

Our philanthropy and economic development in Native America. Our proactive good neighbor policy in the communities we live. Our good employer approach and caretaking of Mother Earth.



At the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community we are unwavering in our commitment to help others, from Indian tribes to educational institutions; hospitals to Pow Wows. It has been ingrained in us as Dakota people from a young age that it is our tradition and our cultural responsibility to help those who have not been as fortunate as we have been. In keeping with our traditions, we donated \$27,916,775 in fiscal year 2013, including more than \$13 million to other tribes. Over the past 22 years we have given more than \$290 million in grants and charitable donations. Thank you for your interest in our 2013 Donation Report. We invite you to learn more about the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community by visiting our website at www.shakopeedakota.org.

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\$13,212,681

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To assist other Indian nations to grow and prosper while protecting their tribal sovereignty, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community supports economic development through tribal grants and loans. The SMSC has made \$536 million in loans to other tribes for economic and infrastructure development projects since 1996. In fiscal year 2013, the SMSC made \$13,212,681 in grants to 28 tribes.

#### **Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe**

Grand Opening Held for Wicoicaga Otipi - "A Place for the Generations"

Wicoicaga Otipi, the new Flandreau Santee Sioux Community Center, opened with a special event on September 18, 2013, with tribal leaders, dignitaries, and elected officials present. A loan and grant package totaling \$5 million from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community helped pay for the new facility as well as upgrades to their Royal River Casino.

Since the FSST had no facility to house community events and gath-

erings, \$1 million of the SMSC loan and two \$1 million grants (for fiscal year 2013) and fiscal year 2012) were used to fund the new community center to provide space for events like wakes and funerals, tribal meetings, and activities for youth and elders. The Moody County Boys & Girls Club, which has 80% Native American children enrolled, is also housed in the new community center. From the \$3 million loan, the remaining \$2 million went towards upgrading the tribe's casino in re-

sponse to a new gaming compact with the state of South Dakota.

Since 2004 the SMSC has provided \$10.35 million in grants and loans to the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe for economic development efforts and a senior independent living project. The Flandreau Santee Sioux Indian Reservation is comprised of 2,500 acres of land located along and near the Big Sioux River in Moody County, South Dakota.

#### Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Mole Lake \_

A \$1 million grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community helped fund several community improvement and economic development projects for the Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Mole Lake, Wisconsin. The grant funded a number of tribal projects: road, water and sewer infrastructure for a new housing area; construction of energy-efficient housing units; a needs assessment and comprehensive

business plan for Mole Lake Casino and Bingo; weatherization upgrades; the Sokaogon Chippewa Elderly Program; the second phase of a new fish hatchery complex; and a new gym floor and kitchen area partition in the Cultural Youth Education Resource Center.

"On behalf of the entire Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal Community, I would like to thank you for your generosity and assistance with the \$1 million grant," wrote Tribal Chairman Chris McGeshick in a letter. "The timing of the grant and your willingness to help our Tribe is truly an honor. I would sincerely like to thank you for the interest you have shown in rebuilding our community."

About one-third of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community's 1,270 members live on a 1,700-acre reservation in northeast Wisconsin.

#### **Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma**

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community supported the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma with a grant for \$325,000 for a restorative and clean food tribal agriculture program. The grant funded staff, an office, equipment, 90 fruit trees, and much more. Headquartered in White Eagle, Oklahoma, the Ponca Tribe started an agriculture program in 2012 with a goal of providing healthier food for their members. The program has since grown to 350 acres, with 40 acres in vegetable production, 50 acres in corn production, 50 acres in wheat, and 210 acres in pasture. One thousand chickens produce 40 dozen eggs daily. The corn harvested is used fresh for food, handmade into hominy, and dried for use in soups. Cows and pigs are also being bred. Another 350 acres will also go into production in the near future.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has helped the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma with grants totaling \$908,473 for debt reduction, economic development, and for expert witnesses in a lawsuit which was ultimately successful against a chemical manufacturer who polluted tribal lands. The 17,000-acre reservation in Ponca City, Oklahoma, is currently home to more than a third of the 3,200 Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma members.



#### Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota

The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota used their \$650,000 grant from the SMSC for the tribe's farm. Specifically, capital improvements to the irrigation system; the purchase of corn and soybean seed; tilling, planting, spraying and harvesting expenses; crop insurance; and labor and trucking of grain to market were funded. The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe partnered with a local farmer to custom farm the land, which was planted with 3,135 acres of corn and 1,289 acres of soy beans in the summer of 2013.

Previous to the \$650,000 grant, the SMSC made a \$1 million dollar grant to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 to fund administration and other costs, a \$2.7 million loan in 2010 to buy back 7,200 acres of tribal land, and an associated \$1 million grant for taxes and expenses relating to that land. With approximately 3,000 members and 225,000 acres, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe consists of the members of the Isanti and Ihanktowan divisions of the Great Sioux Nation.

# Native American Tribes \$13,212,681

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Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians	\$1,000,000
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	\$500,000
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	
	\$650,000
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	\$400,000
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	\$1,000,000
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	\$92,200
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe	\$500,000
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	\$150,000
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	\$500,000
Lower Sioux Indian	
Community	\$250,000
Oglala Sioux Tribe	\$500,000
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	\$500,000
Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	\$325,000
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	\$750,000
Red Lake Nation	\$750,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	\$500,000
Santee Sioux Tribe of	
Nebraska	\$550,000
Shinnecock Indian Nation	\$20,000
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe	\$250,000
Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe of Mole Lake	\$1,000,000
Spirit Lake Nation	\$700,000
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	\$80,000
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	\$500,000
Upper Sioux Community	\$1,000,000
White Earth Nation	\$250,000
Yankton Sioux Tribe	\$415,000
Tankton Sloux ITIDE	3413,000

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Since the youth of today will be the leaders entrusted with protecting their people and resources for future generations, the SMSC dedicates funds each year to programs which support educational initiatives. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donated \$2,815,410 to 102 schools and organizations supporting youth and education in fiscal year 2013.

#### Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Educare School –

A project to educate young children has been supported by \$500,000 in funding from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. With the objective to provide young children living on the Winnebago Reservation with opportunities to develop school readiness skills, the program is implementing an intensive, research-based educare model of ear-

ly learning programming proven to reduce educational achievement disparities for children from lower income communities with young, at risk children. The new program hopes to increase the involvement of parents in promoting their child's development and incorporate the Ho-Chunk Language through regular exposure and engagement to build cultural awareness and increase the

number of Ho-Chunk speakers.

The school is expected to provide services the first year for 90 preschool children and their families and 119 children and their families in subsequent years. Additionally, full-day services for 72 infants and toddlers and an after-school program for elementary aged children will be provided at the center.

#### Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College



A \$100,000 grant to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet, Minnesota, funded a new law enforcement program. FDLTCC is one of the largest providers of "college in high school," enrolling more than 1,000 high school students from across the region.

#### **Augsburg College**

Back in 1991, the SMSC chose Augsburg College in the Twin Cities to receive funding for scholarships. The \$100,000 was invested into two scholarship funds, one from the Gaming Enterprise and the other from the tribal government. A fiscal year 2013 grant for \$250,000 was added to this previous funding to generate revenue to support scholarships for Native American students in perpetuity. Over the past 30 years, 225 Native American students have graduated from Augsburg College with help from this scholarship.

#### Notah Begay III Foundation \_

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has committed \$750,000 over two fiscal years to the Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) to support the national center, Native Strong; Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures. This donation solidifies the tribe as the Leadership Partner for Native Strong's Upper Midwest programming. The SMSC has been a donor to the Notah Begay III Foundation for the past four years, supporting general operations and NB3F's annual fundraiser, the NB3F Challenge. The first half of the grant for \$375,000 went to NB3F in fiscal year 2013. A separate \$25,000 grant went to NBG3F for other activities and fundraising.

"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."



# **Education and Youth** \$2,815,410

American Indian College Fund
American Indian OIC\$25.50
Augsburg College\$250,00
Blackfeet Community College\$300,00
Boys & Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation \$5,00
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area \$30,00
Catching the Dream\$10,00
Cheyenne River Youth Project\$75,00
Circle of Nations Wahpeton Indian School \$8,00
Division of Indian Work\$35,00
Dunwoody College of Technology \$7,50
Dupree Daycare Inc
Flandreau Indian School \$20,00
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College \$100,00
Grassroots Indigenous Multimedia
Haskell Student Senate\$7,00
Indian Youth of America \$75,00
Indians Into Medicine\$5,00
Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Scholarship \$5,00
Isna Wica Owayaw (Loneman School) \$15,00
Laker Educational Foundation\$20,00
Migizi Communications \$10,00
Minneapolis Public Schools Indian Education Program
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center \$50,00
Nawayee Center School\$21,50
Northwest Indian College Foundation\$150,00
Notah Begay III Foundation
Oglala Lakota College\$100,00
One in the Spirit\$40,00
Sobriety High Charter School\$7,50
Southside Family Nurturing Center
SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative \$20,00
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education
Program\$13,00
United Tribes Technical College
White River Parent/Teacher Boosters
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska \$500,00

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Less than 1% of all philanthropic dollars in the United States go to tribal communities, according to the Foundations Center. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community focuses charitable giving largely on Indian tribes and on organizations which serve Indian people. In fiscal year 2013, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donated \$996,117 to 58 organizations which provide services primarily for American Indian people and reservation communities. These organizations are chartered by individuals, Indian tribes, churches, schools, and groups of like-minded individuals, united by a common goal of improving living conditions for Indian people.

#### **Association of American Indian Physicians** \_

A \$100,000 matching grant from the SMSC to the Association of American Indian Physicians was for recruitment of future doctors. The donation was helpful in supporting and encouraging American Indian youth in pursuit of a career in healthcare, allied health professions, and biomedical research. AAIP has made it a priority to offer educational opportunities

and programs to Native youth to: 1) address health disparities by improving healthcare workforce development and 2) increase diversity in the healthcare workforce.

With the SMSC funds, AAIP conducted a National Native American Youth Initiative in Washington, DC, for high school juniors and seniors interested in health careers; pre-admission workshops for undergraduate and graduate students planning admission to medical school; Cross Cultural Medicine Workshops for medical students; and the AAIP Annual Meeting and Health Conference for students to network and be mentored by AAIP member physicians.

#### **Running Strong for American Indian Youth**

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant to Running Strong for American Indian Youth, the Slim Buttes Agricultural Development Program (SBAG) continued its work to plant organic family gardens on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. SBAG tilled 322 gardens and distributed 16,000 seedlings grown in a new biodynamic potting soil in the program's green house, involving 2,600 individuals across most of Pine Ridge - the majority of whom were children. This year Running Strong also provided funds to build a second high tunnel greenhouse to extend the growing season. Due to these efforts, there is a resurgence in interest in sustainable food systems and according to Running Strong's Executive Director Lauren Finkelstein, "Shakopee's generous funding provided critical support to this growing movement."



#### **National Indian Gaming Association**

The SMSC donated \$75,000 for the National Indian Gaming Association's (NIGA) Great Plains Region Boys & Girls Club initiative BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS for distribution to clubs most in



need of assistance in continuing their operations. An additional \$25,000 was donated for the Annual NIGA Christmas Drive, which they distribute to programs in Indian communities in the Great Plains Region that need help in providing gifts for children who might go without on Christmas Day.

"We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish because of the generous partnerships with tribes, like Shakopee, who understand the importance of helping. On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Association, I want to express my deep appreciation for the constant support we have received over the years from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which has helped NIGA in our efforts to help advance the needs of many of our Indian people," wrote NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr.



Using SMSC grants from previous years, construction has begun on NIGA'S new headquarters building. Located two blocks from the United States Capitol Building in the historic Waterston house, this building was constructed in 1806. With the growth of Indian gaming, NIGA needed more space. They plan to build a new tribal leaders' center in the large plot behind this historic building.

## **Native American Organizations** \$966,107

Ain Dah Yung Center	.\$10,000
All Nations Indian Church	.\$10,000
American Indian Society	.\$10,000
Association of American Indian Physicians	\$100,000
BiiGiiWiin	.\$16,000
Cedar Presbyterian Church	\$5,000
Dakota Commemorative March Committee	\$6,000
Department of Indian Work	.\$32,000
Division of Indian Work	.\$20,000
Fort Peck Tribes	.\$15,000
Great Plains Indian Gaming Association	.\$50,000
Indian Child Welfare Law Center	.\$25,000
Indigenous Peoples Task Force	.\$67,750
Intertribal Buffalo Council	
Kateri Residence	
Lakota Funds	.\$20,000
National Indian Gaming Association	\$100,000
National Indian Health Board	
Native American Finance Officers Association	\$5,000
Native American Literature Symposium	\$5,000
Native American Rights Fund	\$200,000
Poplar Theater Restoration Project	\$5,000
Running Strong for American Indian Youth	.\$25,000
Simply Outdoor Experiences	.\$10,000
Smithsonian Institution National Museum of	the
American Indian	.\$25,000
Sunka Cangi Indigenous Way Community Inc.	.\$30,000
Tusweca Tiospaye	\$7,500
Upper Midwest American Indian Center	.\$30,000
WEWIN	.\$20,000
Women of Nations	.\$20,000



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Nonprofit organizations provide a variety of valuable services to the individuals they serve. Without donations, these organizations would find it difficult to operate. The SMSC made \$470,223 in gifts to 86 charitable organizations which provide social, medical, preventative, or public services to their constituents in fiscal year 2013.

