Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Little Six Casino) are the largest employer in Scott County, providing jobs with excellent benefits to more than 4,200 employees.

**TRIBAL  
GOVERNMENTS**  
**\$14,763,757**

**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
ORGANIZATIONS**  
**\$636,975**

**EDUCATION  
AND YOUTH**  
**\$1,501,971**

**CHARITABLE  
ORGANIZATIONS**  
**\$588,677**

**POW WOWS**  
**\$38,250**

**HOLIDAYS**  
**\$174,421**

## **GOOD NEIGHBOR**

To be a good neighbor, the SMSC collaborates with local governments on projects that benefit local residents and the Community. Communication has helped maintain good relationships between the entities regarding land issues, shared resources, and emergency services.

## **VOLUNTEERISM**

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community believes in helping others through volunteerism. Community members and employees have embraced opportunities to donate their time to others.

## **MDEWAKANTON PUBLIC SAFETY**

For more than 12 years, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has operated a full-time, professional fire and ambulance department. Staffed 24-7 since 2002, Mdewakanton Public Safety (MPS) helps local residents, guests, and neighbors, responding to up to 250 calls per month. An average of 60 patients per month are transported to local hospitals by one of the three MPS ambulances.

## **MOBILE UNIT**

The SMSC Mobile Unit served as both a mobile medical clinic and a mobile incident command center until 2014, when a secondary unit was deployed. In fiscal year 2014, the Mobile Unit was deployed 92 times, providing services to 1,492 patients: 16 for Scott County Public Health; 54 for tribal and Indian health clinics; 26 for SMSC tribal members, employees, and Scott County Native Americans; and 9 deployments at the Shakopee Women's Prison.

## **AEDs**

To help save lives and support its neighbors, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community operates a program called Mdewakanton LIFE, donating AEDs to tribes, schools, and police and fire departments, among other organizations. Since the program began in 2004, nearly 900 AEDs have been donated, already saving dozens of lives.

## **COMMITMENT TO WELLNESS**

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is committed to supporting health and wellness for its members, Native Americans in Scott County, and the SMSC's more than 4,200 employees and their families.

## **COLLABORATING WITH NEIGHBORS**

To provide for the safety and welfare of its members, employees, and area residents, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community works cooperatively with other governments. Over the years, the SMSC has worked on joint projects with the cities of Prior Lake, Savage, and Shakopee, as well as Scott County, the State of Minnesota, and agencies of the federal government.

## **STEWARD OF THE LAND**

From growing organic food to installing green infrastructure, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community aims to do what is best for the earth. The SMSC has funded wind turbines and solar panels that offset the energy usage of the Community and its enterprises. Always conscientious of the health of its members and the environment, the SMSC continues to develop its green enterprises, such as its organic garden, natural food market, and compost center, which recycles some of the SMSC's food and yard waste. Protecting Unci Maka, Grandmother Earth, is part of the Dakota way of life.

# TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

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Michigan

## LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

The SMSC donated \$500,000 for pre-construction work of a new healthcare facility on the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians reservation, representing its commitment to the health and wellness of current and future generations of the tribe. It will also provide a positive, healthy atmosphere that will encourage recruitment and retention of quality providers and staff, job creation and economic development, chronic disease treatment and prevention, on-site specialty services, tele-medicine, and traditional healing.

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Montana

## CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

A \$500,000 grant to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) in northwest Montana funded casino and marina improvements to the KwaTaqNuk Resort Marina, located on Flathead Lake in Polson, Montana. The grant included support for a five-year strategic plan, an updated fueling system in the marina, additional boat lifts, break wall repair at the marina, ice machine upgrades, a key management system, computer software, hand-held radios, pamphlet upgrades, a money counter, and training. The CSKT are comprised of the Bitterroot Salish, the Pend d'Oreille, and the Kootenai tribes.

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa received \$800,000 in grants for the phase two expansion of its convenience store and gas station, called the Y-Store, near the Vermilion Lake Reservation. The expansion involves a 2,700-square-foot addition to the existing building that will accommodate increased retail floor space, new freezer space, a large fast-food service area, and new public restrooms, as part of a new coffee shop. The project also included food service equipment, additional parking, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and related site work.



Bois Forte Band Chairman Kevin Leecy said, “This project is an important part of our economic diversification and development strategy for the reservation. We appreciate all the support you have generously provided to Bois Forte.”

Previous SMSC grants to Bois Forte funded a quick lube center and car wash and associated infrastructure improvements at the Y-Store; the Lake Vermilion Community Wellness Center; and land purchases.



Fall expansion of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa convenience store and gas station, near the Vermilion Lake Reservation.

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Oklahoma

## OTTAWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

A \$200,000 grant to the Adawe Travel Plaza, owned and operated by the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, will help pay for the completion of facility excavating expenses for a new convenience store. The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma has continued to build an economy to support its people after years of relocation and termination.

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North Dakota

## SPIRIT LAKE NATION

The Spirit Lake Nation of North Dakota received a grant for \$500,000 to construct a new Crow Hill Wellness Center. The SMSC grant will be used to leverage other federal government resources for this project. The new, larger center will provide better services, a safer environment, and a meeting space for social groups to gather. The mission of the center is to promote a collaborative approach to personal and community health through health promotion, educational programming, and services to the Crow Hill Community. It will also host a variety of classes, events and workshops year-round.

# TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

## SUCCESS STORY:

### Wisconsin

## Red Cliff Band Of Lake Superior Chippewa

In August 2014, the new Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Community Health Center in Bayfield, Wisconsin, held its grand opening. Funded with a \$10 million loan from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in 2012, along with \$1 million generated from Red Cliff's current health center and other grants, the new facility is nearly three times larger, with room for future growth.



The new building allows for the provision of services not only to tribal members and Native Americans living in the area, but also to non-Indian residents through a joint agreement. The facility houses medical clinics, a pharmacy, radiology, behavioral health, community health, and physical therapy. Space for examination rooms, meetings, pediatric, family practice, a laboratory, and a wellness center are included, as well as upgraded handicapped accessibility and an electric generator.



**TRIBAL  
GOVERNMENTS  
\$14,763,757**

The SMSC has awarded a total of \$38.25 million in loans and grants to Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa since 2008. That includes a \$23.5 million loan for improvements to Legendary Waters Resort and Casino, a \$12 million loan for the new Community Health Clinic, and \$2 million in grants for reservation improvement projects, such as renovations to the tribe’s early childhood education facility, youth center, community center, campground, marina, and library. A \$966,000 grant funded community development and debt consolidation. The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation is located on the southern shores of Lake Superior in northwest Wisconsin. The reservation spans approximately 14,093 acres, and there are about 6,200 tribal members.

