

2015

# DONATION REPORT

From the Members of the  
**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community**



*WO'OKIYE* | HELPFULNESS  
A DAKOTA VALUE

OUR CHARITABLE GIVING EFFORTS ARE A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES AS DAKOTA PEOPLE. THIS REPORT ALLOWS US TO HIGHLIGHT THE PAST FISCAL YEAR OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM, FOCUSED ON THE AREAS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARTS, CULTURE, YOUTH, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

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A LEADER IN GIVING



The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) is one of the largest donors in Minnesota and the largest benefactor for Indian Country nationally. As a federally recognized, sovereign Indian tribe, we have donated more than \$325 million since opening our Gaming Enterprise in the 1990s and provided more than \$500 million in economic development loans to other tribes.

With a focus on being a good neighbor, good employer, and good steward of the earth, we continue our commitment to charitable giving to communities and organizations locally, throughout the United States and across Indian Country. In fiscal year 2015 (Oct. 1, 2014, to Sept. 30, 2015), the SMSC made a total of nearly \$17.99 million in grants. These philanthropic efforts are deeply rooted in our Dakota tradition of helpfulness, *wo'okiye*.

# GREETINGS

## FROM THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY BUSINESS COUNCIL

Dear Friends and Relatives,

A tradition of helping others has defined the Dakota people through times of hardship and times of plenty. Today's Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) honors that tradition through support of Native American tribes, local governments, nonprofits, and organizations across the country. Providing donations to education, health, economic development, community, arts and culture, and youth causes, the SMSC donated nearly \$17.99 million in 2015, an \$139,560 increase over last year. Nearly 80 percent of our total donations went to Indian Country.

As a sovereign, federally recognized tribe, our government's top priority is to meet the needs of our tribal members and provide for the next seven generations. Alongside that priority is our responsibility to help those in need — continuing our Dakota tradition of giving.

We have donated more than \$325 million since opening our Gaming Enterprise in the 1990s. As a philanthropic leader, we continue to search for additional ways to be a good neighbor, good employer, and good steward of the earth.

Thank you for your interest in the 2015 Donation Report. We invite you to learn more about the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and our efforts at [shakopeedakota.org](http://shakopeedakota.org).

Pidamaya (thank you).

## DONATIONS BY THE NUMBERS



**CHARLES R. VIG**  
Chairman



**KEITH B. ANDERSON**  
Vice-Chairman



**LORI K. WATSO**  
Secretary/Treasurer

HEALTH  
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**\$6,635,528**

EDUCATION  
(pg. 6-9)

**\$1,860,014**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(pg. 14-15)

**\$3,521,000**

**\$17,998,029**

ARTS & CULTURE  
(pg. 19-21)

**\$105,600**

COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
(pg. 16-18)

**\$5,341,839**

YOUTH  
(pg. 21-23)

**\$355,053**

## A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM INSPIRES A WIDESPREAD SOLUTION

Many Native Americans suffer due to a poor diet, which leads to widespread chronic health problems. Extreme poverty and the loss of a traditional way of eating are at the root of the health crisis facing Native peoples today.

To encourage broader strategies that create a lasting improvement in Native nutrition, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) committed \$5 million to launch a national philanthropic campaign in March 2015. Seeds of Native Health includes grant-making, sponsored research, and educational initiatives.

"Native health problems have many causes, but we know that many of these problems can be traced to poor nutrition," said SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Lori K. Watso, who has spent much of her career in

community public health. She helped develop the concept for Seeds of Native Health.

"Traditional Native foods have a much higher nutritional value than what is most easily accessible today," Watso continued. "By promoting best practices, evidence-based methods, and the re-introduction of healthy cultural practices, we believe that tribal governments, nonprofits, and grassroots practitioners can collectively make lasting strides towards a better future."

Learn more about the SMSC's efforts to improve Native nutrition at [seedsofnativehealth.org](http://seedsofnativehealth.org).

## THE SEEDS OF NATIVE HEALTH CAMPAIGN HAS CREATED MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN A MATTER OF MONTHS

The SMSC and three national partners announce the launch of Seeds of Native Health.


**MARCH**

The First Nations Development Institute accepts applications for Seeds of Native Health grants.

**APRIL**

The Notah Begay III Foundation announces Seeds of Native Health Promising Program grant opportunity.

**JUNE**



SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Lori K. Watso met with representatives of the University of Arkansas School of Law and the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the SMSC's Wozupi Tribal Gardens last spring to discuss the plans for a national model food code.



SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Lori K. Watso and Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson joined representatives from the First Nations Development Institute, the University of Minnesota, and the Notah Begay III Foundation for the Seeds of Native Health announcement in March 2015.

### ON TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY...

"This unprecedented coalition is a meaningful and innovative approach to a systemic problem that should be a national outrage."

Abby J. Leibman, president and CEO of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

### ON THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP...

"We know heart health is shaped by what you eat, and without sufficient access to nutritious foods, Indian Country is facing a public health crisis. The Shakopee tribal leaders are strategically investing in the health of Native Americans through the Seeds of Native Health campaign."

Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association

The Notah Begay III Foundation announces the Seeds of Native Health capacity-building grant opportunity. Echo Hawk Consulting's comprehensive report on the state of food access in Native American communities highlights the Seeds of Native Health campaign.

The American Heart Association joins forces with the SMSC to improve Native American health. As part of Seeds of Native Health, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, along with the University of Arkansas School of Law, announces improved tribal food sovereignty through the development of a long-needed, comprehensive set of model food and agriculture codes to be customized and adopted by tribal nations.

The Notah Begay III Foundation announces \$277,800 in grants to tribes and Native-led organizations working to improve nutrition and access to healthy foods for their children and communities.

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

2015

# EDUCATION

## LEARNING FOR THE FUTURE

Quality education lays the groundwork of success. To help more individuals and communities excel, the SMSC donated more than \$1.86 million to educational organizations and causes in 2015.

## STRONGER TRIBAL NATIONS, ONE PERSON AT A TIME

### Northwest Indian College Foundation

To bolster tribal sovereignty, Northwest Indian College (NWIC) in Bellingham, Washington, raised funds to significantly expand its campus. But the college was still short of the budget for its planned "sanctuary of learning" in May 2014.