#### **American Heart Association**

With a matching grant for \$50,000 the SMSC met a commitment for a total of \$100,000 over two years to the American Heart Association. The grants were specifically used to fund the Mission Lifeline

STEMI program for rural Minnesota to improve patient outcomes for those suffering the most deadly type of heart attack, a STEMI. Not treated quickly, a STEMI is usually fatal. By increasing the

availability of 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) equipment and improving patient transport and transfer protocols, many lives can be saved and permanent heart muscle damage reduced.

#### **Children's Hospitals and Clinics**



A gift of \$50,000 from the SMSC to Children's Hospitals and Clinics allowed for development of a trauma communication command center within the Minneapolis Emergency Department. The command center will allow Children's to monitor and coordinate care for incoming trauma patients; integrate all trauma bay technology including cameras and diagnostic equipment; use all video and diagnostic data for performance improvement training; and eventually integrate video and data of patients en route to Children's to ensure proper treatment and the best possible outcome. As one of the busiest pediatric emergency medicine programs in the nation, Children's has more than 90,000 visits annually.

#### Minnesota Children's Museum \_

A matching grant for \$17,500 to the Minnesota Children's Museum funded three programs. The Play for All program serves 120,000 children and family members every year with free and reduced admissions, approximately one-fourth of all visitors annually. The Smart Play Spot is an early literacy environment custom-matched to the local community and located in the Shakopee Public Library. The *Native Voices: New England Tribal Families* exhibit ran January through May.



The SMSC supported the St. Mary's Clinic in Shakopee with a \$25,000 grant. The clinic, which provides free healthcare to people in need as a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, has received \$235,000 from the SMSC since 2003.

# **Charitable Organizations** \$470,223

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	American Cancer Society	\$13,500
	American Diabetes Association	\$28,000
	American Heart Association	\$50,000
	American Red Cross	
	Twin Cities Area Chapter	\$5,000
	Charles Hall Youth Services	\$10,000
	Children's Foundation	\$53,000
	Children's Law Center of Minnesota	\$5,000
	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	\$6,500
	Emergency Foodshelf Network	\$5,000
	Habitat for Humanity of South Central	
	Minnesota	\$5,000
	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	¢10.000
	Lakeland Public Television	
	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	
	MADD	
	Mercy Hospital Foundation	
	Minnesota Children's Museum	
	National Eagle Center	\$5,000
	National Organization on	¢E 000
	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	
	Prior Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.	
	Project Turnabout	
	Science Museum of Minnesota	
	Second Harvest Heartland	
	Smile Network International	\$10,000
	Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women	\$7,000
	Southside Community	77,000
	Health Services, Inc.	\$42.000
	St. Mary's Health Clinics	
	Twin Cities Public Television	
		720,000



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To share the holiday spirit with children and families in need the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community awarded \$144,650 in donations for the holiday season. The donations, which went to 28 social service organizations mostly in the Twin Cities, provided toys, clothing, food, activities, and other gifts for families.

#### Catholic Charities Dorothy Day Center \_

At the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, SMSC donations of \$4,000 for Thanksgiving and \$5,000 for Christmas helped feed those who are less fortunate. The Center provides shelter for up to 250 people every night.

#### Local Outreach -

The SMSC donates grocery gift cards to low-income Native American families living in Scott County. In addition to the financial contributions, SMSC members and staff participate in a Giving Tree Program, which gives presents anonymously to children in Native American families in need that live in the county. The SMSC also has a Toys for Tots gift drop off location.

#### **Department of Indian Work**



An SMSC donation of \$9,000 went to the Department of Indian Work (DIW), a project of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches. DIW develops and coordinates programs which empower American Indian people toward self-determination. Some of those programs include emergency services, the Family Education Diabetes Series, health and wellness projects, a youth enrichment program, and a food shelf which provided 62,649 pounds of food to 624 individuals last year. The SMSC's donations helped fund 500 sacks of groceries which were distributed for the holidays.

### Holiday \$144,650

Other organizations in the Twin Cities receiving SMSC holiday donations included:

> Ain Dah Yung Center Akina Community Church All Nations Indian Church American Indian Family Center Carver Scott Educational Cooperative's 3 C's Program Division of Indian Work Elders Lodge Hidden Oaks Middle School Kateri Residence Little Earth Residents Association

Salvation Army St. Joseph's Home for Children **Union Gospel Mission** Upper Midwest American Indian Center

Minnesota Compassion

Women of Nations

In areas outside the Twin Cities, the SMSC made holiday donations to:

Ain Dah Ing Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **Bad River Head Start** 

Boys & Girls Club of the Three Districts Boys & Girls Club of Lower Brule

> Boys & Girls Club of the Missouri River Valley Cass Lake Family Center St. Joseph's Indian School

Turtle Mountain Head Start Yankton Sioux Tribe





#### **Donated AEDs are Saving Lives** .

Through the Mdewakanton LIFE Program, the SMSC has donated 737 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to tribes, schools, police and fire departments, and other organizations with 23 lives saved due to their use, 12 of those in Scott County. AEDs are used to apply a lifesaving shock to an individual whose heart has stopped beating and is the only known therapy for most sudden cardiac arrests. In fiscal year 2013, the SMSC donated 43 AEDs with 22 going to entities serving tribal communities.

Granite Falls Police Chief Russ Blue was so pleased with the Mdewakanton LIFE Program that he wrote a letter to the SMSC describing two incidents involving SMSC donated AEDs. He wrote, "On February 16, 2012, we received two AED's that had been donated to the Police Department through your AED grant program. On July 14, 2012, one of the AED's was used by our officers to assist in a medical emergency. On that occasion we were able to bring someone back who had effectively died, and he is living a productive life at this time. On June 18, 2013, we were called to another medical emergency where the use of an AED was required. Once again we were able to bring someone back from the dead due to the use of the AED. We have already heard that person had a pacemaker put in. I can't say thank you enough for your contribution to our department, and I'm sure the two people that were brought back to life would echo that comment."