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, MN	\$800,000
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, SD	\$250,000
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, MT	\$500,000
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, SD	\$487,500
Crow Tribe of Montana, MT	\$612,000
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, SD	\$500,000
Fort Belknap Indian Community, MT	\$750,000
Fort Peck Tribe of Montana, MT	\$750,000
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, OK	\$50,000
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, MI	\$92,200
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, MI	\$500,000
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, MN	\$500,000
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, SD	\$450,000
Northern Arapaho Tribe, WY	\$250,000
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, NE	\$750,000
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, OK	\$200,000
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, NE	\$500,000
Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma, OK	\$325,000
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, WI	\$1 million
Red Lake Nation, MN	\$750,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD	\$636,000
Santa Clara Pueblo, NM	\$350,000
Santee Sioux Nation, NE	\$400,000
Sokaogon Chippewa Community, WI	\$1 million
Spirit Lake Nation, ND	\$500,000
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, ND	\$500,000
Upper Sioux Community, MN	\$750,000
Yankton Sioux Tribe, SD	\$480,000

# NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

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NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS  
**\$636,975**

## THE TETON COALITION

The Teton Coalition housing program received \$100,500 to support a mortgage assistance program for elders and Native Americans with disabilities. The organization has assisted more than 700 Native American families in becoming homeowners since 1993 through down payment assistance. The homeownership rate among Native Americans is about 33 percent, the lowest of any ethnic group.

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## CHIEF SEATTLE CLUB

The Chief Seattle Club received a grant for \$10,000 to support a meal program for homeless Native Americans and low-income individuals in the area. The club serves 60,000 meals annually to members of 127 different tribal nations. It also provides legal, housing, chemical dependency, education, and mental health services.

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## UPPER MIDWEST AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER

A \$50,000 grant to the Upper Midwest American Indian Center (UMAIC) was awarded for furnace repair/replacement and elevator maintenance. Established in 1937 to meet the housing and employment needs of Native Americans migrating to the Twin Cities, UMAIC is the oldest American Indian agency in the state, and is governed by an American Indian board of directors.





AICDC Anishinabe Wakiagun	\$5,000
All Nations Indian Church	\$5,000
Chief Seattle Club	\$10,000
Division of Indian Work	\$17,500
Dream of Wild Health	\$10,000
Great Plains Indian Gaming Association	\$50,000
Indian Child Welfare Law Center	\$25,000
Indigenous Peoples Task Force	\$15,000
Wicoie Nandagikendan Language Immersion Program	\$10,000
Lakota People's Law Project	\$75,000
Lotus 88 Foundation/Lightning Stick Lacrosse	\$27,477
Medicine Wheel, Inc.	\$5,000
Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce	\$25,000
National Tribal Transportation Conference	\$5,000
Native Report	\$25,000
New Hope Native American Mission	\$5,500
Peace Development Fund: American Indian Prison Project Working Group	\$6,240
Simply Outdoor Experiences	\$10,000
Sunka Cangi Indigenous Way Community, Inc.	\$25,000
Teton Coalition	\$100,500
Thunder Productions	\$138,035
Tim LaBatte/Dakota Horse Camp	\$10,000
Tusweca Tiospaye	\$5,000
Upper Midwest American Indian Center	\$50,000
WEWIN	\$25,000

From assisting the homeless to helping create educational programming, the SMSC is committed to bolstering all of Indian Country.

# EDUCATION AND YOUTH

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## PLAYGROUNDS

The SMSC contributed matching grants towards two playgrounds for tribal youth: \$25,825 to the Frazer Public School on the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana and \$20,000 to McLaughlin School District 15-2 on the South Dakota side of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

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## ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL

St. Labre Indian School of Ashland, Montana received a \$250,000 matching grant for a new water treatment system. In a remote area, St. Labre serves 750 Crow and Northern Cheyenne students from kindergarten through 12th grade in five different Catholic schools.





## NOTAH BEGAY III FOUNDATION

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donated \$750,000 over two years to the Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F). The SMSC is the Leadership Partner for NB3F's Native Strong Upper Midwest programming, and for the past four years has supported general operations and NB3F's annual fundraiser, the NB3 Challenge.

"The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has been an inspirational leader in the field of tribal philanthropy and has generously supported many Native nations and Native organizations," said four-time PGA Tour winner, NBC/Golf Channel analyst, and NB3F founder Notah Begay III. "Their commitment to NB3F underscores a steadfast determination to address the epidemics of Type 2 diabetes and childhood obesity, with us and our partners. Time and time again, the SMSC demonstrates its commitment to empowering and improving our Native communities, and for that we are thankful."

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## CHEYENNE RIVER YOUTH PROJECT

Isolated and without entertainment options, teenagers on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota struggle to follow a good life path. With a \$25,000 boost from the SMSC, the Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) was created to address that challenge, providing a haven from violence, drug abuse, and alcoholism so teens can learn, grow and thrive.

## AMERICAN INDIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The SMSC pledged a matching grant of up to \$200,000 to support the American Indian Montessori School developed by Bush Fellow Janice LaFloe, in coordination with East Side Neighborhood Services. In fiscal year 2014, the SMSC contributed \$188,000 of that pledge. Located in Hope Lutheran Church in St. Paul, the school utilizes Lakota and Ojibwe language speakers in early childhood education. Since 1915, East Side Neighborhood Services has provided community-based social services to immigrant, refugee, and low-income individuals and families, typically serving more than 11,500 people each year.



# EDUCATION AND YOUTH

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Many reservations lie in remote areas with little support and few activities for children. For that reason, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has made a commitment to support Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Indian Country.

In fiscal year 2014, the following clubs received grants:



**MISSOURI RIVER AREA:**  
**\$75,000**  
grant for the Wagner and Marty units

**ROSEBUD:**  
**\$27,000**  
for special events, snack foods, and utilities

**NORTHERN CHEYENNE:**  
**\$10,000**  
for program support

**BEMIDJI AREA:**  
**\$6,000**  
grant for supplies and equipment

**LEECH LAKE AREA:**  
**\$21,000**  
for program support





**EDUCATION  
AND YOUTH  
\$1,501,971**

American Indian Science & Engineering Society	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud	\$27,000
Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area	\$21,000
Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	\$6,000
Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri River Area	\$75,000
Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation	\$10,000
Cheyenne River Youth Project	\$25,000
Circle of Nations Wahpeton Indian School	\$8,000
Dunwoody College of Technology	\$10,000
Dupree Daycare, Inc.	\$6,560
East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc.	\$188,000
Flandreau Indian School	\$10,000
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Language Program	\$30,000
Frazer Public Schools	\$25,825
Indian Youth of America	\$50,000
Indians into Medicine	\$5,000
Inver Grove Heights BEST Foundation	\$5,000
Laker Educational Foundation	\$20,000
McLaughlin School District 15-2	\$20,000
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center	\$25,000
Northwest Indian College	\$110,000
Notah Begay III Foundation	\$375,000
Oshki Ogimaag Charter School	\$28,000
River Valley YMCA	\$15,000
St. Labre Indian School	\$250,000
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education	\$12,000
United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.	\$50,000
University of Minnesota, College of Pharmacy: RICH Health Summit	\$15,000
YouthCARE	\$5,000

# CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

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## MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

With a \$20,000 grant, the SMSC supported programming at the Minnesota Children's Museum, whose mission is to spark children's learning through play, creating opportunities for as many kids and families as possible. Family nights and free memberships allow low-income children to use the museum when they may not have otherwise. Twenty-five percent of the Minnesota Children's Museum's audience attends the museum at free or reduced rates.