It was then that the tribal college approached the SMSC. In fiscal year 2015, the SMSC provided \$150,000 for the school's workforce training and technology building and \$100,000 to help build a new health and wellness center, while also helping secure a significant grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Only 6 percent of the Native American population has completed four or more years of college — one quarter the rate of U.S. citizens overall. Northwest Indian College hopes to address that disparity with

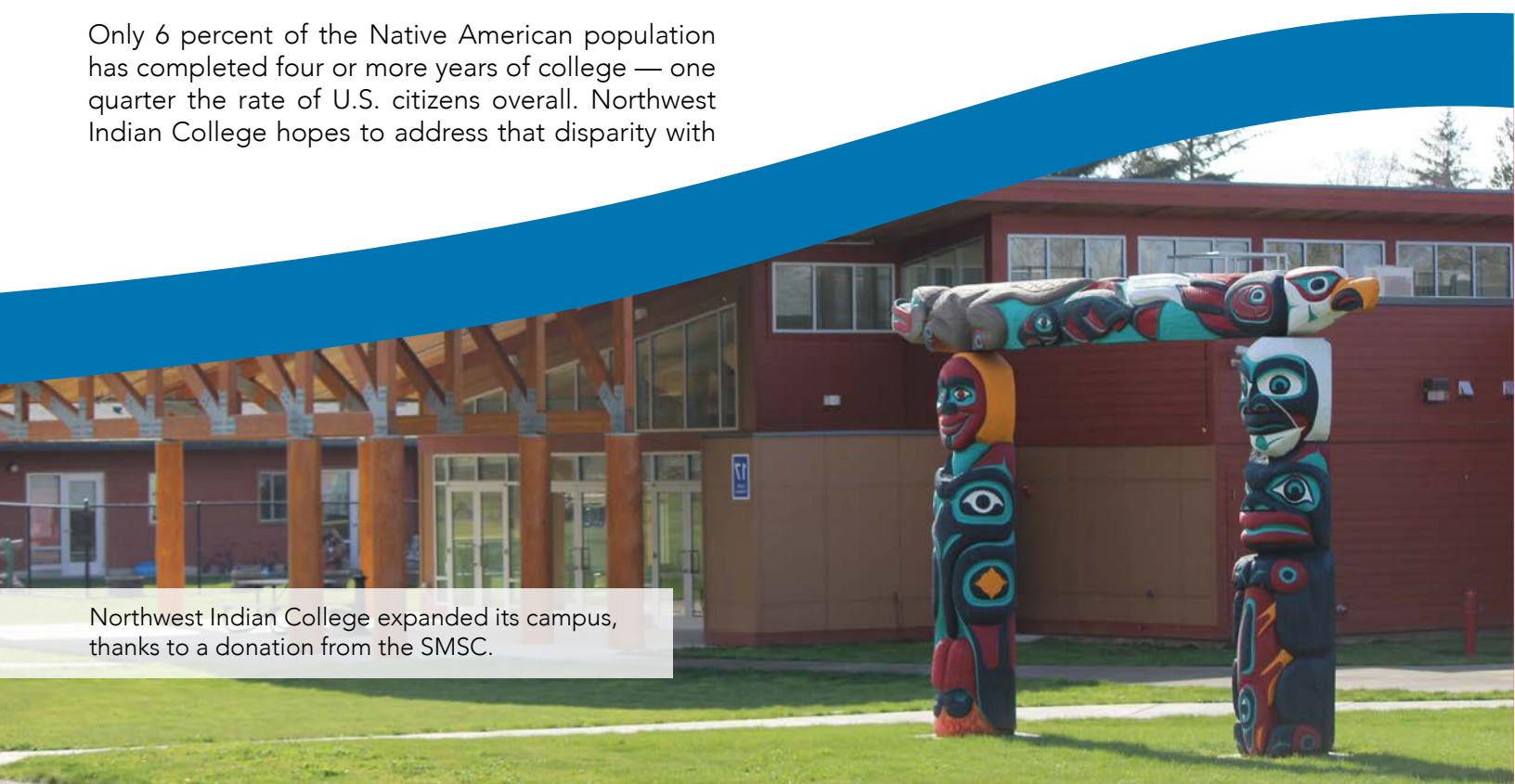
Through grants, scholarships and donations, the SMSC has helped address major education-related disparities affecting low-income Native Americans and fostered better opportunities overall.

its expansion, which includes a community education facility, a workforce training and technology building, and a center focused on student success.

"Our goal is to build tribal nations by building people," said NWIC President Justin Guillory, a Nez Perce descendant. "We want our students to learn the skills and knowledge needed to be community and family leaders."

Previous donations from the SMSC to the college include \$150,000 in fiscal year 2013 and \$110,000 in 2014.

Northwest Indian College expanded its campus, thanks to a donation from the SMSC.







The Northwest Indian College improved its facilities to encourage more Native American students to attend college.

"Working together, we have created a transformational, significant and fundamental change at NWIC for our students."

Justin Guillory, Northwest Indian College president

## THE FACTS

### About Northwest Indian College

- Started in 1973 as Lummi Indian School of Aquaculture
- Now a four-year degree granting institution, it also offers two-year degrees and lifelong learning opportunities
- Nearly 2,000 students from more than 125 tribes enrolled
- Only accredited tribal college in Washington, Idaho or Oregon
- Six full-service extended sites, with the main campus located at Lummi Nation

## BETTER EDUCATION, BETTER HEALTH, BETTER COMMUNITY

### Blackfeet Community College

Northwest Montana is facing a shortage of nurses at hospitals and elder care centers. Meanwhile, there aren't enough existing programs in the area to serve the number of students interested in nursing.

The Blackfeet Community College aimed to help meet the demand and improve the health of its region with the aid of a \$150,000 grant from the SMSC. The grant went toward the expansion of the college's nursing program, which prepared up to 30 students to be registered nurses (RNs) in 2015 alone. "Having a nursing program in the community offers more opportunities for Native Americans and others living on the Blackfeet Reservation and in the surrounding communities to pursue a career in nursing," said Julie Lindsay, Blackfeet Community

College nursing program director. "We appreciate the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community taking an interest in improved health outcomes for the Blackfeet Nation and other reservations."

Funds from the SMSC allowed the school to add faculty and purchase additional equipment, giving students more opportunities to practice on simulated patients before treating actual pediatric and obstetrics patients.

The Blackfeet Community College hopes that its program will not only provide needed health professionals in the region, but decrease the unemployment rate of the Blackfeet Nation as well.

# EDUCATION

## A BETTER FUTURE FOR AT-RISK NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

### Rural America Initiatives

Families who move from reservations to cities are sometimes greatly affected by alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, and serious health issues, such as childhood obesity and juvenile diabetes. Rural America Initiatives works to help children and families who have been affected by such circumstances build better futures.

Focused on serving transitional Native American families, the Rapid City, South Dakota, nonprofit is building a Head Start early childhood education facility. The total cost of the project is \$6.2 million.

The SMSC donated \$250,000 to construct the new, energy-efficient, 28,500-square-foot facility with classrooms, indoor and outdoor play areas, and offices.

Rural America Initiatives has helped about 2,400 families in Rapid City from the eight South Dakota Sioux tribes. The organization currently serves 130 families in the Head Start and early Head Start programs, and hopes to extend its reach with the new center, providing early childhood support to address serious problems at their root.



Rural America Initiatives works to build a better future for Native American families affected by poverty.

“Canŕe waŕe waŕ yuha nina wopida iciciya pedo (With a genuine heart I thank all of you).”  
Redwing Thomas Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Dakota Language Director

## A NEW GENERATION OF DAKOTA SPEAKERS

### Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in South Dakota wants to nurture a generation of children who speak the Dakota language and live out the values of the Dakota Oyate.