### **AEDs** \$62,157

#### Three AEDs were donated to:

Chaska Fire Department, Minnesota Dakota Magic Casino, North Dakota Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Department of Public Health & Natural Resources, Minnesota Scott County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota

#### Two AEDs were donated to:

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Minnesota Elko New Market Police & Fire Department, Minnesota

Lac Courtes Oreilles Fire Department, Wisconsin Mille Lacs Reservation Emergency Services, Minnesota Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho

Sinte Gleska Tribal University, South Dakota Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation, North Dakota Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, Minnesota

#### One AED was donated to:

Albert Lea Fire Department, Minnesota Bayport Fire Department, Minnesota Belle Plaine Fire Department, Minnesota Ebenezer Ridges Elder Care, Minnesota Good Thunder Police Department, Minnesota Kimball Fire & Rescue, Minnesota Prior Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6208, Minnesota

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, Bridges Area Learning Center, Minnesota

Savage Parks and Recreation, Minnesota

Savage Police Department, Minnesota

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Canada

SouthWest Metro Education Cooperative, Minnesota

St. Labre Indian School, Montana

The Lutheran Home Association, Minnesota Women of Nations, Minnesota

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A Pow Wow, or Wacipi in the Dakota Language, is an important cultural celebration for American Indians. It's a traditional celebration where the generations gather to socialize, dance, sing, and spend time together. Singers at their drums sing traditional songs in their native languages, and dancers in spectacular, colorful regalia keep time with the drum in the arena, which might be a grassy field, a school gymnasium, or a community center. The Pow Wow is a family event, where children dance in regalia often before they walk, safe in the arms of their parents. As they age, the children dance alone or with their relatives.

#### **Supporting Pow Wows Across Indian Country**

SMSC donations funded American Indian cultural events all across the Midwest. Grants totaling \$49,250 were made to 62 Pow Wows in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, and Wisconsin.

Each April Black Hills State University Center for American Indian Studies holds their Lakota Omniciye Wacipi to cap off American Indian Awareness Week. A student organization hosts the annual event which is dedicated to educating the larger community about Indian culture. Featuring daily speakers and a variety of events at Black Hills State University, the week's activities are open to the public. In 2013 the 30th annual Lakota Omniciye Wacipi was the recipient of an SMSC donation.

For more than 40 years each September the Mahkato Mdewakanton Association has held their annual traditional Pow Wow at Land of Memories Park in Mankato, Minnesota. The

SMSC donated \$10,000 to support the 2013 gathering. The weekend event honors the 38 Dakota warriors who were hanged there in the largest mass hanging in United States history after the Dakota War of 1862. Members of the SMSC have been involved in this Pow Wow since its inception.



# **Pow Wows** \$49,250

Ain Dah Yung Center Pow Wow

American Indian Cancer Foundation
Pow Wow for Hope

American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow

American Indian Student Cultural Center Pow Wow

Antelope Wacipi

Arlee Celebration Pow Wow
Arizona State University Pow Wow
Black Hills State University Center for American Indian
Studies Pow Wow

Black Hills Pow Wow
Bois Forte Reservation Pow Wow
Bridger Community Pow Wow
Cherry Creek Veterans Pow Wow
Chief Joseph Dance Pow Wow
Chippewa Cree Tribe Pow Wow
Circle of Nations Pow Wow
Dakota Wacipi

Dupree Wacipi
Eagle Nest District Wacipi
First Nations Repatriation Institute Pow Wow
Fort Belknap Indian Community Pow Wow
Four Winds Alumni Pow Wow
Greenwood Pow Wow
Haskell Indian Nations Alumni Pow Wow

Haskell Indian Nations University Pow Wow
Indian Center, Inc. Pow Wow
Kansas University First Nation
Student Association Pow Wow

Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers Pow Wow

**Kenel Pow Wow** 

Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Pow Wow
Leech Lake Tribal College Pow Wow
Lincoln Indian Club Pow Wow
Mahkato Mdewakanton Pow Wow
Marty Indian School Pow Wow
Medicine Root District Fair
Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin Pow Wow
Milk River Dance

Minneapolis American Indian Center Pow Wow

Missouri State University Pow Wow

Minnesota Indian Primary Residential
Treatment Center Pow Wow
Naca Wica Younhanpi
Oglala Lakota Nation Pow Wow
Okiciyap the Isabel Community Pow Wow
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Pow Wow
Potato Creek Traditional Pow Wow
Proud Indigenous Peoples for Education
(PIPE) Pow Wow

Rainy River Community College Pow Wow

Revitalization/Leech Lake Band of
Ojibwe Housing Authority Pow Wow
Santee Sioux Nation Omaka Teca Wacipi
St. Francis Indian Day Pow Wow
Superior Schools Indian Education Program Pow Wow
Tanner Albers Sr. Memorial Round Dance

The American Indian Exposition of Oklahoma Pow Wow
Tiospaye Student Council,
University of South Dakota Pow Wow
Todd County Middle School Pow Wow
Twin Cities Cultural Connection Pow Wow
Williston Basin Indian Club Pow Wow
Winner Labor Day Wacipi Celebration
Winona-Dakota Unity Alliance Pow Wow
Woodlands and High Plains Pow Wow
Woyatan Wacipi

Wyoming Indian High School Traditional Club Pow Wow Yankton Sioux Tribe Pow Wow



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The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has made a commitment to health and wellness not only for its members, but also for its more than 4,147 employees and their families and Native Americans living in Scott County.

#### **Health Services**



The SMSC provides health, wellness, and dental services. Reduced cost prescriptions are available at the nearby SMSC Pharmacy for members and employees. Wellness classes and activities are offered regularly, and a free Wellness Conference for employees attracts more then 700 attendees annually.

#### Mental Health.

The SMSC provides employee assistance and mental health programs which include mental health care, smoking cessation classes, support groups, counseling, referrals, and chemical dependency service.

#### **Children & Family Services**

This SMSC department provides general support related to parenting, including general information, referrals, case management, parenting education, support groups, home visits, prenatal and new baby information packets, and many more programs.

#### Clinics.

Mystic Clinic provides services at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel for team members of the SMSC Gaming Enterprise. A Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Clinic offer care as well as warm water hydrotherapy and rehabilitation for injuries and other disorders. A full-service vision clinic and a hearing clinic are also available. The Shakopee Dakota Clinic and Shakopee Dakota Dental Clinic provide medical and dental services for Community members, staff, and their families. An endocrinologist sees patients regularly, flu shots are given, chronic illnesses monitored, and Diabetes Information Classes are held, which are just some of the many services offered at the Shakopee Dakota Clinic.





The Dakota way is to plan for the Seventh Generation, to make sure that resources will be available in the future to sustain life for seven generations to come. Conserving and protecting the earth today ensures that there will be food, trees, natural areas, traditional wild foods and medicines, and open spaces for coming generations. As a steward of the earth, the SMSC conducts a number of activities to preserve and protect the land.