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## CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

A second gift of \$50,000 from the SMSC to Children's Hospitals and Clinics helped bring a trauma communication command center to the Minneapolis Emergency Department. The command center is a valuable tool in coordinating care for trauma victims, and uses video, diagnostic data and various technologies to ensure the best possible outcome for incoming patients. As one of the busiest pediatric emergency medicine programs in the nation, Children's has more than 90,000 patient visits annually. The first \$50,000 for this project was donated by the SMSC in fiscal year 2012.





# GILLETTE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A \$25,000 matching grant from the SMSC to Gillette Children's Hospital benefited the Gait and Motion Outcomes Fund, which supports a long-term study of children treated for gait and motion conditions, such as cerebral palsy and spina bifida.

"We are very grateful for the continued support of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. You are an important partner to the hospital and to our work serving children with disabling conditions improve their ability to walk and to more fully enjoy life," wrote Gillette's Foundation Gift Officer Nancy Wilson in a letter to the SMSC.

The study entails an assessment of patients who were seen at Gillette and received gait analysis and subsequent treatments at least 10 years ago. The study will help practitioners understand if the children they treated are successful into adulthood, as a result of the interventions prescribed after gait analysis. The results will be the cornerstone of future work and will influence the care of children with gait difficulties throughout the world.

# CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

## AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) received a SMSC grant for \$25,000 to support research and education, with a focus on Native Americans in Minnesota who have diabetes. The disease disproportionately affects Native Americans. Complications from the disease, such as dialysis from renal failure, impact the quality of life and can lead to loss of limbs and other difficulties. The ADA leads the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes by funding research to prevent, cure and manage it, delivering services to hundreds of communities and providing objective and credible information. The driving force behind the work of the ADA is a network of more than 1 million volunteers, a membership of more than 441,000 people with diabetes and their families and caregivers, and a professional society of nearly 16,500 health care professionals, as well as more than 800 staff members.

## BRIDGING

For many years, the SMSC has donated gently used and surplus household items to the nonprofit organization Bridging. Bridging's mission is to provide those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty with a gift of quality furniture and household goods to stabilize and improve their lives. Through a network of more than 125 social service agencies, eligible clients are referred to Bridging to select needed furniture and household goods to transform their houses into homes.

Serving the greater Twin Cities, Bridging is the largest furniture bank in North America. With locations in Bloomington and Roseville, Bridging is driven by volunteers and donations. Since 1987, Bridging has furnished more than 60,000 homes, and every year reduces landfill material by nearly 10 million pounds.

In fiscal year 2014, the SMSC donated the following to Bridging:

- 4,380 sheets
- 500 dishes
- 456 comforters
- 303 chairs
- 274 blankets
- 270 pillow cases
- 260 pillows
- 75 hairdryers
- 64 bedframes
- 3 tables





**CHARITABLE  
ORGANIZATIONS  
\$588,677**

American Diabetes Association	\$25,000
Children's Hospitals and Clinics	\$50,000
Children's Law Center of Minnesota	\$5,000
Como Friends	\$5,400
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Iowa	\$5,000
Feed My Starving Children	\$5,000
Gillette Children's Hospital	\$25,000
Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota	\$5,000
Jordan Veterans Park	\$5,000
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$5,000
Loaves and Fishes	\$5,000
MADD of Minnesota	\$5,000
Minneapolis Institute of Arts	\$10,000
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation	\$5,000
Minnesota Children's Museum	\$20,000
NET Foundation for Television	\$25,000
Planned Parenthood of MN, ND, and SD	\$10,000
Prior Lake Area Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
Project Turnabout	\$105,000
Remer Area Ambulance Service	\$5,000
Saints Healthcare Foundation	\$51,250
Science Museum of Minnesota	\$10,000
Second Harvest Heartland	\$10,000
Smile Network	\$10,000
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian	\$25,000
Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women	\$5,000
St. Mary's Health Clinics	\$15,000
Twin Cities Public Television	\$25,000

# POW WOWS

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## SUPPORTING POW WOWS ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY

SMSC donations funded cultural events all across the Midwest. Grants totaling \$38,250 were made to 57 Pow Wows in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, and Wisconsin.

Since 1973, the Mahkato Annual Traditional Pow Wow has been held at the Land of Memories Park in Mankato, Minnesota. The weekend event honors the 38 Dakota warriors who were hanged there after the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, the largest mass hanging in U.S. history. Members of the SMSC have been involved in this Pow Wow since its inception. A \$10,000 donation from the SMSC helped support the 2014 event.

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## MASH KA WISEN POW WOW

Minnesota Indian Primary Treatment Center, located in Sawyer, Minnesota, organizes a sobriety Pow Wow to recognize and honor residents and the alumni who are living a sober life. The SMSC previously supported the Center with \$125,000 for construction.

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## TANNER ALBERS MEMORIAL ROUND DANCE

The SMSC supported the third annual Tanner Albers Memorial Round Dance held at the Minneapolis American Indian Center in February 2014. Tanner, the father of a Community member, passed away at a young age. Tanner is sorely missed by his drum group and family.

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## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA TIME OUT POW WOW

A longtime event, the SMSC supported the University of North Dakota Time Out Pow Wow held in April 2014 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON POW WOWS

The SMSC supports the Pow Wows and programs for the Native American students at UW-Madison, including the Wunk Sheek Native American Student Association Pow Wow held in April 2014, and the Veterans Pow Wow. Founded in 1968, Wunk Sheek has helped represent Native American students at UW-Madison for more than 40 years.



