

2018

DONATION REPORT

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY





A NOTE FROM THE

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY BUSINESS COUNCIL

Dear Friends and Relatives,

Through times of hardship and times of prosperity, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) has honored the Dakota tradition of helping others by donating time, money, and other resources each year to a variety of worthy causes.

Over the last 25 years, our tribe has given more than \$350 million to Native American and non-Native American organizations, nonprofits, health care facilities, and local governments—both in our home state of Minnesota and across the country. This tradition of giving defines our people, the Mdewakanton Dakota, and we feel fortunate to be able to count ourselves among the top charitable givers in Minnesota and Indian Country as a whole.

The SMSC's commitment to giving would not be possible without the full-fledged support of our tribal members, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks for their unwavering dedication to helping others live a better life now and for generations to come.

In fiscal year 2018 alone, we provided \$18 million in donations for education, youth programming, health care programs, legal aid, community development and infrastructure, women's health, arts and culture, local communities, environmental protection, and many more worthwhile causes and enterprises.

Each and every donation carries with it a story. While this report barely scratches the surface of the many worthy causes backed by SMSC funding, we are honored to highlight within these pages a handful of the remarkable organizations, nonprofits, and other donation recipients from the past year, along with the meaningful endeavors they pursue.

Whether it be providing medical care to families in need, defending the rights of Native American tribes, organizations, and individuals, or empowering underprivileged youth through education, this year's donation recipients are making impactful, life-changing differences in the lives of so many deserving groups, families, and individuals. We are humbled and inspired by their work, and we hope that the stories within this report will inspire you as well.

Pidaunyanpi (We thank you).

SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig

SMSC Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson

SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton

FISCAL YEAR 2018 TOTAL: \$18,000,000

DONATIONS CHOSEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY

To help guide the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's charitable giving efforts, several Community Members have dedicated countless hours to the Dakota tradition of *wo'okiye*—helpfulness. These Members gather monthly at Sharing Resources Work Group meetings to review the many donation requests that the SMSC receives throughout the year and provide giving recommendations to the SMSC Business Council.

Established in 2012, the Sharing Resources Work Group has played a critical role in setting the guidelines of the SMSC's donation selection process to align with Mdewakanton Dakota values. Through their work, the SMSC continues to plan seven generations ahead and stay true to its mission of being a good neighbor, good employer, and good steward of the earth.



THE SHARING RESOURCES WORK GROUP

(From left to right) Shannon Prescott, Cherie Crooks, Work Group Leader Allene Ross, SMSC Donation Coordinator and Work Group Facilitator Deborah Peterson, Jennifer Brewer, and David Bryant.

Not pictured: Karen Anderson, Selena Mendolia, and Desiree Prescott.