With a \$30,000 grant in fiscal year 2014, the SMSC supported the tribe’s first year of the language program, which immersed nearly 80 children in the Dakota culture. They developed language skills and received tutoring and homework help.

The SMSC provided another \$50,000 in fiscal year 2015 for transportation and supplies, helping make the program sustainable into its second year. This is one of several donations to the tribe in 2015.

Short-term goals included having the children learn 350 words by August 2015, making Dakota values a daily practice, and engaging parents in their children’s learning.



The SMSC supported the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe’s language program, nurturing Native American children to speak the Dakota language.

## SCHOLARSHIPS HELP LOCAL STUDENTS SUCCEED

### Shakopee Dollars for Scholars

In the SMSC’s neighboring community of Shakopee, Minnesota, a group of volunteers called Shakopee Dollars for Scholars devote their time to raising funds for students pursuing post-secondary education.

Shakopee Dollars for Scholars has made possible scholarships to 2,650 local students since 1979. In 2015, 91 students received a total of \$74,000 in financial help.

Scholarships are administered for academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service, work experience, and financial need.

The SMSC continued to support the group’s efforts in 2015 with a \$5,000 donation to support scholarships and sponsor the group’s golf fundraiser.

# HEALTH



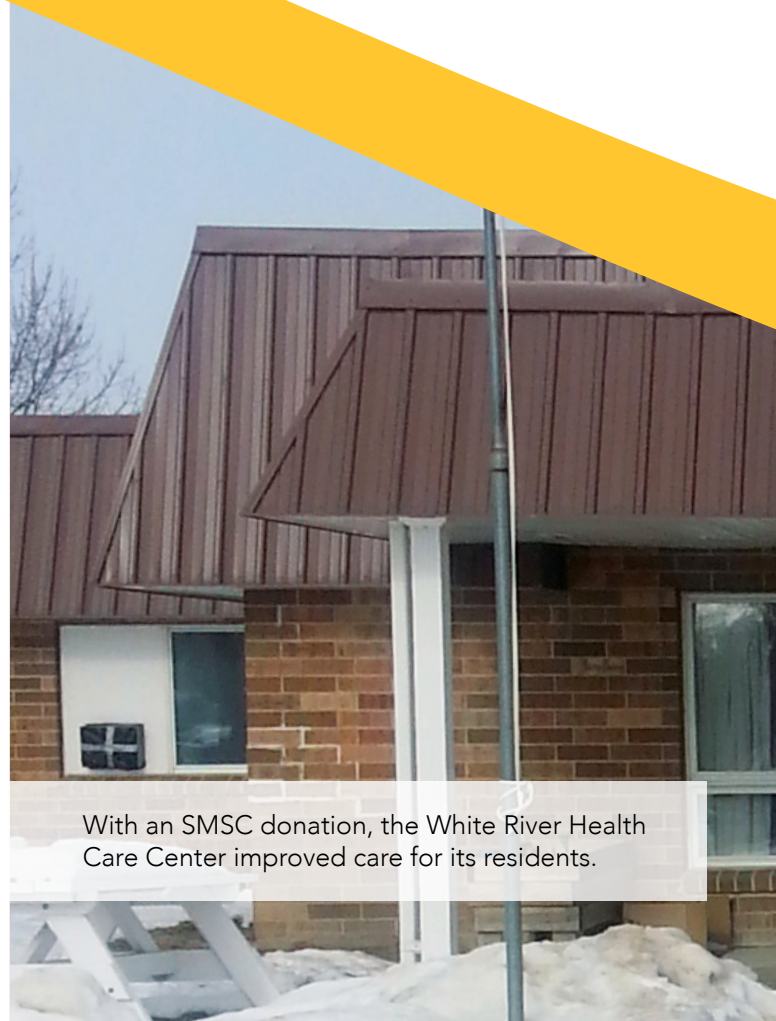
The SMSC's contribution to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's White River Health Care Center provided additional personal care for its residents.

"Protecting the food supply and preserving fragile ecosystems are two of the grand challenges facing our planet. Putting the University of Minnesota's wealth of scientific talent to the task of discovering solutions to these issues is at the core of everything we do."

Eric W. Kaler, University of Minnesota president

## A COMMITMENT TO HEALTH

Through significant contributions to health and wellness programs, the SMSC aims to encourage healthier individuals and, ultimately, healthier communities. In 2015, the SMSC helped make much-needed medical equipment possible for a tribal community in South Dakota, supported Twin Cities youth fitness and nutrition programs, and provided funds necessary to update a South Dakota tribe's health care center.



With an SMSC donation, the White River Health Care Center improved care for its residents.

# FOR THE FUTURE OF POLLINATORS

University of Minnesota Foundation

The SMSC supports pollinators. Our own Wozupi Tribal Gardens provides habitat to the helpful insects, protects them by growing food organically, and keeps 100 bee hives that produce the farm's honey.

With the goal of helping more beneficial bugs keep buzzing, the SMSC teamed up with a longtime partner, the University of Minnesota. In fiscal year 2015, the Community provided a \$150,000 grant towards building a native bee and pollinator research facility at the University. The bee lab will be named after the SMSC.

The grant exhibits the SMSC's broader efforts promoting healthier food and a healthier environment, according to University President Eric W. Kaler. "In addition to demonstrating to national, regional and local audiences your commitment to honey bee research and outreach, supporting research in native bees also ties into the Community's efforts to provide locally grown whole foods and promote food sovereignty and security," Kaler said.

The University's two-fold approach includes strengthening research at its St. Paul campus and expanding public education efforts at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