**POW WOWS**  
**\$38,250**

Ain Dah Yung Center Pow Wow	Little Earth of United Tribes Pow Wow
American Indian Cancer Foundation Pow Wow	Lower Sioux Indian Community Pow Wow
American Indian Exposition of Oklahoma	Mahkato Mdewakanton Wacipi
American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow	Milk River Pow Wow
American Indian Student Cultural Center Pow Wow	Minneapolis American Indian Center Pow Wow
American Legion Post 269 Pow Wow	Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center Pow Wow
Antelope Pow Wow	Mash Ka Wisen Pow Wow
Arizona State University Pow Wow	Naca Wica Yuonihanpi Wacipi
Arlee Celebration	North Rapid Community School Pow Wow
Augsburg College Pow Wow	Okiciyap the Isabel Community Pow Wow
Augsburg Fairview Academy Pow Wow	Oklahoma Indian Summer Festival
BHSU Center for American Indian Studies Pow Wow	Omaka Teca Wacipi
Chippewa Cree Pow Wow	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Pow Wow
Creighton University Pow Wow	Potato Creek Traditional Wacipi
Crow Fair	Rainy River Community College Pow Wow
Dakota Wacipi	Red Scaffold Pow Wow
Eagle Nest District Wacipi	Superior Indian Education Program Pow Wow
Enemy Swim District Pow Wow	Tanner Albers Memorial Round Dance
First Nations Student Association, University of Kansas	Tiospaye Student Council Pow Wow at University of South Dakota
Gathering of Nations Pow Wow	Todd County High School Pow Wow
Greenwood Pow Wow	Harvest Moon American Indian Festival
Honoring Kansas Veterans Pow Wow	University of North Dakota Pow Wow
Minnesota Indian Center Pow Wow	Wahcina Dakota Oyate Wacipi
ISD 279 Indian Education Pow Wow	Wambli Ska Wacipi
Juel Fairbanks Chemical Dependency Services Pow Wow	Wolf Lodge Pow Wow
Kenel District Pow Wow	Woodlands and High Plains Pow Wow
Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow	Wunk Sheek, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Leech Lake Tribal College Pow Wow	Yankton Sioux Tribe Lake Andes Pow Wow
Lincoln Indian Club Pow Wow	

# HOLIDAYS

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

A grant for \$12,000 to Catholic Charities in the Twin Cities provided support to the Dorothy Day Center and the St. Joseph's Home for Children, funding a traditional Thanksgiving meal to an estimated 600 homeless people and a Christmas dinner to 800. The Dorothy Day Center serves more than 8,000 clients annually and provides a safe place to sleep for approximately 230 men and women every night of the year. "Your gift is very significant and meaningful to the people we serve," wrote Tim Marx, CEO of Catholic Charities.

The funds for Catholic Charities' St. Joseph's Home for Children will make possible meaningful social and recreational activities for youth. "With your generosity, youth at St. Joe's were able to enjoy fun and exciting holiday activities that helped to brighten spirits, while giving them a chance to enjoy festivities of their own," wrote Marx.

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## OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

A grant of \$7,921 to the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, paid for toys, candy, and food for tribal youth during the holidays. In the middle of Shannon County, consistently one of the poorest counties in the United States, Pine Ridge Reservation is essentially a food desert. Pine Ridge has a tribal membership of 47,000, about 30,000 of whom live on the Pine Ridge Reservation, which covers 2.8 million acres in western South Dakota and 600 acres in Nebraska.

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## DIVISION OF INDIAN WORK

At the Division of Indian Work (DIW) in Minneapolis, an \$8,000 SMSC donation helped sponsor turkey dinner baskets for families. Formed in 1952, DIW is the oldest social service agency serving Native Americans in Minneapolis. Through advocacy, action, and a family of human service programs, DIW strives to prevent hunger, provide a positive foundation for youth, support senior independence, encourage cultural diversity, and pursue the end of poverty.





**HOLIDAYS**  
**\$174,421**

Ain Dah Ing
Ain Dah Yung Center
All Nations Indian Church
American Indian Family Center
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Bad River Head Start Parent/Policy Committee
Boys & Girls Club of the Missouri River Area
Boys and Girls Club of Lower Brule
CAP Agency
Catholic Charities
Cheyenne River Youth Project
Department of Indian Work
Division of Indian Work
Elders Lodge
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Gift of Love
Indian Youth of America
Kateri Residence
Little Earth of United Tribes
Minnesota Compassion
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
Red Lake Nation
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Salvation Army
Sioux Addition Civic Association
Southwest Metro Educational Cooperative
St. Joseph's Indian School
Turtle Mountain Head Start Program
Union Gospel Mission
Upper Midwest American Indian Center
Women of Nations
Yankton Sioux Housing Authority

# PARTNERSHIPS

## MYSTIC LAKE AND CANTERBURY PARK

### “A Winning Combination”

The 10-year cooperative marketing agreement between Canterbury Park Holding Corporation and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community announced in 2012 has indeed been “A Winning Combination,” improving relationships between the two entities. In 2013 and 2014, Canterbury Park raced 69 and 68 days, which was more than in previous years. A record \$13,120,706 in purse money was paid, more than double what was offered prior to the cooperative agreement in 2011.

The partnership includes:

- A purse enhancement program funded by the SMSC, a commitment totaling approximately \$75 million over the life of the agreement.
- New joint marketing opportunities between Canterbury Park and SMSC’s Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, totaling \$8.5 million over the 10-year agreement.

For the second consecutive season, Canterbury’s 1,600 stalls were at capacity and horse breeding in the state remained strong. The quality of the racing product continued to improve as new stables were added to the facility. With that improvement came expanded national popularity, and an increase of 3.5 percent in daily average out-of-state wagering.

The Indian Horse Relay helped complete the season and drew an enthusiastic crowd during the final weekend of live racing. This exciting display of showmanship featured bareback riders in regalia mounting and remounting quickly as they raced around the track.

## ST GERTRUDE’S HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER

In fiscal year 2014, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and St. Gertrude’s Health and Rehabilitation Center in Shakopee furthered their longstanding relationship with a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at improving health outcomes for SMSC members and employees, all while reducing overall health care costs. The agreement, signed April 22, 2014, by SMSC Chairman Charlie Vig and St. Gertrude’s CEO Lee Larson, helps foster an atmosphere that uses the strengths, resources and expertise of each entity to actively improve the care and services they provide.

## ST. FRANCIS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Too often, Native Americans encounter a lack of understanding when receiving health care. In 2012, the SMSC formalized a program, called Witaya Care, with St. Francis Regional Medical Center to provide more culturally sensitive care to Community members. A key aspect of the program allows for real-time information to be shared among St. Francis and the SMSC’s providers. In just two years, the program has been recognized with the Allina Best Care Award and the 2014 Minnesota Hospital Association’s Community Benefit Award.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community continue to build on their productive partnership. In 2009, the SMSC donated \$10 million to the University to create the Tribal Nations Plaza, a space honoring Minnesota’s 11 Indian tribes, as well as to support construction of TCF Bank Stadium. In that same year, the SMSC established an endowed scholarship program with the University. Since its inception, the scholarship program has helped nearly 200 Native American students from 48 tribes in 18 states to earn a college degree at the various University of Minnesota campuses.