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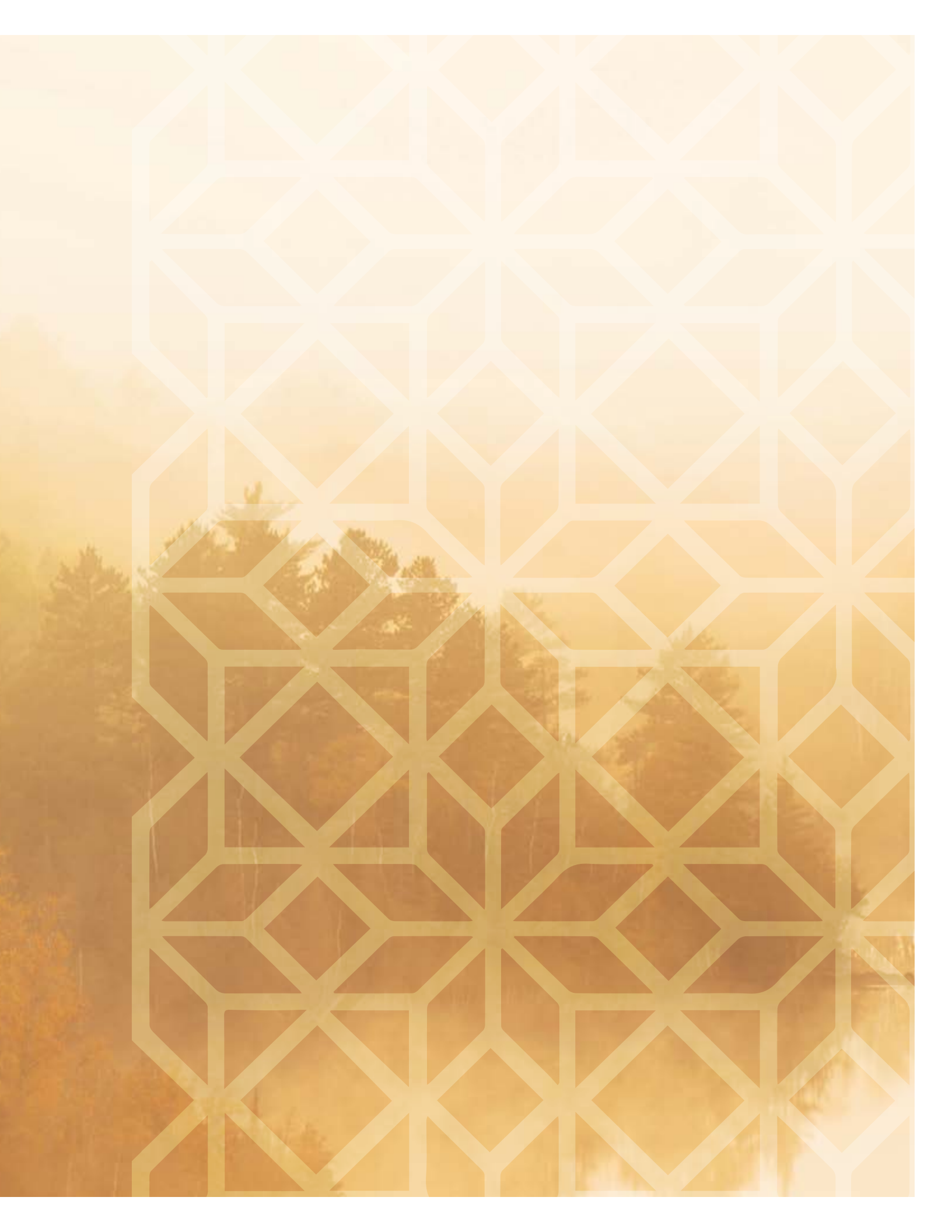


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EDUCATION & YOUTH DONATIONS

Creating opportunities for the next seven generations

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A NEW HOME FOR NATIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



MIGIZI COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

150,000

Focused on developing the skills of Native American youth so they can become self-determined, financially independent adults, MIGIZI Communications, Inc., is an education and communication nonprofit in Minneapolis that opened in the 1980s. Since then, the organization has provided countless opportunities for many of Minnesota's underprivileged Native youth. To help MIGIZI continue to do its life-changing work, the SMSC donated \$150,000 in fiscal year 2018 to assist the organization with the purchase and remodel of its future home.

The new building will allow MIGIZI to expand its programming to provide youth with more experiences and opportunities for development using state-of-the-art technology. Working with a local Indigenous architect, MIGIZI conducted design charrettes with MIGIZI programming, staff, board members, and youth to create an educational space that will respond to and provide for the needs of the Native American community. The new space will allow MIGIZI to continue to address the poverty conditions that have impacted generations of Native people, and make for a brighter future for the Native youth of Minnesota and beyond.

HEAD START FACILITY TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY RELEVANT EDUCATION

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

\$250,000

To provide the community's youth with adequate education, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is building a new head start facility. The new building, which will be funded in part by a \$250,000 grant from the SMSC in fiscal year 2018 (with an additional \$250,000 committed for fiscal year 2019), will be located on Bad River land in northern Wisconsin.

The head start facility will provide a safe and comfortable environment for the tribe's youth to receive high-quality, culturally relevant education. A large upgrade from the current setup of four pre-fabricated trailers that has been serving the community for 25 years, the new 8,964-square-foot facility will serve dozens of the community's children ages 3-5. Featuring four classrooms, a kitchen, and a large motor skills room, the building's design will incorporate reflections of Anishinaabe culture.