# A BETTER FUTURE FOR CARE

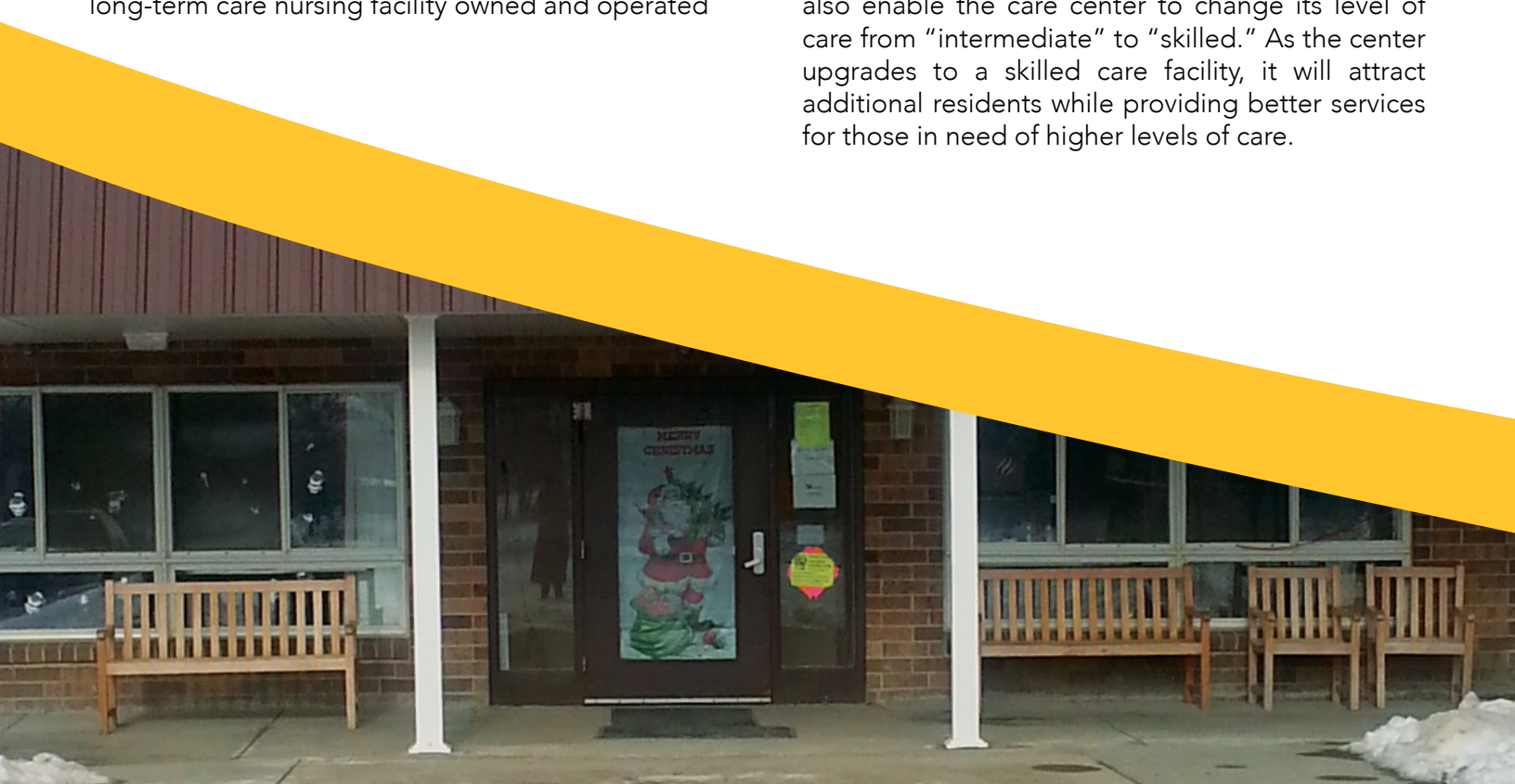
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Caring for our sick and elderly is a core value of the Dakota culture. Each day, the White River Health Care Center in South Dakota does that by fostering healthy and happy lives for its patients.

The White River Health Care Center is a 52-bed, long-term care nursing facility owned and operated

by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. This year, the SMSC provided \$750,000 to help the center achieve its operational goals.

The contribution will address immediate needs, such as a privacy fence for residents. The funds will also enable the care center to change its level of care from "intermediate" to "skilled." As the center upgrades to a skilled care facility, it will attract additional residents while providing better services for those in need of higher levels of care.



## LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT FOR A LOCAL HOSPITAL

### Saints Healthcare Funds

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death among women. Its detection has taken a giant leap forward at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee, thanks to a \$300,000 donation from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

In 2015, the SMSC's contribution to Saints Healthcare Funds, the fundraising organization for St. Francis and St. Gertrude's Health and Rehabilitation Center in Shakopee, funded a 3D mammography tomosynthesis system. The device more accurately detects breast cancer earlier by capturing images of a breast at multiple angles during a short scan, instantly reconstructing them as 3D images.

According to Dr. Mary Hestness, medical director of diagnostic services at St. Francis, this new mammography technology will increase the detection of early breast cancers and reduce the need for additional imaging. "The technology finds more invasive cancers earlier when they are easiest to treat and reduces the frequency of additional imaging."

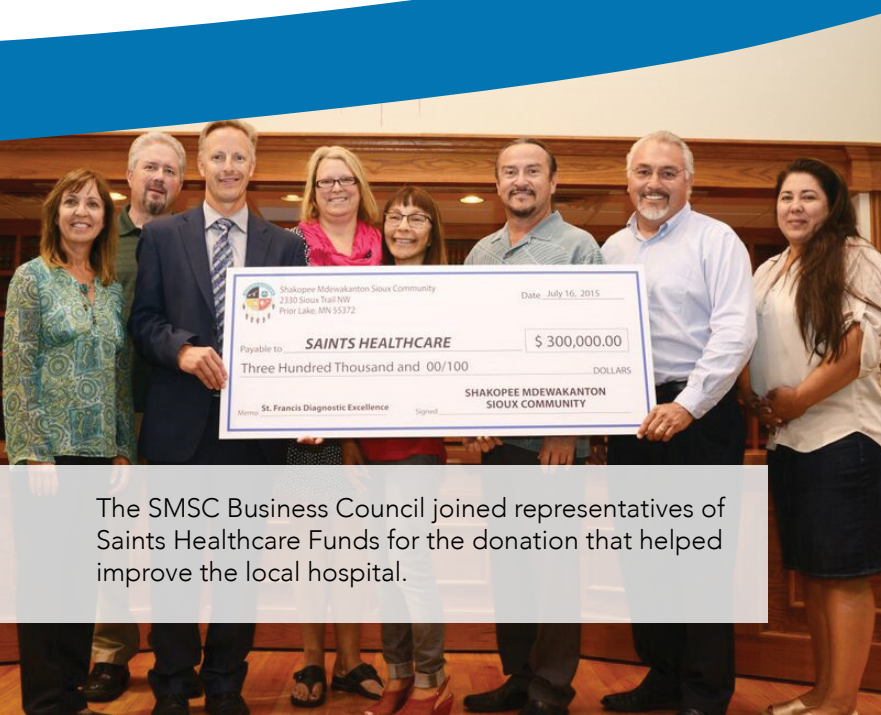
The SMSC and St. Francis share a commitment to excellent health care. "St. Francis is the local

hospital where many SMSC members receive their health care," said SMSC Chairman Charlie Vig. "We want the best possible health care for them and our neighbors in this community."

Since 1990, the SMSC has donated more than \$2 million to the facilities. St. Francis and St. Gertrude's also partner with the SMSC on Witaya Care, an innovative program to achieve more culturally sensitive care for Native American patients, improve patient outcomes and satisfaction, and reduce service duplication and costs.

"We're thrilled that the [SMSC] is partnering with St. Francis on this lifesaving technology. The sooner a cancer can be identified, the higher the likelihood of successful treatment and cure. That is a huge gift back to our community."

Mike McMahan, Saint Francis Regional Medical Center president



The SMSC Business Council joined representatives of Saints Healthcare Funds for the donation that helped improve the local hospital.



# FITNESS FOR THOUGHT

YWCA of Minneapolis

Up to 50 percent of Native American children are overweight or obese by age 10. Some develop type 2 diabetes by age 4, a shockingly young age to develop a condition commonly found in adults.