## KODA ENERGY

Koda Energy is a joint partnership of the SMSC and Rahr Malting, a 165-year-old company in Shakopee. The facility, which began operating in 2009, is a combined heat and power plant that generates electricity and heat utilizing agricultural and plant seed byproducts. As an environmentally friendly, biomass energy generation facility, Koda Energy provides energy for its own use, Rahr Malting, and Xcel Energy. The project gets its name from the word “Koda,” which means “friend” in the Dakota Language.



# GOOD EMPLOYER

## COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

- SMSC Gaming Enterprises (Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Little Six Casino)
- The Meadows at Mystic Lake, a public golf course
- Shakopee Dakota Convenience Stores #1 and #2
- SMSC Water Bottling
- Dakotah Meadows RV Park
- Dakotah Meadows Mini Storage
- Dakotah! Sport and Fitness
- Dakotah! Ice Center
- Playworks
- Playworks LINK Event Center
- Mystic Lake Store at Mall of America
- The SMSC Organics Recycling Facility
- Wozupi Tribal Gardens
- Mazopiya, a natural food market
- Mdewakanton Public Safety

## EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Blue Cross Medical Plan
- Delta Dental Plan
- SMSC Clinics and Health Services
- Flexible Spending Accounts/Health Savings Account
- Life insurance
- Disability insurance
- ASPIRE, Employee Assistance Program
- Children and Family Services
- Paid time off (PTO)
- Paid bereavement leave
- Paid jury duty
- 401(k) retirement plan
- Playworks discount
- Dakotah! Sport and Fitness discount
- Mazopiya discount
- Onsite Health and Wellness programs
- Gas discounts at Shakopee Dakota Convenience Store

## SMSC'S IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's successful enterprises pump millions of dollars into the area's economy each year. And as the largest employer in Scott County, the SMSC creates thousands of quality employment opportunities.

The SMSC is a powerful economic influence in the areas of employment, vendor purchases, construction, and voluntary payments to other governments. The tribe's economic growth has spurred growth in the local housing market and among local businesses. For example, more than \$171 million is made in payments to vendors annually for goods and services, 244 of which are based in Scott County. In addition, the annual payroll is \$165 million for tribal enterprises and the tribal government, and \$85 million is spent in annual benefits for employees. Since 1990, the SMSC has spent more than \$800 million on construction.

## SMSC HONORED AS TOP WORKPLACE

The SMSC Gaming Enterprise has been recognized as one of the best places to work in the state in a Star Tribune survey for five consecutive years. Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Little Six Casino team members also participated in workplace surveys conducted by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, making the SMSC Gaming Enterprise one of the top 10 Best Places to Work in the Twin Cities in 2012 and 2013. In 2013, the SMSC also received the Star Tribune's first Outstanding Benefits Award, based on team member surveys.

# GOOD NEIGHBOR

## OICIMANI MEDIA CENTER



The SMSC's library carries more than 13,000 items in its collection, primarily books, magazines, audio/video, and newspapers dedicated to Native American culture and history available to Community members and employees. Oicimani Media Center is also open to researchers, students, and educators by appointment.

## DAKOTAH! ICE CENTER



The SMSC operates the Dakota! Ice Center, a 72,000-square-foot facility with two sheets of ice. It's the home ice for the Prior Lake High School girls' and boys' hockey teams, as well as the Prior Lake-Savage Hockey Association. During the spring and summer seasons, the Ice Center hosts youth and adult tournaments and camps.

## BOTTLED WATER DONATED

The SMSC donated more than 1,000 cases of water bottles from SMSC Water Bottling in fiscal year 2014 (a \$5,000 donation). For instance, the SMSC provided cases of water for the sandbaggers when Prior Lake flooded.

### OTHER WATER DONATION RECIPIENTS:

American Diabetes Association

Golden Valley Humane Society

Scott County

Prior Lake Hooksetters

Shakopee High School

Women of Nations

American Legion Riders

Lakefront Music Fest

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon South of the River

Minnesota Zoo

FISH (Family and Individuals Sharing Hope)

American Indian Cancer Foundation Pow Wow for Hope

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Since 1992, the SMSC has participated in the Scott County Adopt A Highway program. Litter is picked up on County Roads 42, 82 and 83 on a regular basis. A Community member family has also adopted a section of County Road 16.
- Playworks donated meeting space to FISH (Families and Individuals Sharing Hope) and the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association.
- At Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, nearly 9,000 pounds of soap have been recycled and delivered to people in developing nations over the last four years. The Global Soap Project is a nonprofit organization that recycles used soap for refugees, disaster victims, and families living in extreme poverty in more than 30 countries.

## The SMSC supported neighbors through Wozupi activities such as:

- Native Seed/SEARCH's seed keepers course in the spring
- Presentation at the Food Sovereignty Summit in Wisconsin
- Involvement with the Indigenous People's Task Force's "Return To First Medicines Conference" on the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota
- Donating traditional medicine plants, such as tobacco, sweet grass, and sage, to Ain Dah Yung Center in St. Paul
- Donating plants to Little Earth Community Garden in Minneapolis
- Donating about 300 pounds of produce to Sisters' Camelot, a nonprofit organization working to promote sustainability, strengthen community, and raise awareness of food justice
- Sending staff to the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate to assist with the tribe's beekeeping
- Boiling sap for Jeffers Pond Elementary School and Shakopee and Prior Lake high schools



# VOLUNTEERISM

## CAP AGENCY BENEFITS FROM SMSC VOLUNTEERISM

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community supported the Community Action Partnership of Scott, Carver and Dakota counties (CAP Agency) through two food drives, a silent auction, monetary donations, and donated food from Wozupi, the tribe's garden. The nonprofit provides food for families and senior citizens, and offers services in school readiness, crisis childcare, parenting education, heating homes, and holiday toy distribution.

"The SMSC is a caring neighbor to those in need," said Joseph Vaughan, vice president of development and marketing at the CAP Agency. "The organization represents what the CAP Agency defines as a true community partner." He added, "Mobilizing people and resources to help others at critical times is a shared value. We are honored to assist individuals and families daily knowing we have the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and its workforce supporting our mission."

In two "Stock the Food Shelf" challenges in fiscal year 2014, Community members and employees donated a total of 7,089 pounds of food and \$21,254 in cash to the CAP Agency. The SMSC also donated \$20,000 to the CAP Agency for its Hope for the Holidays annual "Adopt-a-Family" holiday gift sponsorship project, in which parents are invited to create a wish list for each member of the family so that each child receives a special gift. Each year, the program provides gifts for about 5,500 individuals and families. The SMSC Gaming Enterprise Human Resources Department holds an annual silent auction fundraiser for the CAP Agency's Crisis Nursery. In fiscal year 2014, \$15,053 was raised.