PASSENGER VAN MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT TRIBAL COLLEGE

LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE

\$42,000

To better serve current and prospective students, the Leech Lake Tribal College recently recognized the need for school transportation vehicles. Located in northern Minnesota, the school currently rents vehicles from outside sources or must depend on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for transportation. In fiscal year 2018, the SMSC donated \$42,000 to the college for a new 15-passenger van.

The Leech Lake Tribal College plans to use the van for field trips, student conferences, regional career fairs, STEM camps, sporting events, and much more. Many of these trips allow students the opportunity to apply what they've learned in the classroom in the real world. For

example, the school takes trips to nearby bodies of water to test water quality and harvest wild rice. In the past, the college has been limited in hosting these trips due to a lack of available transportation, but the new van will allow students to be exposed to a wide array of events that can positively impact their futures.

To help the college recruit new students, the van will also be used for upcoming STEM and culture-based summer camps for high school students. These camps will include trips to local historical sites and lakes—and will hopefully encourage students to attend the college in the future.

YOUTH GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE THROUGH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART

\$10,000

Over the years, the SMSC has supported Native American programming offered by the Minneapolis Institute of Art. In fiscal year 2018, the SMSC provided a \$10,000 grant for the museum's Native American Fellowship Program. The program provides unique opportunities for Native youth to work alongside museum professionals.

The Native American Fellowship Program gives youth the chance to interpret and present the museum's Native American objects and art. The program engages many Native youth and offers hands-on experiences in museum management that can help enhance their professional skills. Through the program, the Minneapolis Institute of Art plans to consult Native youth to learn more about their interpretations of Native American art. They also hope to learn more about Native culture and tradition.

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS THROUGH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

\$50,000

After the Boys and Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation in Montana received word that its building would be demolished for road expansion, the organization was in need of a new location. A local furniture store offered its old building at a discounted price, but the location needed to undergo an extensive renovation before the club could take over. To help with renovation costs, the SMSC provided the Boys and Girls Club a \$50,000 matching grant in 2018.

Since 1999, the Boys and Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation has worked to engage youth and push them to reach their full potential. Its new location will serve the area's youth ages 6-18. With more than 60 percent of those served being Native and 22 percent of the population in Lake County living below the poverty level, the need for the Boys and Girls Club's presence is stronger than ever.

The renovated building will include the same amenities as the past location but will add a teen center, expanded youth center, large outdoor recreation area, and complete commercial kitchen. Through the new facility, the Boys and Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation will have the capacity to encourage, challenge, and teach the 110-140 youth who attend each day.



YOUTH HOUSING SUPPORTS PROMISING FUTURES



AIN DAH YUNG CENTER

\$100,000

In the early 1980s, the Ain Dah Yung Center was established to help the many Native American youth who were either homeless or living in homes that were negatively affecting their ability to succeed in school. Since then, the shelter has provided culturally relevant programming and services to Minnesota youth in need. This year, the SMSC committed \$100,000 to the organization's newest project—permanent supportive housing for homeless youth.

Recognizing the real needs of Native youth, the Ain Dah Yung Center intends to assist many youth who are homeless or in foster care with finding permanent housing. The new housing facility will include 42 efficiency apartments, gathering spaces, and kitchens on each floor. The new building will give youth a place to feel safe, learn, and grow—providing them with the tools for a promising future.