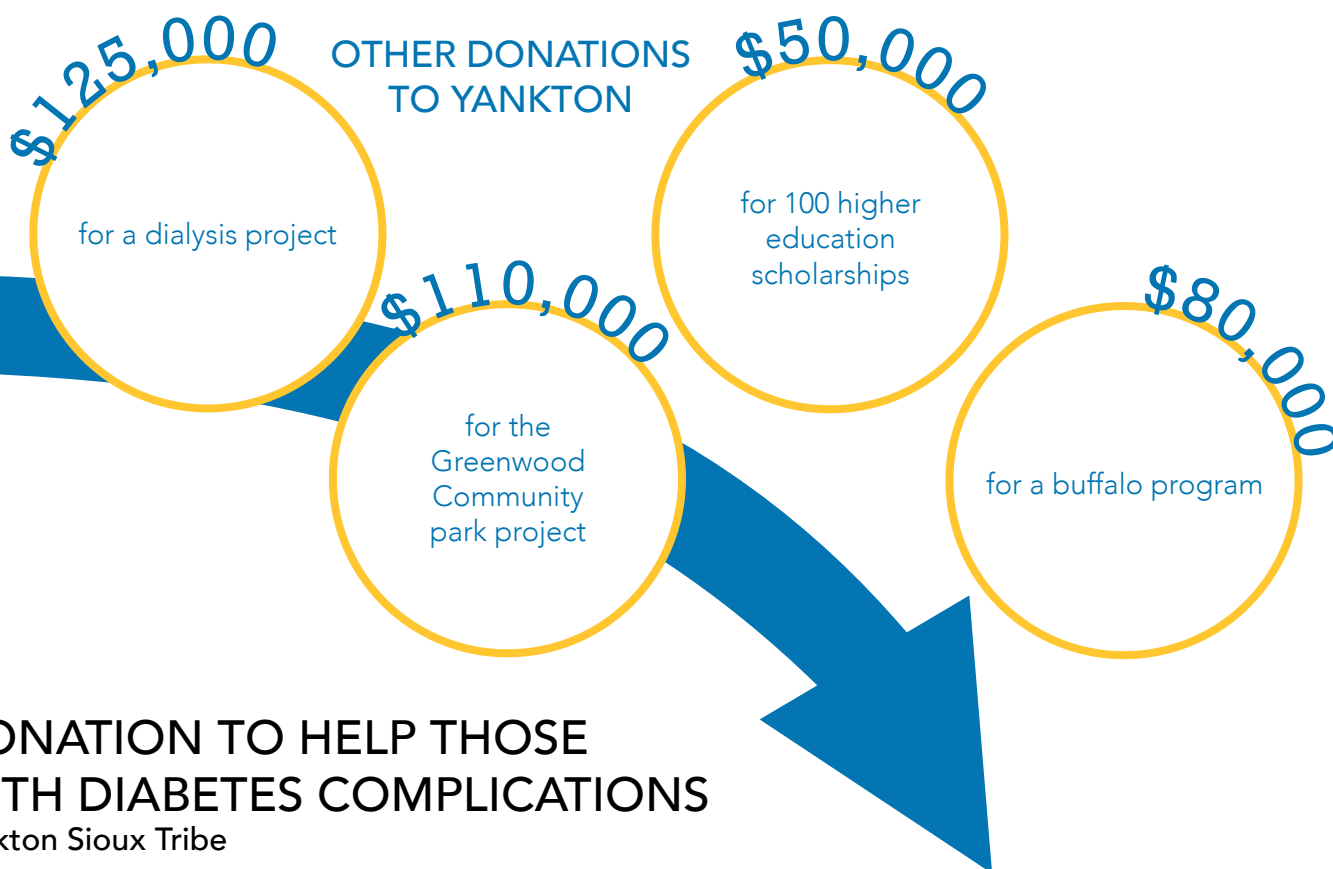
Addressing this epidemic, the YWCA of Minneapolis Strong Fast Fit program provides culturally appropriate youth development programming for Native American, Latino, and Hmong youth ages 7 to 18. In fiscal year 2015, the SMSC provided \$5,000 to support the YWCA's efforts, which focus on nutrition education and physical activity.

The program inspires youth to be excited and educated about living a healthy lifestyle, in hopes of

preventing obesity and diabetes in young people. As part of the program, the YWCA toured Wozupi Tribal Gardens, the organic farm owned and operated by the SMSC.

"The youth experienced hands-on activities demonstrating the farm-to-table process," said Therese Genis of the YWCA. "Because most of the young people are growing up in the inner city, many of them haven't had a chance to see how the food they see in the grocery store is actually grown."

In June 2015, more than 40 kids and staff explored the garden and ate bag lunches supplemented with Wozupi's mixed greens and radishes.



## DONATION TO HELP THOSE WITH DIABETES COMPLICATIONS

Yankton Sioux Tribe

Native Americans, who make up just 1.5 percent of the U.S. population, have the highest rate of diabetes in the world and one of the highest rates of end-stage renal disease – when dialysis or a transplant becomes necessary. To help provide dialysis equipment and services while supporting other community projects, the SMSC

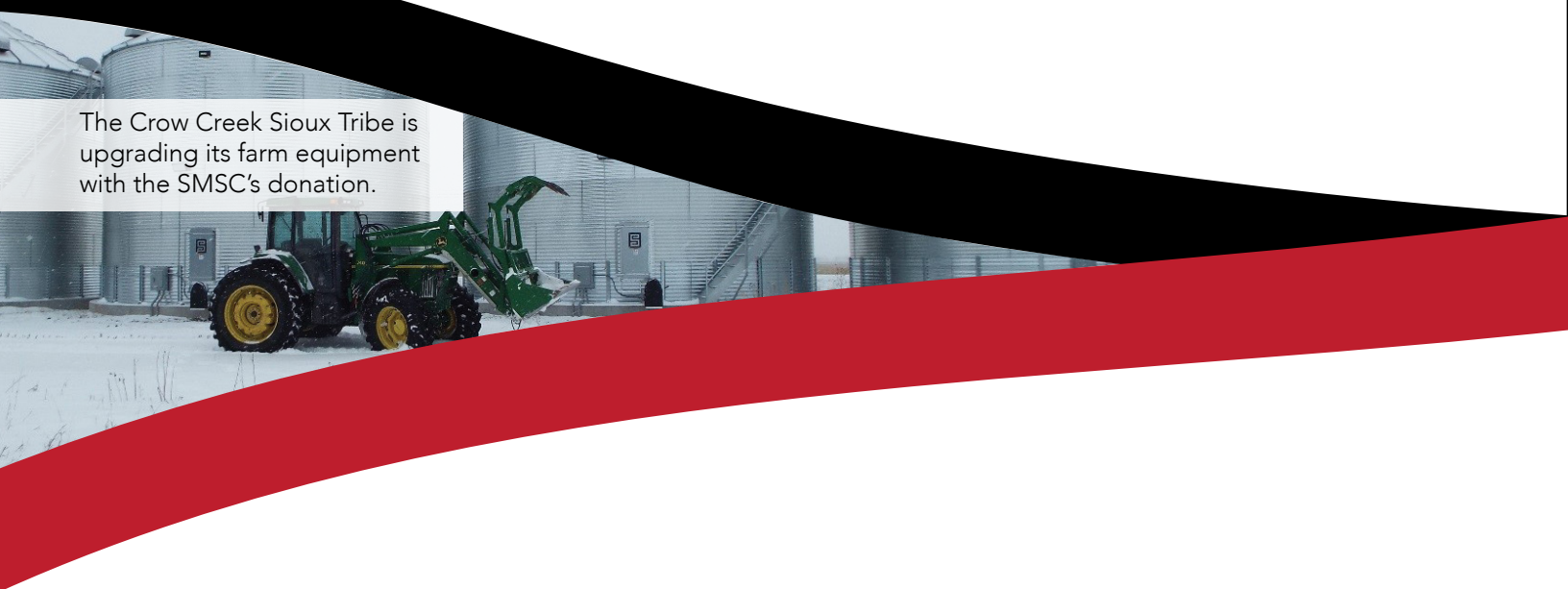
granted **\$365,000** to the Yankton Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. "The Yankton Sioux Tribe is indebted to you for all the donations that you have given," said Robert Flying Hawk, the tribe's chairman, in a letter. "Your generosity has made these much-needed projects a reality for our tribal members."