#### Steward of the Land\_

Organic farmers, biologists, water resource specialists, technicians, and others in Land and Natural Resources, Wozupi, Public Works, and Cultural Resources Departments help fulfill the mission of preserving and protecting the land.

Our Community actively works to retain and restore native habitat. Prairie and forest restoration and wetlands protection encourages native plants, animals, and insects to make our lands their home. The planting and harvesting of our 10-acre organic garden and four-acre orchard, and our work with honeybees and maple syrup production connect us to our land and help us live sustainably. The SMSC operates a TSA (Tribally Supported Agriculture) program where members purchase a share of the garden and receive 18 weekly boxes of organic produce. Honey, produce, free-range chicken eggs, and maple syrup are also available for purchase through Farmer's Markets or at Mazopiya.

#### **Green Infrastructure**

For the SMSC, green infrastructure from energy production to runoff management is a priority. The SMSC realizes the importance of increasing energy independence and has installed wind turbines capable of providing enough electricity for all the homes on the reservation. Additional green energy technologies in use on the reservation include solar panels, passive solar heating, geothermal heating, and reuse of waste vegetable oil as biofuel for Community-owned vehicles.

Several water management projects have been implemented to reduce runoff quantity and improve the quality of the many wetlands throughout the reservation. The SMSC has two large green roofs and numerous bioretention areas. Pervious asphalt and pavers (made from recycled tires and plastic bottles) reduce runoff as well as the need for de-icing salt. A

long-term, water-quality monitoring program is in place for local lakes, streams, wetlands, and Maka Yusota (Boiling Springs), a nearby culturally significant site.

The SMSC's Water Reclamation Facility uses the latest technologies to return wastewater to drinking water quality before discharging it to a wetland for use for irrigation, reducing groundwater use by 35,000,000 gallons per year.

At the SMSC Organics Recycling Facility, organic materials like yard and food waste, woody debris, and biodegradable paper products like cardboard are mixed together to create compost. To be a good neighbor, the SMSC allows the City of Prior Lake, Shakopee, and Savage to drop off their yard waste at no charge. Several varieties of compost are available for purchase at this enterprise.

The SMSC also recycles scrap metal and steel; computer equipment; cans, bottles, and glass; plastic; paper; and batteries. Furniture, dishes, linens, and vehicles in good working order are donated to tribes and organizations that can reuse them.

For the Shakopee Mdewakanton people of today, culture and environment are intimately intertwined. We strive to respect and care for the environment while retaining our cultural connection with the earth. For more information about the SMSC's green infrastructure projects, please visit the SMSC website at http://www.shakopeedakota.org/enviro/index.php.



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The SMSC's collaboration with neighboring governments has increased in recent years, working together on common projects and initiatives to improve community-wide services throughout the region. To be a good neighbor, the SMSC cooperates with local governments on projects which benefit local residents. Increased communication has led to enhanced relations between the parties including land issues, shared resources, and emergency services.

#### **Lakefront Music Fest**

Each July the SMSC supports the Lakefront Music Fest in Prior Lake, Minnesota, to raise funds for local non-profit organizations. Successful in drawing 10,000 folks a night in 2013, the festival featured music artists Montgomery Gentry, Bret Michaels, and others at the two-day event at Lakefront Park on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, 2013.

The event was created by the Rotary Club and was presented by Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which donated \$50,000 to support the event again this year. In addition, the SMSC donated thousands of bottles of water, the use of seven SMSC

shuttles and buses, drivers, and the Mobile Unit. Many SMSC staff volunteered for the event.

Numerous Prior Lake Rotarians and volunteers, city employees, Prior Lake Police Department, Prior Lake

Fire Department, Mdewakanton Public Safety, Allina, Patrons of the Arts and Activities, the Laker Athletic Booster Club, the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities, and the Scott County Sheriff's Reserves worked together to hold the event.



#### 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 family from the SMSC has also adopted a section of County Road 16 for clean-up.

• Students in Shakopee High School's environmental ethics and ecology class planted 15 bare-root fruit trees donated by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's garden, Mdewakanton Wozupi. The trees were planted at the Environmental Learning Center on the school campus. The class visits Wozupi several times each year to plant, weed, harvest, and learn about organic farming.

Green Roof at Minneapolis City Hall is New Home for Honeybees

The green roof at the Minneapolis City Hall and Courthouse building is buzzing with honeybees, due to a gift from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which donated two honey bee hives along with equipment and bee boxes.

A news conference to commemorate the donation was held June 6, 2013, on the city's green roof. SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Lori Watso attended and spoke to the media along with Minneapolis then-Mayor R.T. Rybak and City Council Member Lisa Goodman. Secretary/Treasurer Watso talked about the tribe's honeybee program and how the

honeybees pollinate the tribe's garden and orchard and help educate the public. She continued, "Being good stewards of the earth is one of the top priorities for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. And with the donation of bees and hive equipment, we are happy to help the City of Minneapolis reach its environmental goals."



#### Oicimani Media Center\_

The SMSC's library has more than 12,046 items in its collection and is mostly dedicated to Native American materials. The collection includes books on the Dakota, history, biography, geography, government, sociology, anthropology, religion, science,

health, literature (fiction, poetry, drama, and journals), art, gardening, music, dance, arts and crafts, and education (including curricula). There is also a juvenile section and an extensive audio/video section. Indian newspapers and magazines are

also available. Employees and members can check out books, movies, and other materials. Oicimani Media Center is also open to researchers, students, and educators by appointment.

#### Dakotah! Ice Center

The SMSC operates Dakotah! Ice Center, a 72,000 square-foot facility which contains two sheets of ice. It is 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, several Junior 'A' tryout camps, and youth camps.

#### **Bottled Water Donated to Oklahoma Tornado Victims**

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donated 2,880 one-liter bottles of purified drinking water produced at its water bottling facility for relief efforts after a tornado devastated Moore, Oklahoma.

The SMSC also donated bottled water

in fiscal year 2013 to the American Diabetes Association, Scott County, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, the Minnesota Zoo, Project Sweetie Pie, and Guide Dogs of America. The SMSC previously donated water and resources for relief efforts following the

earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia in 2004, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Haiti earthquake in 2010, flooding on the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe reservation in South Dakota in 2011, Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and more.

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The spirit of helping others through giving time as volunteers is becoming a strong tradition at the SMSC. Both members and employees have embraced opportunities to volunteer in a number of ways, always with the goal of assisting others who are in need of a helping hand. The SMSC, its members, and employees engage in activities which support the SMSC's cultural and social traditions of assisting those in need.