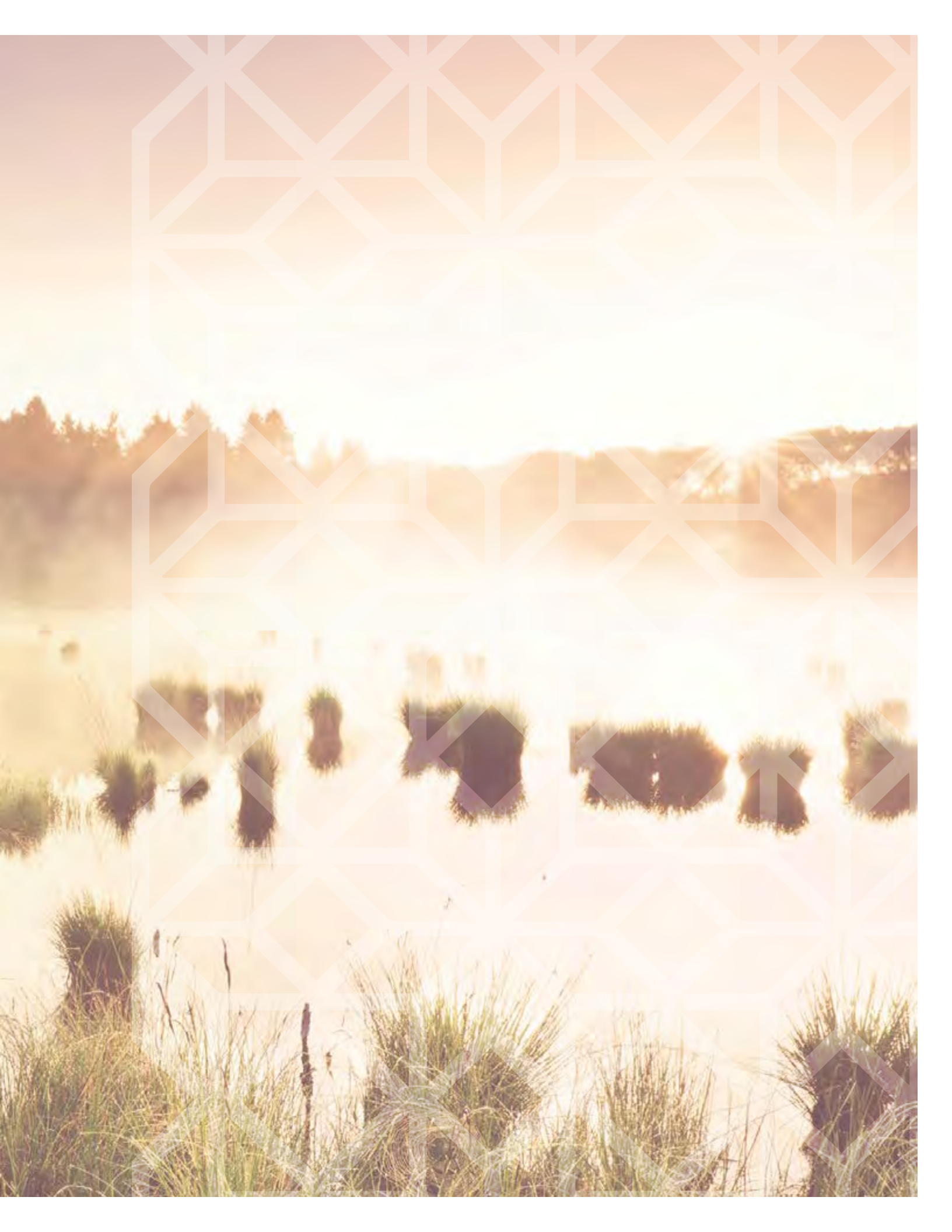


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HEALTH DONATIONS

Providing quality health care services for all

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY



DONATION PROVIDES DENTAL CARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR OKLAHOMA TRIBE

IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

\$150,000

Dental health can be intimately related to a patient's overall health, and equipment can make a major difference in a provider's ability to treat a patient in a timely and effective manner. For the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, dental care has been offered for nearly two decades, but long wait times and outside referrals have become common occurrences at the Perkins Family Clinic on the reservation.

With just over 800 members to serve, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma hopes to provide dental care that rivals or exceeds private practice. The Perkins Family Clinic provides both preventative and restorative dental services, but the need for expansion and innovation has become much clearer over the past few years.

When the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma expressed its need for new equipment, software, and expansion, the SMSC answered the call with a donation of \$150,000. The money will be used to purchase a dental crown scanner and milling machine—reducing outside referrals, which resulted in more than 80 patients in 2017 experiencing wait times of up to eight months. The Perkins Family Clinic will also purchase electronic dental record software and add a fourth dental space to the clinic to improve the clinic's quality and timeliness.



GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES MONEY FOR A CURE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION

\$25,000

To help find a cure for diabetes—which disproportionately affects the Native American population—the University of Minnesota Foundation hosted its 22nd Annual Jeff Passolt Golf Classic “Fore” Diabetes Research in June 2018. With 100 percent of the tournament's net proceeds given to the Schulze Diabetes Institute at the University of Minnesota, the SMSC contributed to the event for the fourth straight year, donating \$25,000 in fiscal year 2018.

Since the inaugural tournament 22 years ago, more than \$7 million has been raised toward diabetes research at the University of Minnesota. Through these funds, the Schulze Diabetes Institute has continued to make critical advancements toward eventually ending the pain and suffering for those who live with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. This year's event raised nearly \$250,000, and the money will be used to advance the immunology research for transplanting pig islets cells.

FUNDRAISER SPONSORED FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



GILLETTE CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE

\$10,000

Bringing smiles to the faces of those who need it most has been the mission of Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare for more than 120 years. As a children's hospital in Minnesota, Gillette's provides medical services and other help to children with complex medical conditions and disabilities. To help host one of the hospital's most successful annual fundraisers, the SMSC donated \$10,000 in fiscal year 2018.

The SMSC-sponsored fundraiser, the Mauer and Friends Kids Classic, featured on-field activities for patients and their families at the home of the Minnesota Twins, Target Field. The event also included a luncheon with the athletes and coaches, game tickets, and a Joe Mauer memorabilia package. But above all else, the event did what Gillette's does best—brought smiles to the faces of patients and their families.

NEW VEHICLE TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE



AMERICAN RED CROSS TWIN CITIES AREA

\$75,000

When disaster strikes, the American Red Cross is on the forefront of emergency response. For more than a century, the American Red Cross has been dedicated to preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies—and this has been done through the power of mobilized volunteers. To help the American Red Cross Twin Cities Area continue to do this important work, the SMSC donated a \$75,000 matching grant in fiscal year 2018 for a new emergency response vehicle.

Each year, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters, including nearly 3,000 in Minnesota in 2016 alone. Volunteers responding to these events help set up shelters, provide meals for those affected, and deliver relief supplies. All of this work can be done at a moment's notice because of the organization's emergency response vehicles. It's important for the volunteers of the American Red Cross to have access to safe, reliable vehicles, and most of the American Red Cross Twin Cities Area's vehicles are 15 years old or older. The SMSC's donation will help the organization purchase updated, life-changing transportation that will help the organization respond to disasters effectively.

64,000 emergencies responded to annually

3,000 Minnesota emergencies responded to annually

RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT ENHANCES TRIBAL HEALTH CARE

ST. CROIX CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

\$250,000

The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin strives to promote health and human services access for its tribal members to reduce health disparities, and diagnostic tools, like X-rays and ultrasound equipment, can help the tribe's clinic meet 70 to 80 percent of clinical diagnostic needs. In fiscal year 2018, the SMSC donated \$250,000 to help the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin purchase this equipment.

With an increasing patient population—from 13,252 in 2012 to 42,348 in 2016—the current absence of radiology equipment increases the risk of misdiagnoses, treatment delays, and negative health care outcomes. According to the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, the tribe missed early intervention for approximately 15 percent of the patient population, resulting in 450 people a year being inconvenienced with transportation, travel time, and insurance costs at outside clinics.

In the past, it was not uncommon to hear, “Why should I even bother going to the clinic if they’re going to refer me out?” The SMSC’s donation will help the tribe purchase X-ray and ultrasound diagnostic equipment that will help treat patients in-house and result in early detection of symptoms that, when missed, can lead to chronic conditions or tertiary response.