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## OPPORTUNITIES GROW FOR FELLOW TRIBES

The stronger our neighboring tribal communities are, the stronger we are as a whole. Through various economic development donations, the SMSC

donated \$3.52 million in fiscal year 2015 to support several tribal nations and organizations. A few of the developments included a job program, a tribal farm, and a tribal grocery store. The SMSC is helping build the foundation for self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life throughout Indian Country.



The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe is upgrading its farm equipment with the SMSC's donation.

## TRIBAL ECONOMY GROWS WITH SMSC SUPPORT

### Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota is strengthening its economic future through a variety of efforts. The SMSC supported the tribe in 2015 with a \$600,000 multipurpose grant, helping improve its farm operations and convenience store.

"Because of the SMSC's generosity, farming for the tribe as well as the recreational and social opportunities for children on the reservation have improved considerably, and will be greatly improved in the near future," said Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Chairwoman Roxanne Sazue.

More than half of the donation will be used to improve the tribal farm with four new grain bins, fan systems, and a new irrigation system. These improvements will provide the tools for productive farming on the approximately 4,000 acres of tribally owned land.

The remaining \$250,000 will be used to improve security for the tribe's convenience store and build a skate park and several playgrounds. Playground equipment will be added in all three tribal districts: Crow Creek, Big Bend, and Fort Thompson.





# SANTEE SIOUX NATION GROCERY STORE

Santee Sioux Nation tribal members renovated an old building to the community's only grocery store.

## TAKODA STUDENTS HAVE HAD CONTRACTS WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS:

American Indian Cancer Foundation (Pow Wow for Hope)  
Native American Community Clinic  
Indian Health Board  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Minneapolis Indian Education  
Migizi Communications

## WORK EXPERIENCE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center

Every day, the American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center in Minneapolis helps unemployed Native Americans find jobs. In 2015, the SMSC provided the Center with a matching grant of \$15,000 to support the Takoda Communications Job Program. This program helps students gain

work experience by placing them in temporary jobs or internships with Native-focused nonprofits and initiatives. After completing their assignments, counselors help them find industry-related jobs in their community.

## BRINGING GROCERIES CLOSER TO HOME

Santee Sioux Nation

For years, members of the Santee Sioux Nation in Nebraska had to travel 30 miles just to get groceries. With a \$750,000 donation from the SMSC, the Santee Sioux Nation constructed a grocery store on tribal land, greatly improving convenience for tribal members. The donation funded electrical work, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing,

freezers, coolers, and shelving units to update the existing building.

A third of the donation also supported youth development programs, a bison viewing area, energy assistance, and a Dakota language program.

## STRONG RELATIONSHIPS DEVELOPED NATIONWIDE

Building partnerships with our neighboring communities and organizations throughout the country is an integral part of the SMSC's commitment to being a good neighbor. We often provide a helping hand, developing a positive environment where cooperation can thrive.

This year was no exception. The SMSC continued its commitment of being a good neighbor through our contributions to Scott County services, various holiday donations, and our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program. In 2015, the SMSC donated \$5.34 million to support several communities.

## GRANT HELPS KIDS IN NEED LEARN TO SWIM

### Minneapolis Swims

Learning to swim can mean the difference between a fun trip to the pool and a tragic accident. Too many people in low-income families haven't had the opportunity to learn to swim. In fact, Minnesota has the highest drowning rate in the country among African American youth and the third highest for Native Americans.

To address this disparity, a \$250,000 matching grant from the SMSC will help Minneapolis Swims provide pool facilities to communities in need.

Minneapolis Swims will soon renovate and expand the Phillips Community Pool in Minneapolis. This three-pool aquatics facility will serve residents of Little Earth of United Tribes, the Phillips neighborhood, and the greater Minneapolis swimming community.

"There are people employed by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community who learned to swim in the Phillips pool. Other Community members' first jobs were at this facility," said

Hannah Lieder, past board chair of Minneapolis Swims. "The memories, recreational opportunities, competitive swimming and diving opportunities, and fun have been lost since the pool closed."

With the renovation of the pool, opportunity will be restored. "Your gift has been a tremendous help to us as we have made huge strides as an organization since then," said Denny Bennett, board of directors president for Minneapolis Swims.

The facility will be a feeder program for a diving program in a city full of Olympic-level swimming and diving coaches. It will also house an outdoor education center that will teach youth outdoor skills and connect them with outdoor recreational activities.

"The children of Phillips need the opportunity to connect to the outdoors, and this facility will allow us to partner with outdoor serving organizations to bring this type of programming to the community."

Hannah Lieder, past board chair of Minneapolis Swims

## DID YOU KNOW?

FISH received a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) award in 2014 for excellence in innovation.