#### **CAP Agency Benefits from SMSC Volunteerism**

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has a special relationship with the local Community Action Partnership (CAP) Agency located nearby. Two food drives, a silent auction, monetary donations, and direct donations of produce from the tribe's garden are some of the ways the SMSC supports the CAP Agency. The donations benefit children and families within Scott, Carver, and Dakota

counties who receive assistance from CAP. The non-profit assists people by providing food for families and senior citizens, school readiness, crisis childcare, parenting education, heating homes, and holiday toy distribution programs.

"You remain the #1 example of how an organization can maximize and mobilize enthusiasm to help neighbors in need." said Joseph Vaughan, Vice President of Development and Marketing of the CAP Agency of Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties.

In two "Stock the Food Shelf Challenge" food drives in fiscal year 2013, Community members and employees donated a total of 17,508.5 pounds of food and \$12,806 in cash donations for the CAP Agency.

#### Hope for the Holidays\_

The SMSC also donated \$20,000 to the CAP Agency for their Hope for the Holidays annual "adopt-a-family" holiday gift sponsorship project where parents are invited to create a wish list for each member of the family so that each child receives their special gift. Each year the program provides gifts businesses, donate items for this event, which has for about 5,000 individuals and families.

#### **SMSC Youth Also Involved**

Students of the SMSC Education Department have partnered with the Wozupi, the Community's organic farm, in a service learning opportunity by volunteering to deliver weekly donations throughout the growing season to the CAP Agency. In the summer of 2013, this effort donated more than 2,100 pounds of organic non-GMO produce to CAP. Students in the SMSC afterschool program, collected and hand-delivered the produce, which included all types of organic fruits and vegetables from the 14 acres farmed by the SMSC.

#### Silent Auction Fundraiser

The SMSC Gaming Enterprise Human Resources Department also holds an annual silent auction fundraiser for the CAP Agency. Team members from Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, SMSC employees, as well as local raised \$102,050 for CAP since 1998. In fiscal year 2013 they raised \$15,053 for CAP.

### **SMSC Youth Help Feed the Starving Children**

In October 2013, nine students from the SMSC packed food for the organization Feed My Starving Children at their facility in Chanhassen, Minnesota. In the two hours of volunteer work, the students were able to pack enough food to feed 52 children for an entire year. The food was sent to Honduras later that week.

#### **Blood Drives**

Since 1987, the SMSC has sponsored blood drives, now holding three each year at Dakotah! Sport and Fitness as well as at the Team Member entrance at Mystic Lake Casino. The SMSC has held 44 blood drives since 1998, resulting in 3,165 donated units of blood. In 2012 alone, the SMSC ranked 19th in blood drive donations for Minnesota-based Memorial Blood Centers, with 339 units collected. It is the only community-sponsored blood drive in the top 20.



#### **Cooperation of Volunteers and Contributors** Leads to Help for Crow Creek Through Wowaokiya (Generosity and Helping)

Community members and staff joined together to deliver help to a reservation in 2013 by holding what started as a clothing drive and ended up as two trucks filled with donated items delivered to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. Community member Nathan Crooks drove his truck and 35-foot trailer to Crow Creek as a Community representative. Fifteen staff members from SMSC Property Operations Departments loaded items onto the trailer and three employees volunteered to make the journey.

People donated clothing, baby items and necessities, toiletries, and more. One member donated building materials of windows and doors. With the outpouring of generosity, it was soon apparent that this drive was something special. Dakotah Tipis Habitat for Humanity, an SMSC donation recipient on the Crow Creek Reservation, gratefully agreed to accept the building materials with the Crow Creek tribal administrative office making arrangements for distribution of the other items.

### **Polar Bear Plunge Raises Money for Special Olympics**

Jumping in icy cold water in the middle of winter isn't for everyone, but for members and employees of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, it's fast becoming an annual tradition to take the plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. The Prior Lake Polar Bear Plunge is a fun event for participants and spectators, with lively crowds, music, lots of photos being taken, and the nervous energy that comes before the moment when costumed bodies hit the ice cold water.

Each Polar Plunge participant must raise a minimum of \$75 for the "privilege" of jumping. In 2013 seventy plungers from the SMSC raised more than \$20,000 for Special Olympics.



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To provide for the safety and welfare of its members, employees, and area residents, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has a history of working cooperatively with other governments. Over the years, the SMSC has worked on joint projects with the City of Prior Lake, Shakopee, Scott County, Savage, the state of Minnesota, agencies of the federal government, and many other government entities.

#### **Local Trail Grants Awarded**

In fiscal year 2013, five local governments were awarded a combined \$366,000 in grants from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to make trail improvements in Scott County. The recipients are:

- Savage \$100,000 for developing the Bluff Trail Project, a one-mile trail to help residents safely travel between Burnsville, Prior Lake, and Savage while only traveling on sidewalks and trails. The trail will begin at the corner of Dakota Avenue and 130th Street and extend east to connect to Quentin Avenue near downtown Savage.
- Shakopee \$100,000 for developing the Quarry Lake Trail, which will connect Shakopee residents to Quarry Lake Park and provide access to additional local trails and businesses.
- Prior Lake \$76,000 for improvements to Pike Lake Trail, including paving the parking area and a trail segment with lake access in Pike Lake Park. The project will increase the trail's accessibility, particularly for handicapped residents.
- New Prague \$52,000 for paving the "Green Meadow" Trail in Settlers Park, which will enhance accessibility and provide year-round access to the area.
- Elko New Market \$38,000 for completing the final seg-



ment of a multi-use trail along Xerxes Avenue that will enhance trail safety and complete the connection between the two formerly separate communities.

The SMSC invited local governments and charitable organizations in Scott County to apply for grants to fund local projects that would fill trail gaps, augment existing trail systems, improve access to existing public natural areas, or provide additional environmental benefit beyond simple access. Each grant recipient was required to fulfill a 20% match (in cash or in kind) and was encouraged to involve local volunteers in the project, which must be substantially completed by December 2014.

#### **Intergovernmental Working Group**

Since 2012 the SMSC and the governments of Scott disputes, and joining in mutually beneficial cooperation County, Prior Lake, and Shakopee have met regularly as in service to local citizens. The IWG provides a place for an Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) to identify meaningful discussion as an alternative to litigation with and discuss issues of concern. The IWG serves as a fo- the intention that productive and respectful governrum for enhancing intergovernmental relations, resolving ment-to-government relations be conducted.