BY THE NUMBERS

Over 300%
more patients than in 2012

30%
seek health services
through urgent care only

70%
practice preventative
and tertiary care

100%
have not received X-ray and
ultrasound diagnostics on-site

EQUIPMENT DONATED TO FIRST RESPONDERS



BEARVILLE FIRST RESPONDERS / NORTHEAST ITASCA RESCUE

\$1,000

In an emergency, quick and effective response is crucial. The Bearville First Responders/Northeast Itasca Rescue is a volunteer organization that serves more than 500 individuals over 282 square miles in northern Minnesota. The SMSC donated \$1,000 in fiscal year 2018 to help the organization purchase equipment and gear.

This donation will equip the first responder volunteers to care for patients while they wait for the ambulance to arrive, which can take 25 minutes or more in northern Minnesota. The new equipment and gear will also help the organization with training needs.

VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD RECEIVES EQUIPMENT POUCHES



ST. LOUIS COUNTY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

\$2,000

Easily accessible equipment can make a significant difference when conducting a search and rescue mission. The St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad in Minnesota recognized a need for equipment harnesses that can assist with equipment management. Each of the organization's 70 volunteers carries a search pack, medical supplies, a GPS device, food and water, and weather-appropriate clothing. To keep all of this equipment together when conducting search and rescue missions on difficult terrain or in severe weather conditions, the SMSC donated \$2,000 for equipment pouches.

The St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad operates in northern Minnesota in the largest county east of the Mississippi River, covering more than 7,200 square miles. The all-volunteer organization conducts search and rescue missions on land, does water rescue and recovery on all waterways including Lake Superior, and responds to medical emergencies for nearby unorganized townships. The SMSC's donation will help these volunteers keep their job tools organized more efficiently.

ENCOURAGING FAMILY HEALTH CARE ENGAGEMENT

THE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN'S MINNESOTA

\$10,000

Health care goes beyond clinical needs, and Children's Minnesota works tirelessly to address the external factors that impact health outcomes through its Community Connect program. The program uses communication and engagement to help patients and their families achieve better outcomes. To aid in these efforts, the SMSC donated \$10,000 in fiscal year 2018.

Because 80 percent of health outcomes can be attributed to out-of-clinic factors, especially when addressing health disparities in Native American populations and children of color, Community Connect is Children's Minnesota's way of working with the more than 100,000 children that it serves annually.

Children's Minnesota is committed to improving health through high-quality, family-centered care, and this program is one of the ways the nonprofit is working to get more families involved in their child's health care. The SMSC's donation will support listening circles within the community, create a community advisory committee to compile diverse feedback, and implement surveys to capture family experiences with Community Connect.

BREAKDOWN OF
HEALTH OUTCOMES

20%

attributed to clinical care

80%

attributed to broader
complex factors, such as:

- Access to nutritious food
- Adequate housing
- Safe places to play
- Personal security
- Quality education
- Social support services

SUCCESSFUL CLINIC LEADS TO LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

\$300,000

Since its completion in 2016, the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians' health care clinic's success and patient growth has helped the clinic exceed its financial expectations, resulting in the tribe's plan to expand its health care beyond the needs of the tribe. The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians plans to open a satellite health facility in the nearby town of Eagle River, Wisconsin, located 25 miles away.

With the help of a \$300,000 donation from the SMSC, the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians will purchase a new facility in the heart of Eagle River. The SMSC's donation will help the tribe renovate the building and purchase medical equipment and furniture. Investing in a satellite health clinic will be a sustainable increase in revenue for decades, providing for the people of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians for generations to come.

GROWING THE NATIVE AMERICAN MOVEMENT FOR IMPROVED DIETARY HEALTH AND FOOD ACCESS



SEEDS OF NATIVE HEALTH

\$2.5 million

Indian Country has been facing a dietary health crisis. Poor nutrition is a leading factor in why Native Americans have the worst health disparities of any group in the United States. Many practitioners, researchers and advocates have recognized this problem and are working to improve nutrition and restore healthful diets.

The SMSC's Seeds of Native Health campaign supports these efforts and encourages broader strategies to improve Native American nutrition now and into the future. Since launching this \$10 million campaign in 2015, the SMSC has worked to raise public awareness about this health crisis; supported grassroots food sovereignty efforts through grantmaking; and funded new programs and research projects.