## SMSC Youth Involved

Students of the SMSC Education Department have partnered with Wozupi, the Community's organic farm, in a service-learning opportunity, delivering weekly donations throughout the growing season to the CAP Agency. In the summer of 2014, this effort raised more than 1,900 pounds of organic non-GMO produce for CAP.



## CAP AGENCY'S PROJECT COMMUNITY CONNECT

The SMSC donated an additional \$1,000 to Project Community Connect. This community event offers a one-stop location for direct services to residents of Scott and Carver counties who are "living on little," those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Free medical and dental consultations, employment assistance education, legal assistance, veteran services, housing information, haircuts, and assistance obtaining birth certificates, driver's licenses and identification cards were available at the November 2014 event.



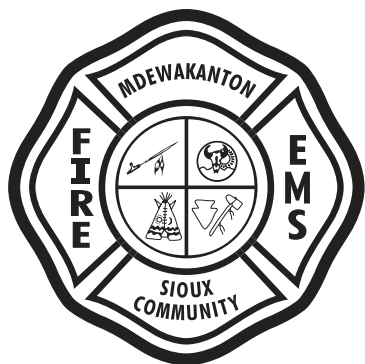
## POLAR BEAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Jumping into icy cold water in February in Minnesota may sound less than appealing. But Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community members and employees raised funds for Special Olympics doing just that at the Polar Bear Plunge, presented by local law enforcement. Ninety-five plungers on 10 SMSC teams raised \$24,925.

## BLOOD DRIVES

The SMSC has sponsored blood drives for nearly 30 years and has held 62 blood drive events since 1998 for Minnesota-based Memorial Blood Centers, resulting in 3,551 donated units of blood.

# MDEWAKANTON PUBLIC SAFETY



## SAVING LIVES

Mdewakanton Public Safety (MPS) has three Advanced Life Support ambulances and a staff of trained paramedics. In fiscal year 2014, MPS saved three lives with defibrillators. Staff used a defibrillator to restore patients' heart rhythms before they arrived at a hospital. The MPS save rate of 60 percent was significantly higher than the national rate of 12 percent.

## TRAINING

MPS consistently trains with other local fire departments and has an internal training program to ensure that firefighters and paramedics are fully prepared to handle virtually any emergency situation. MPS also offers classes for certification that are open to outside agencies.

## EXPLORERS

MPS operates an Explorer Program for youth ages 14-20. Explorers are trained in CPR, firefighting, and emergency medical response. The Explorers participated in the Governor's Fire Prevention Day Competition at the Minnesota State Fair and are responsible for keeping the roadsides clean along an area of County Road 42 in Prior Lake. Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician and Community member Nate Crooks took a team of Mdewakanton Public Safety Explorers to sandbag in Carver, Minnesota, when the river was particularly high in 2014.

## SPECIAL TRAINING AT VALLEYFAIR

The mission was to force themselves into a fog-filled IMAX theater containing small fires to rescue dummies and other staged firefighters acting as missing ushers and a movie projectionist. Mdewakanton Public Safety, along with Prior Lake, Chaska, Shakopee, and Savage fire departments, as well as Allina Medical Clinic, trained at Valleyfair in Shakopee. In a real fire, the departments would be automatically called to respond.

## MUTUAL AID

MPS provides mutual aid to area departments, working to put out fires, train firefighters, and conduct search and rescue. In fiscal year 2014, MPS responded to 57 requests for mutual aid at an estimated cost of \$71,140.

Mdewakanton Public Safety is part of a statewide system called the Minnesota All Hazards Incident Management Team. It's dispatched to offer support during emergencies. During flooding in the summer of 2014, the department provided assistance to two entities:

1. Staff and the Mobile Command traveled to Waterville to assist in the Minnesota Type 3 Incident Management Team.
2. Staff members assisted with damage assessment documentation in Scott County.

# MOBILE UNITS



## SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPLOYMENTS



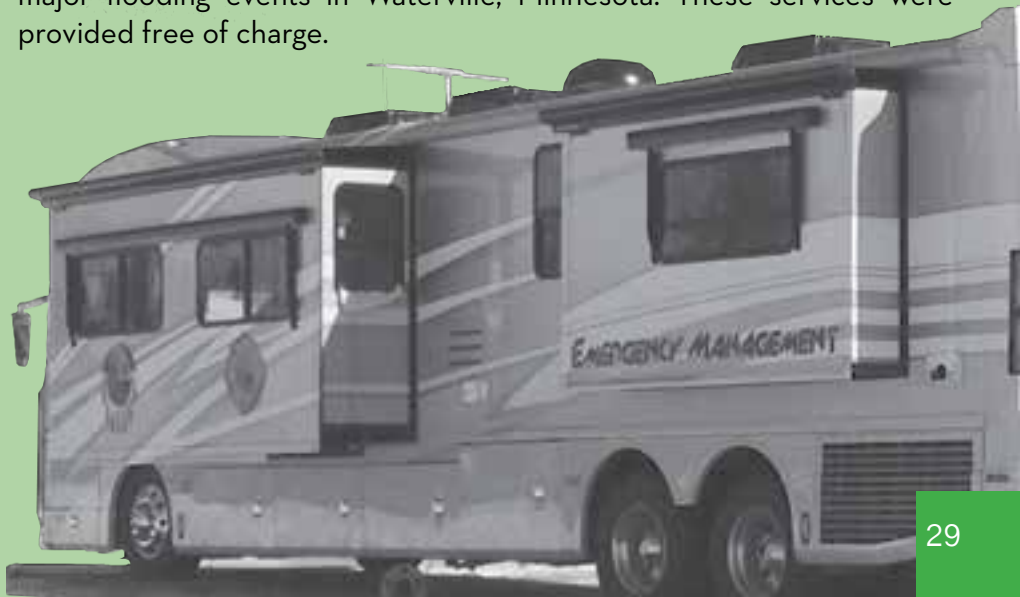
Through a collaboration of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the Scott County Public Health Department, the SMSC Mobile Unit provides free adult and child health screenings, preventative health care, health information, and information on local resources. Services are brought directly to those in need by deploying the clinic to three different locations in Scott County identified as having a large population of uninsured and underinsured residents. This collaboration provides access to health care, health education, and outreach for services to residents of all ages, cultures, ethnic groups, and languages.

## MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

Mammograms and health screenings are the most common services provided by the Mobile Unit. The Mobile Unit also offers free dental services, vision services, baby and child wellness visits, and a diabetes management clinic. During monthly health screening events, the SMSC Mobile Unit provides services to Community members, employees, and Native Americans who live in Scott County. In fiscal year 2014, 773 mammograms were performed, bringing the total to 6,013 since 2007. Also in 2014, services were provided to 359 dental patients and 116 vision patients, and 115 patients had their cholesterol tested. SMSC Mobile Unit staff also conducted 51 diabetes education sessions and 16 well-child visits. The Mobile Unit visited the Bois Forte, Grand Portage, and Red Lake Reservations, as well as the Indian Health Board and Native American Community Clinics, among others.

## MOBILE COMMAND

In 2014, the SMSC added a second Mobile Unit to its fleet - called the Mobile Command - which specializes in providing incident management assistance during large-scale events or emergencies. In 2014, the Mobile Command provided support at the Lakefront Music Fest in Prior Lake, and other local community events. The Mobile Command also rendered assistance to area public safety agencies during emergencies, including major flooding events in Waterville, Minnesota. These services were provided free of charge.



# AEDs

## Three AEDs were donated to:

Jackpot Junction, MN

## Two AEDs were donated to:

Ain Dah Yung Center Youth Shelter, MN

Bois Forte Health Services, MN

Cottage Grove Public Safety, MN

Minnesota Indian Primary Residential Treatment Center, MN

Red Cliff Ambulance Service, WI

Shakopee Police Department, MN

Sioux Valley Dakota, Canada

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Administration Building, SD

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Dakota Connection Casino, SD

Wrenshall Fire & Rescue, MN

## One AED was donated to:

Aspen Academy School, MN

Battle Lake Fire & Rescue, MN

Bemidji Police Department, MN

Blooming Prairie Police Department, MN

Brooklyn Park Fire Department, MN

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Health Department, SD

City of Lakeville Fire Department, MN

City of Onamia Fire Department, MN

Cloquet Area Fire Department, MN

Coteau des Prairies Health Care System, SD

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, MN

Jordan Public Schools, MN

Kasson Fire Department, MN

Lakeville Fire Department, MN

Le Sueur County Sheriff's Department, MN

Madison Lake Fire Department, MN

Mahnomen Volunteer Fire Department, MN

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Indian Area Agency (Adult Day Center), MN

Moose Lodge Community Organization, MN

New Prague Schools, MN

Newfolden Fire Department, MN

Pickwick Volunteer Fire Department, MN

Pike Bay Police Department, MN

Rice Police Department, MN

Saint Anne's School, Le Center, MN

CAP Agency of Scott, Carver and Dakota counties, MN

South Metro Federal Credit Union, MN

St. Charles Police Department, MN

Tokata Learning Center, Shakopee Public Schools, MN

Waseca County Emergency Management, MN

Waseca County Sheriff, MN

Webb Lake Area First Responders, MN

Willmar Fire Department, Taunton Stadium, MN



The SMSC and its emergency services department, Mdewakanton Public Safety (MPS), donated its 800th AED in 2014 to the Community Action Partnership (CAP), an area nonprofit that assists those in need. Pictured from left to right are MPS Assistant Director Eric Zimmerman, Firefighter Nathan Crooks, SMSC Chairman Charlie Vig, SMSC Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson, SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Lori K. Watso, CAP Director Carolina Bradpiece, CAP Vice-President of Programs Barb Marschall, MPS Firefighter Sheldon Bryant, Community member Glynn A. Crooks, and MPS Director Greg Hayes.



# COMMITMENT TO WELLNESS



## HEALTH SERVICES

The SMSC provides health, wellness and dental services to its Community members and staff, as well as their families. Wellness activities are offered regularly; more than 1,200 employees attended a free Wellness Expo in 2014. SMSC mental health services include an employee assistance program, ASPIRE, and a variety of programs, including mental health care, smoking cessation classes, support groups, counseling, referrals, and chemical dependency services.



## CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Children and Family Services department offers general support related to parenting, including referrals, case management, parenting education, support groups, home visits, and prenatal and new baby information packets.



## CLINICS

Mystic Clinic provides urgent care services at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel for SMSC Gaming Enterprise team members. A Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Clinic offers care as well as hydrotherapy and rehabilitation for injuries and other disorders. A full-service vision clinic and hearing clinic are also available. The Shakopee Dakota Clinic and Shakopee Dakota Dental Clinic deliver services for Community members, staff, and their families, including flu shots and chronic illness monitoring.

# COLLABORATING WITH NEIGHBORS



## LOCAL TRAIL GRANTS

Five local governments received a combined \$366,000 in grants from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to improve trails in Scott County:

\$100,000 to **Savage** for the Bluff Trail Project, a forthcoming trail to help residents safely travel between Burnsville, Prior Lake, and Savage while only traveling on sidewalks and trails

\$100,000 to **Shakopee** for the Quarry Lake Trail, which connects Shakopee residents to Quarry Lake Park and provides access to additional local trails and businesses

\$76,000 to **Prior Lake** to pave the parking area and a forthcoming trail segment with lake access in Pike Lake Park

\$52,000 to **New Prague** for paving Green Meadow Trail in Settlers Park, which enhances accessibility and provides year-round access to the area

\$38,000 to **Elko New Market** to complete the final segment of a multi-use trail along Xerxes Avenue

## SCALE

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is an active member of the Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE). Representatives from 28 local governments, including Scott County, local townships, school districts, and cities in Scott County, make up SCALE, which identifies opportunities to collaborate and share resources and services. In 2014, SCALE was recognized for its innovative cooperation with a Harvard Honoring Nations award.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORK GROUPS

Since 2012, the SMSC and the governments of Scott County, Prior Lake, and Shakopee have met regularly as an Intergovernmental Working Group. It serves as a forum for enhancing intergovernmental relations, resolving disputes, and joining in mutually beneficial cooperation in service to local citizens.



# LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

In June 2014, the SMSC and the City of Shakopee reached a \$250,000, three-year agreement for police services in the Community. The SMSC has had a similar agreement with the City of Prior Lake for many years.

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The SMSC is actively involved in discussions about transportation and transit in the South Metro and near the reservation.

### Projects:

An SMSC-funded additional south-bound lane on Highway 169 to end at County Road 83, estimated at \$1.5 million for design and construction, has been approved and funded. It will be built in summer 2015.

Development of County Road 83 as an economic corridor, including extending the four lanes from County Road 42 to County Road 82, has been partially funded and is in planning stages. Probable construction will begin no earlier than 2017.

A new four-lane County Road 16 is a Scott County project to be built in 2016. The Community's involvement relates to potential rights-of-way (small land easements), which are being discussed.

The extension of a trail on County Road 21 in Prior Lake near the Eagle Creek Subdivision, funded solely by the Community, is complete.

The extension of Valley View Road through SMSC lands. Tintaochanku is complete from McKenna Road to County Road 21. The western portion is planned as a future roadway.