#### **SCALE**

To improve life for all area residents, 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 the SMSC, Scott County,

local townships, school districts, and cities in Scott County make up SCALE, which meets monthly to discuss ways to collaborate and share resources and services. Greater efficiencies and leadership in public service are encouraged through enhanced com-

munication, collaboration of services, and sharing of resources. SCALE has a Joint Training Facility for police and fire departments which the SMSC has supported throughout its history, first as a concept in 2002 and with donations starting in 2004.

#### **Transportation Planning**

The SMSC is actively involved in discussions about transportation and transit in the South Metro and near the reservation. Some of the projects under consideration for the next few vears include:

- An SMSC-funded additional lane on Highway 169 southbound to end at County Road 83, estimated at \$1.5 million for design and construction
- Development of County Road 83 as an economic corridor, including extending the four lanes from County Road 42 to County Road 82
- A new four-lane County Road 16
- The extension of a trail on County Road 21
- The extension of Valley View Road through SMSC lands
- Trail development at Shakopee Memorial Park

#### **Local Police Departments**

In June 2013, for the first time, the SMSC and the City of Shakopee reached a voluntary, \$250,000 three-year agreement for police services on the reservation. The SMSC has had a similar agreement with the City of Prior Lake for many years.

#### **Voluntary Payments** \_

Since 1996 the SMSC has paid more than \$7.7 million for shared local road construction and an additional \$16.9 million for road projects on the reservation. The SMSC has also paid \$15.2 million to local governments for services and another \$6.5 million for other projects. The SMSC has a history and practice of voluntarily paying for services provided by local governments in spite of a 1984 Supreme Court ruling which mandates that local governments are obligated to provide those services at no charge. In fiscal year 2013, the SMSC made these voluntary payments:

- \$395,000 to the City of Prior Lake for police services
- \$75,000 to the city of Shakopee for police services
- \$280,000 to Scott County for road maintenance, county administration, the Sheriff's Office, and County Attorney's Office
- \$75,000 for the SCALE Joint Training Facility
- \$105,025 for County Road 83
- \$787,876 for property taxes

#### 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. Specifically, the grants were for the benefit of local residents as determined by each government. The projects are expected to be completed by the end of summer 2014.

- Belle Plaine will move forward with enhancements and improvements to its community swimming pool and upgrades to its most popular community parks, Union Square and Prairie Park.
- Jordan will use its \$150,000 grant to build an adult soft-

ball and youth baseball campus at Holzer Park and to build a Little League field.

- Prior Lake will use its \$150,000 grant to benefit several parks and trails projects.
- Savage will use its \$150,000 grant for economic development, landscape, and library projects.
- Scott County will use its \$150,000 intergovernmental grant to purchase a machine that automates pothole
- Shakopee will use their \$150,000 intergovernmental grant for improvements to their community center.

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For more than 11 years, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has operated a full-time, professional fire and ambulance department. Staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week since the fire station opened in 2002, Mdewakanton Public Safety (MPS), formerly Mdewakanton Emergency Services, stands by to help local residents, guests, and neighbors. MPS responds to 150-250 calls a month, with the majority of them medical responses. An average of 60 patients each month are transported to local hospitals by one of the three ambulances staffed by paramedics.

#### Saving Lives -

MPS has three Advanced Life Support ambulances and a staff of trained paramedics to respond to emergency situations. The ambulance crew, which consists of one paramedic and one Emergency Medical Technician, can perform advanced airway techniques, take vital signs, interpret electrocardiograms, administer oxygen, give medications, start IVs, perform emergency obstetrics, and respond to all types of trauma.

In fiscal year 2013, MPS Emergency Medical Technicians had five defibril-

#### Explorers\_

"save" rate of 12%.

MPS operates an Explorer Program for youth ages 14 – 20 years of age. Explorers are trained in CPR, firefighting, and emergency medical response. Community service programs also provide opportunities to give back to the larger community. In addition, 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.

lator "saves" where patients were

shocked with a defibrillator and had

their heart rhythm restored before

they arrived at a local hospital. The

MPS "save" rate of 83% this past year

compares to the standard national

#### Mutual Aid\_

MPS provides mutual aid to area departments, working to put out fires, train firefighters, and conduct search and rescue. In fiscal year 2013, MPS responded to 80 requests for mutual aid, including a large, multi-level house fire on Oxford Road in Shakopee on April 3rd and a house fire at a twin home in in Prior Lake on April 18th.



To be better prepared for future emergencies, Mdewakanton Public Safety consistently looks for new ways to train with other fire departments in the local area. They participate in training exercises where they practice necessary skills.

On September 30th, a Multi-Agency Rescue Training (MART) was held at the Scott County SCALE training facility in Jordan. MPS joined other local departments as the St Paul Fire Department demonstrated rescue techniques using a Minnesota State Patrol helicopter to "drop in" to a scene to conduct a rescue. These techniques can be used to save lives during rescues involving dangerous or difficult to access areas like crevasses, ditches, and riverbeds.

MPS has an internal training program to insure that firefighters and paramedics are fully prepared to handle virtually any emergency situation. The weekly trainings help hone their skills and build muscle memory so that their actions become automatic. To maintain a high level of competency, they practice responding to hazardous materials incidents; water, ice, rope, high angle, and confined space rescues; vehicular accidents; ventilation; firefighter rescue; fire suppression; mock crashes; and medical emergency procedures.

They also offer classes for certification which are open to outside agencies: Hazardous Materials, Firefighter I and II, and Emergency Medical Services. Mdewakanton Public Safety also provides customized training for police and fire departments and additional Continuing Education Classes.



The SMSC Mobile Unit is both a mobile medical clinic and a mobile incident command center. In fiscal year 2013 the Mobile Unit was deployed 78 times: 19 for Scott County Public Health; 15 for tribal and Indian health clinics; 22 for SMSC tribal members, employees, and Scott County Native Americans; nine deployments at Shakopee Women's Prison; eight for other health screening events, and five incident command deployments.

#### **Mobile Medical Unit**

When deployed as a Mobile Medical Unit, mammograms and health screenings are primary activities. In addition, SMSC staff aboard the Mobile Unit provide dental services, vision services, well-baby/child visits, and a diabetes management clinic when a need is identified. During monthly health screening events, the Mobile Unit provides services to SMSC Community members, SMSC employees, and Native Americans who live in Scott County. In fiscal year 2013 there were 818 mammograms performed, bringing the

total to 5,240 mammograms performed since operations began in 2007. Also in 2013, services were provided to 218 dental patients; there were 61 vision screenings, and 214 patients had their cholesterol tested as the Mobile Unit traveled to areas around the state. 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 and other locations.