## DOWN TO THE BASICS FOR SCOTT COUNTY NEIGHBORS

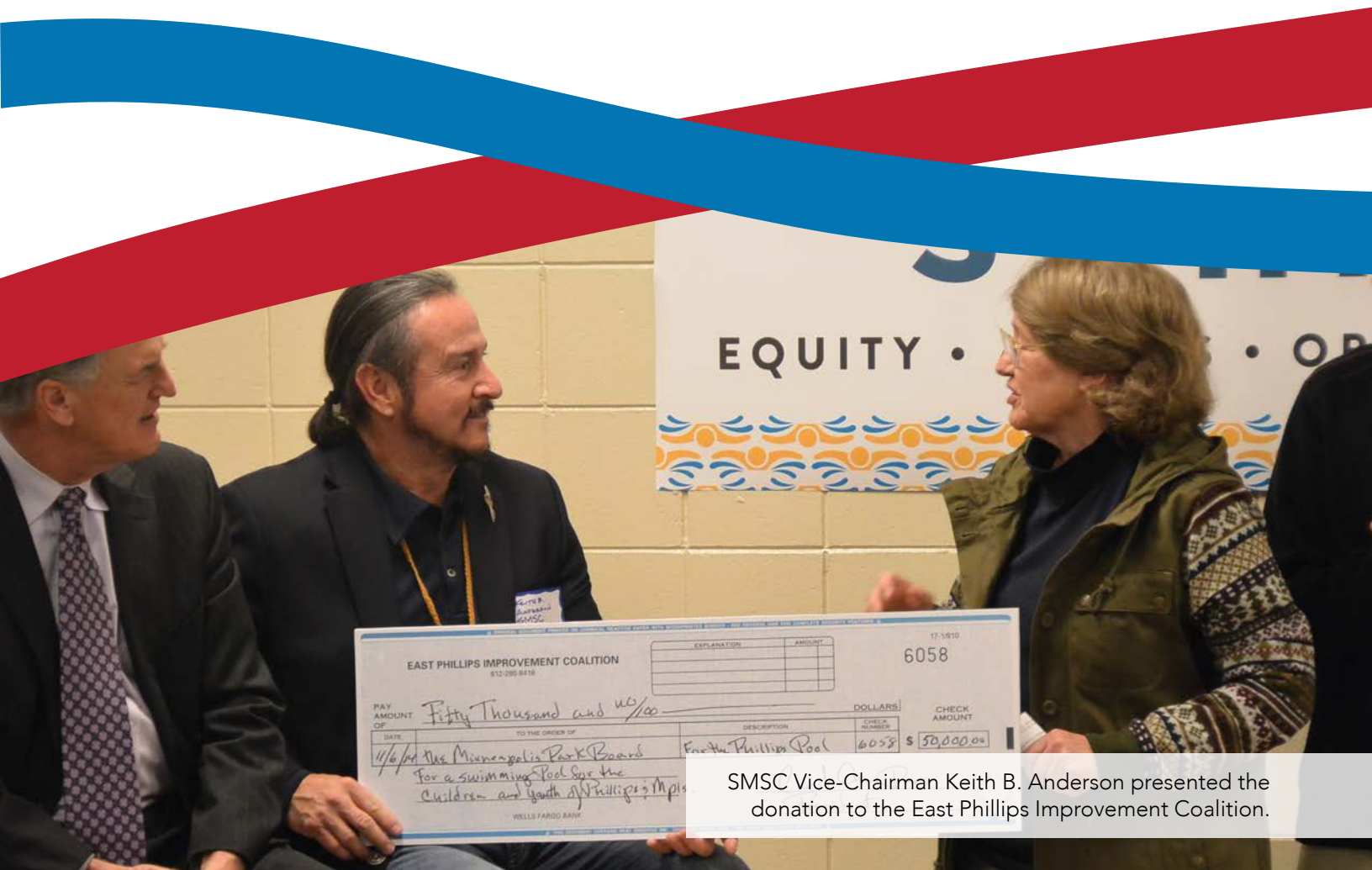
### Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH)

In 2015, the SMSC provided a \$50,000 matching grant to Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) to help people in its home county. FISH is a Scott County charitable organization that collaborates with other entities to provide clothing, food, employment, housing and transportation, among other resources.

"We believe we can impact the lives of people who find themselves in need, as well as those fortunate

enough to give," said FISH Chairman Jon Ulrich. "Support for FISH means that our partners' clients, students, patients and parishioners all have a better chance to live healthy, transformed lives."

FISH was founded by a coalition of Scott County residents and organizations. As a collaboration of nonprofits, churches and agencies, the group helps fulfill the basic needs of Scott County residents.



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For a swimming pool for the children and youth of Phillips, Mpls.				
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SMSC Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson presented the donation to the East Phillips Improvement Coalition.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## AEDS: DONATIONS THAT SAVE LIVES

For 11 years, the SMSC has bolstered emergency services of communities throughout the region by donating 880 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). In fiscal year 2015, the SMSC donated 56 AEDs to tribes, first responding agencies, and government agencies across the country.

An AED is a small portable electronic device that delivers an electrical shock to someone who is not breathing or is having a heart attack. The AEDs donated by the SMSC have saved at least 28 lives since 2004. In fiscal year 2015, the devices reportedly saved two lives.

“The AED program is one of the many ways the SMSC supports its neighbors — both individuals and their communities,” said SMSC Director of Public Safety Greg Hayes.

The SMSC’s public safety department, Mdewakanton Public Safety, provides fire and ambulance services for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and neighboring communities by request through mutual aid agreements.



The SMSC donated AEDs to tribes and organizations across the country in 2015. Pictured: Owatonna Fire Equipment Operator Jarrod Schmoll and SMSC member and Mdewakanton Public Safety firefighter/EMT Nathan Crooks.

## A BRIGHTER HOLIDAY SEASON

### Holiday Donations

The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and celebration. But for many families and individuals, financial struggles and other hardships too often put holiday celebrations out of reach.

To help make the holiday season happier for those in need, the SMSC donated \$158,750 to various holiday programs in fiscal year 2015. Many of these donations supported a holiday party, gifts, or simply a hot meal on Thanksgiving or Christmas.



## ARTS & CULTURE

The SMSC's donation helped fund Native American sculptures in this rendering of the garden.

### SELF-DISCOVERY THROUGH ART AND LANGUAGE

The SMSC believes in creating opportunities for Native people to be themselves and be proud of their background. For many people, this pride shines through in artistic, cultural, and language-

based classes, programs and events. The SMSC contributed \$105,600 in 2015 to Native American art causes, ranging from video production to art education, among others.

### 20TH CENTURY NATIVE AMERICANS HONORED

#### First Nations Sculpture Garden

The deep-rooted history of Native Americans has been further enshrined in the Upper Midwest. A \$25,000 SMSC donation helped build bronze statues of several previously overlooked Lakota and Dakota figures at the First Nations Sculpture Garden in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The project honors the untold stories of 20th century Native Americans. Honorees — such as Charles Eastman, the only Native American physician during the Wounded Knee Massacre, and Oscar Howe, whose paintings are invaluable to the modern art movement — will be among Nicolas Black Elk and Vine Deloria's statues. These men from several generations greatly influenced art, medicine, religion and philosophy, and public policy. Marilyn Wounded Head from the Pine Ridge Reservation sculpted the statues.

"We will all be proud of this once-in-a-lifetime achievement honoring our relatives. All we want is for our children to know that they belong here."

Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, First Nations Sculpture Garden president and executive director

## NATIVE NONPROFIT TO OFFER HOLISTIC CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Indigenous Peoples Task Force

*Mikwanedun Audisookon* means “remember our teachings” in Ojibwe. The SMSC provided a \$100,000 donation to the Indigenous Peoples Task Force (IPTF) to help fulfill that call. Native American healing traditions will be passed down through generations at the Mikwanedun Audisookon Center for Art and Wellness. This will be an “urban sanctuary where body, mind and spirit can become whole” through Indigenous cultures and practices.

“This is a significant contribution to the health, cultural vitality, and economic growth of the Native American community in South Minneapolis,” said IPTF Executive Director Sharon Day. The SMSC previously helped the group through a donation

for the initial building and site planning. The 2015 donation will help complete phase two, which will include launching a capital campaign and securing development rights. It will also help finalize construction documents and landscape plans, and start cultivating the programs and funding partners.

The 12,350-square-foot building in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis will include offices, education spaces, creative spaces, and community spaces for the Indigenous community and local neighborhood. IPTF will also expand its programming for art, theater, and environmental job training.

### ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

- Improved economic stability, safety, and relationship building in the local indigenous community
- Expanded culture-based, holistic health education and direct service opportunities
- More training in green building technology
- Enhanced arts and cultural programming

Minneapolis-based Indigenous Peoples Task Force teaches youth to grow sacred medicines.



# SHARING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE THROUGH ART

Minneapolis Institute of Arts

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) is the only Twin Cities museum with gallery space dedicated to Native American artwork. In 2015, the SMSC contributed to a multi-year \$12,500 matching grant to support MIA's Native American internship program. Interns in the program teach visitors about the art, culture and traditions of Native Americans.

"With few Native Americans working in art museums today, the MIA's intern program is vital to ensuring that Native Americans continue to work in the field, and make the Native voice heard in organizations that preserve, present and manage our artistic and

cultural treasures," said Joe D. Horse Capture, the MIA spokesperson at the time on the donation.

The internship program offers training in curatorial research, exhibition development, community outreach, and educational material development. The interns help present and interpret Native American art, educate others on Native American cultures and traditions, and administer museum programs. They gain exposure to finance, education, human resources, marketing, administration, and other aspects of operating a museum.

"Thanks to the SMSC's significant support of the Native American Intern Program, the MIA is able to provide opportunities to work alongside museum professionals for young people of Native American descent — providing invaluable experiences to a new generation."

Joe D. Horse Capture,  
past MIA spokesperson



With the donation, the Indigenous Peoples Task Force expanded its programming for Native Americans.

## YOUTH

The Dakota people believe in providing for the next seven generations. For the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, this starts with providing opportunities for youth. In fiscal year 2015, youth nationwide immersed themselves in Native American culture at camp, looked forward to a new

way to learn at the Minnesota Children's Museum, and became leaders in environmental stewardship. These enriching youth programs nurture the success of individual children, inspiring our future leaders, entrepreneurs, and inventors to improve communities overall.

## MORE ROOM TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY

Minnesota Children's Museum

In the past two years, the Minnesota Children's Museum doubled its audience engagement among Native Americans. The museum elevated its community efforts around engaging Native families with special presentations and exhibits as well as family nights for tribal members.

The St. Paul-based community organization hopes that a \$28 million expansion of its facilities — and continuing to offer free or reduced rates to those in need — will not only provide more opportunities for Native American families to learn through play, but also spur a 25-percent jump in visitors across the board.

Allocating \$75,000 over two years to support these two efforts, the SMSC is promoting educational, fun experiences for families throughout the state and beyond.

"With the help of partners like you, the Museum can realize its vision of a community that embraces the essential role of play in igniting children's imaginations, creativity, and love of learning," said Children's Museum President Dianne Krizan. Scheduled to open in late 2016, the renovated and expanded space will create new hands-on experiences that develop healthy bodies and minds, build critical and creative thinking skills, and prepare children for success in school and life. It includes a new café, creativity gallery, and an early learning gallery.



The Minnesota Children's Museum's Play for All program allows more Native Americans to attend for free and reduced rates.

### THE VALUE OF PLAYTIME

Play may seem simple. But a continually growing body of research supports the importance of play in a child's healthy development. Through play, children learn to regulate their behavior, lay the foundations for later learning in science and mathematics, figure out the complex negotiations of social relationships, build creative problem-solving skills, and much more.

The Minnesota Children's Museum's Play for All program brings playful learning to more than 120,000 visitors annually at free and reduced rates. That total includes 3,000 free memberships — 6 percent of which are for Native Americans. More than 25 percent of audiences attend at free or reduced rates through this program. Part of the SMSC's \$75,000 contribution supports 200 free memberships for families in need.



# A CAMP FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

## Indian Youth of America

Indian Youth of America (IYA) provides camping experiences for young Native Americans. The low-based organization is committed to giving as many kids as possible a chance to be in a fun, culture-centric environment. Extending its impact on Native youth, IYA also employs Native American high school and college students as counselors.

For two years in a row, the SMSC has provided \$50,000 to IYA, underwriting memorable summers for 187 Indian youth, staff, and special guests from 38 tribes and 14 states in 2014 alone. Since 1998, the SMSC has contributed more than \$975,000 to the organization.

IYA conducts two camps for youth ages 10-14: one in Prescott, Arizona, and another in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The number of children who attend

depends on the support IYA is able to garner from the philanthropic community.

"We are struggling to survive in a financial climate where the families we serve need help and are experiencing tough times due to the poor economy and high unemployment rates," said Patricia Trudell Gordon, IYA founder and executive director. "The SMSC believes in reaching beyond their reservation borders to help others."

The SMSC's 2015 donation was used for camp food and lodging, staffing fees, and camper fees. During camp, the kids enjoyed paddle boating, canoeing, fishing, hoop dancing, traditional stick games, and more. Various special guests shared their talents during camp, including the Yavapai Apache Gourd Singers and Dancers, Native comedians Drew Lacapa and Tatanka Means, and hoop dancer Jasmine Bell.

# STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

## United National Indian Tribal Youth

The SMSC is committed to being a good steward of the earth. Now a \$25,000 matching grant put 25 Native American youth on a similar path.

In 2015, United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) reached out to the SMSC for help in establishing the Earth Ambassadors Leadership Program. This new initiative provides Native youth ages 14-24 — who have demonstrated leadership potential and interest in protecting the environment — an opportunity to

learn more about environmental issues and to become effective ambassadors for environmental protection efforts. Due in part to a \$25,000 matching grant from the SMSC, UNITY was able to launch the program.

UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and to help build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America. Today a national organization with more than 145 youth councils operating in 35 states, UNITY has served youth for 38 years.



## A LOCAL TIE

of the UNITY youth councils are in Minnesota and the Northern Plains.

# ALL DONATIONS

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Seeds of Native Health

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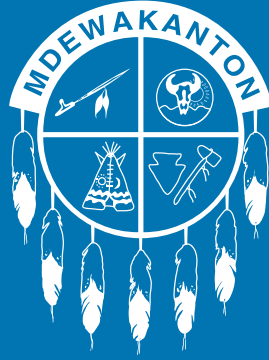
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