The SMSC consulted on the cultural impacts of trail development at Shakopee Memorial Park.

## UPDATE ON DONATIONS TO FIVE NEIGHBORING CITIES AND SCOTT COUNTY

In fiscal year 2012, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community allocated \$900,000 in grants to six neighboring governments; the tribe provided \$150,000 each to Scott County and the cities of Belle Plaine, Jordan, Prior Lake, Savage, and Shakopee. Many of the entities completed projects in fiscal year 2014.

Prior Lake improved their trails, while Shakopee built a large picnic/open air shelter at Huber Park along the river. Savage utilized the grant for economic development, landscaping, and library projects. Jordan upgraded Holzer Park Little League Field, remodeled the concessions and restrooms at Holzer Field, and built the Timberline Park basketball court. Belle Plaine plans to enhance the town swimming pool, Union Square Park, and Prairie Park. The city is revising and rebidding the projects. Lastly, Scott County bought a pothole patcher. The equipment allows one employee to take the place of four to do the same work, allowing those employees to work on other projects.

## VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS

The SMSC voluntarily contributes millions of dollars toward local government projects and services. Since 1996, the SMSC has paid more than \$11.4 million for shared local road construction and an additional \$17.2 million for road projects on the reservation. The SMSC has also paid \$37.9 million to local governments for services and other projects.

\$852,101 for property taxes

\$420,000 to the City of Prior Lake for police services

\$280,000 to Scott County for road maintenance, county administration, the Sheriff's Office, and County Attorney's Office

\$108,000 to Scott County for improvements to Spring Lake Regional Park in Prior Lake

\$75,000 to the City of Shakopee for police services

\$45,000 for the SCALE Joint Training Facility

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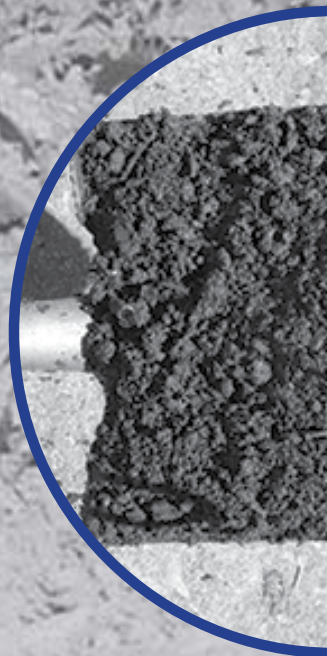
# STEWARD OF THE LAND

One of the SMSC's most important cultural values is to preserve and protect the environment. The SMSC works to retain and restore prairies, forests and wetlands, thereby revitalizing native habitat and encouraging native plants, animals and insects. Wozupi, the SMSC's organic farm, produces fruit, vegetables, honey, maple syrup, and eggs without the use of harmful pesticides or synthetic fertilizers. Whether building its natural food store, Mazopiya, or installing a wind turbine, the SMSC has used environmentally sustainable construction, products and practices.

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Green infrastructure is located throughout the SMSC reservation. Our largest wind turbine produces enough electricity to power Community member homes. The SMSC has 234 solar panels, passive solar heating, and geothermal heating systems. The SMSC also features the seventh- and eighth-largest green roofs in Minnesota, which are home to many native plant varieties, as well as numerous rain gardens, which capture water runoff.

The SMSC's state-of-the-art Water Reclamation Facility reduces the pressure on neighboring municipal treatment systems and has been recognized as a superior achievement in reducing environmental pollutants. In fact, it improves the wastewater it processes to drinking water standards before discharging it to a wetland for use in irrigation, reducing groundwater use by 35 million gallons



per year. Solid waste from the facility is processed through composting and reused as fertilizer.

## RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

The SMSC Organics Recycling Facility (ORF) collects organic materials including yard and food waste, wood debris, and biodegradable paper products, and then carefully breaks them down through a natural decomposition process called composting. Some of the waste becomes compost, a natural fertilizer that resembles black dirt. The wood debris is either processed into mulch or converted into wood chips, which are sent to Koda Energy for use as an environmentally friendly, biomass energy source. Koda Energy is a partnership between Rahr Malting in Shakopee and the SMSC.

The Organics Recycling Facility accepts materials from Community members, SMSC enterprises, and

the public. The ORF receives waste from the cities and schools of Prior Lake, Shakopee and Savage at no charge year-round, while taking yard waste from the residents of those cities for free at select times each spring and fall. The compost and mulch produced at the ORF are available for sale to retailers and the public.

The SMSC also recycles scrap metal and steel, computer equipment, cans and bottles, glass and plastic, paper, and batteries. In fiscal year 2014 alone, the SMSC recycled 957,517 pounds of materials. In addition, the tribe donated gently used furniture, dishes, and linens from its enterprises, as well as vehicles in good working order, to tribes and organizations that can reuse them.

These are just a few examples of the SMSC's environmental stewardship work. The Dakota people have lived in this area for hundreds of years, and the SMSC intends to protect and preserve it for generations to come. For more information, visit [shakopeedakota.org](http://shakopeedakota.org).



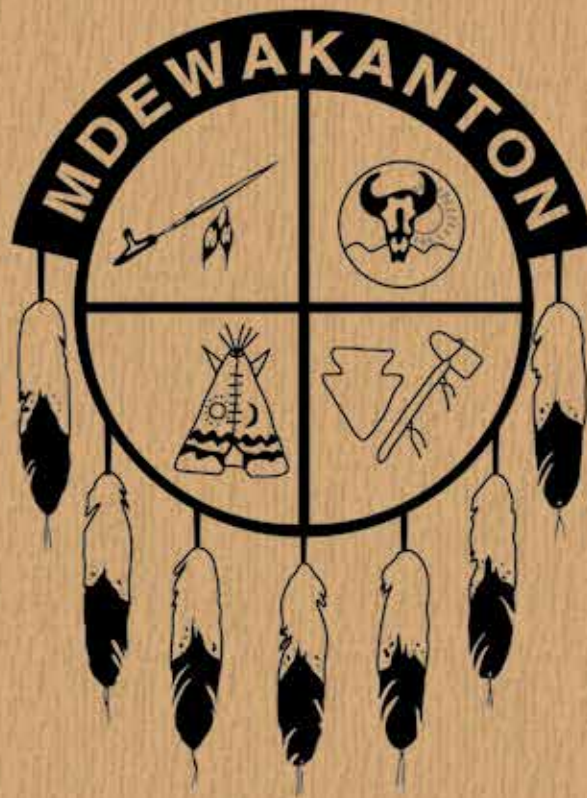


The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community  
donated \$17,858,469 in the Fiscal Year 2014.



# Dakota Values and Culture

## Our Tradition of Giving



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