#### **Mobile Unit as Incident Command and Medical Support**

The Mobile Unit contains space and technical capabilities for tactical planning for coordinating services in case of a large-scale event or emergency. The Mobile Unit's emergency response component includes radio, telephone, satellite, and video recording of the emergency scene as a part of the command center functions. In fiscal year 2013 it was used for medical support and incident command by Mdewakanton Public Safety in coordination with other service providers for events such as the Lakefront Music Fest, the American Diabetes Association's Metro Walk, the Twin Cities Marathon, and others.



# Scott County Public Health Deployments

Through a collaboration between the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the Scott County Public Health Department, adult and child health screening, preventative health care, health information, and assistance with connecting to ongoing health care and other local resources are provided aboard the SMSC Mobile Unit. Services are brought directly to those in need by having the clinic deploy to three different locations in Scott County identified as having a large population of uninsured and underinsured residents. This collaboration provides access to healthcare, health education, and outreach for services to residents of all ages, cultures, ethnic groups, and languages. Mobile clinics are held in Scott County at the Savage Public Library, the Russian Evangelical Baptist Church in Shakopee, and in Jordan.

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# **Partnerships**

The SMSC enters partnerships with local entities when it is to the benefit of both parties and meets goals that the SMSC tribal members and Business Council have set.

#### A Winning Combination: Mystic Lake and Canterbury Park\_

The ten-year cooperative marketing agreement between Canterbury Park Holding Corporation and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community announced June 12, 2012, has indeed been "A Winning Combination." Both Canterbury and the SMSC Gaming Enterprise are pleased with the partnership which 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 ten-year agreement.

In 2013 Canterbury Park's 69-day racing season was the longest since 2006, concluding with gains in average handle and attendance. Off-track wagering dollars bet on Canterbury races at other tracks and through internet sites, increased by 46.7 percent while average daily ontrack wagering was up 4.8 percent. Average daily attendance was 6,656, a Canterbury record.

> According to Canterbury's CEO Randy Sampson, Canterbury was successful in improving the quality of their racing product by attracting new stables and more horses. Canterbury also increased their national exposure and wagering handle. For the first time Canterbury's 1,600 stalls were filled by racehors

es, and purses were more than double what they were in 2011 due to the joint purse enhancement agreement with the SMSC. A record \$12,453,268 in purse money was paid during the 2013 season.

SMSC Gaming Enterprise Vice-President of Marketing Kelley Thomes Ries declared, "The partnership is going well for both us and Canterbury. It's led to a revitalization in the equine industry in Minnesota with many more new foals being born. Mystic Lake signage, including the in-field Tote Board, was installed in 2013, and the Red Trolley made many runs between Canterbury Park and Mystic Lake. The year 2013 was an exciting year for all of us, and we look forward to 2014."

The Indian Horse Relay was added to complete the season and was helpful in drawing an enthusiastic crowd during the final weekend of live racing. This exciting, daring display of showmanship featured American Indian bareback riders in regalia mounting and remounting quickly and dramatically as they raced around the track.

#### St. Francis Regional Medical Center\_

A longstanding relationship between the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and St. Francis Regional Medical Center of Shakopee, Minnesota, was formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in May 2012. The MOU establishes a working partnership, called Witaya Care, to improve the health and wellness of SMSC members. The goal is to foster an environment that brings together the strengths, resources, and expertise of each entity to actively improve the care and services provided by both.

#### 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 May 2009, is a combined heat and power plant which generates electricity and heat utilizing agricultural byproducts and grown energy crops. Koda Energy, an environmentally friendly energy project, is considerably cleaner than a coal plant. This biomass energy generation project provides energy for Koda Energy and Rahr Malting, with excess sold to Xcel Energy. The project gets its name from the word "Koda" which means "friend" in the Dakota Language.

#### **University of Minnesota**

The University of Minnesota and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community have worked together on several important projects, most notably on the SMSC Endowed Scholarship at the University which has provided scholarships to 151 students to date; the Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza; and TCF Bank Stadium. Grants totaling \$14.5 million supported these projects. SMSC members and Marketing Department staff worked with the University on the content and design of the Plaza. Representatives of the SMSC helped create the guidelines for the scholarship and continue to sit on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

The SMSC has also donated more than \$100,000 to the University of Minnesota Cancer Center and another \$96,435 to support other programs, research, and scholarships, such as \$20,000 in grants to the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry for scholarships and \$10,000 for an epilepsy study.

# **Good Employer**

A small, federally recognized tribe responsible for providing services for its members, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is the largest employer in Scott County. The SMSC provides jobs with good benefits for 4,147 employees. Employees work at various enterprises and directly for the tribal government. Enterprises include:

**SMSC Gaming Enterprise** (Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Little Six Casino) The Meadows at Mystic Lake 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 **Organics Recycling Facility** Mazopiya Mdewakanton Wozupi



wakanton Sioux Community Gaming ployees receive are: Enterprise was named one of the Blue Cross Medical Plan Top Workplaces in the state based on employee surveys completed and submitted in response to a Star Tribune project. At the SMSC Gaming Enterprise in 2013, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Little Six Casino team members participated in two workplace surveys, and the Gaming Enterprise was recognized as a top place to work in both surveys:

- Minneapolis Star Tribune Top Work places 2013 program named the Gaming Enterprise a National Standard Setter.
- Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's 2013 Best Places to Work named the Gaming Enterprise one of the best places to work in the Twin Cities 13-county metropolitan area—placing it fourth in the large employer category.

Delta Dental Plan

Flexible Spending Accounts/Health Savings

Basic Term Life Insurance

Supplemental Term Life Insurance

Short and Long Term Disability Insurance

**SMSC Clinics and Health Services** 

**Employee Assistance Program** 

**Children and Family Services** 

Personal Time Off (PTO)

Paid Bereavement Leave

Paid Jury Duty Leave

401(k) Retirement Plan

Playworks Discount

Dakotah! Sport and Fitness Discount

Additional Employee Discounts

Mazopiya Discount

Onsite Health and Wellness Programs

Millions of dollars are pumped into the area's economy each year as a result of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's successful enterpris-

employment opportunities for Indian people and thousands of non-Indian people from the surrounding area.

The SMSC is a powerful economic influence in the areas of employment, vendor purchases, construction, and voluntary payments to other governments. For example, more than \$154.5 million is made in payments to vendors annually for goods and services, with 172 of those vendors based in Scott County. In addition, the annual payroll is \$162.1 million for tribal enterprises and the tribal government, and \$32.9 million is spent in annual benefits for employees. Total construction spending since 1990 is more than \$781.6 million.

The tribe's economic growth has also spurred growth in the communities surrounding the reservation, boosting growth in the housing market and provided economic growth to local mer-

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The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donated \$27,916,775 in Fiscal Year 2013.