Last year, the SMSC helped lead the Native Farm Bill Coalition (with more than 170 member tribes and allied organizations) to achieve historic levels of Native inclusion in the 2018 Farm Bill. The tribe also hosted a statewide convening to lay the groundwork for improved early childhood development and nutrition for Minnesota's Native youth. In an effort to bring together academic and Indigenous knowledge, the SMSC and its organizing partner, the University of Minnesota, convened hundreds of Indigenous leaders, researchers, and practitioners to exchange the latest developments in Native nutrition and food sciences at the Third Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition. The SMSC's work continues to sustain and enlarge the growing movement of nutritional self-reliance and re-Indigenized food systems in Indian Country.

“Our children are our future. While Native communities have been incredibly resilient in the face of great adversity, there is much more that needs to be done to give our children the best opportunities to succeed.”

-CHARLES R. VIG,
SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX
COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN





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LEGAL DONATIONS

Defending the rights of Native people and Grandmother Earth

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY



RECLAIMING ANCESTRAL LANDS



PUEBLO OF JEMEZ

\$75,000

Located approximately 60 miles northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Pueblo of Jemez is a sovereign nation that has worked for years to preserve and maintain its traditions, culture, religion, and language. Most recently, the tribe has been fighting to reclaim 100,000 acres of ancestral land held by the U.S. National Park Service. Known as the Valles Caldera National Preserve, the land represents an integral part of the Pueblo of Jemez's religious and cultural practices, and is one of the last unextinguished Indian title claims in the country. To assist the tribe in reclaiming its sacred land, the SMSC gave a \$75,000 donation to help in the challenging litigation to restore the property to the Pueblo of Jemez.

“This litigation will not just assert our unextinguished aboriginal Pueblo title to an area of critical cultural and religious importance to us. It will potentially also revitalize the doctrine of aboriginal Indian title. Any level of success in this case will be very helpful to other tribes seeking to recover ancestral lands.”

-THE PUEBLO OF JEMEZ

PROTECTING LOCAL LANDS AND WATERS

MINNESOTA LAND TRUST

\$25,000

“Thanks to donors like [the SMSC], wildlife across the state—from black bears up north to bald eagles in the southeast—have more protected places to call home,” said Kris Larson, executive director of the Minnesota Land Trust, in response to a \$25,000 donation from the SMSC. This support—a reminder of the tribe’s commitment to being a good steward of the earth—will help the Minnesota Land Trust work toward its objectives of strategic land preservation and restoration of one of the state’s greatest assets—its natural landscapes and habitat. Through the organization’s Forever Minnesota campaign, Minnesotans will be able to enjoy clean water, abundant wildlife, and places to play outside for generations to come.

DEFENDING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF NATIVE PEOPLES

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND

\$200,000

As the oldest and largest nonprofit law firm dedicated to defending the rights of Native American tribes, organizations, and individuals, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has long played a vital role in the strength and sovereignty of Native nations. With a \$200,000 grant from the SMSC in fiscal year 2018, NARF will be able to continue its ever-important efforts in asserting the rights of Native American peoples that might not otherwise have access to legal services.

“Sovereignty is not free. NARF is a nonprofit organization that survives financially on the donations and contributions of philanthropic groups and on the generosity of tribes and individuals,” said John E. Echohawk, executive director of NARF. “Without the generous support from tribes like [the SMSC], NARF’s achievements for Indian Country would have never been possible.”

NARF’S FIVE PRIORITIES

- [1] Preserving tribal existence
- [2] Protecting tribal natural resources
- [3] Promoting Native American human rights
- [4] Holding governments accountable to Native Americans
- [5] Developing Indian law and educating the public about Indian rights, laws, and issues

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT LAW CENTER

\$20,000

Communities derive their strength from the families that form their core. But all too often, Native American communities face challenges in the form of dysfunction, abuse, and instability, brought about by the collective, intergenerational trauma experienced as a people. With a mission to strengthen, preserve, and reunite Native families, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Law Center is an invaluable resource to those affected by the child welfare system. In support of this continued legal advocacy, the SMSC provided the ICWA Law Center with a \$20,000 donation in fiscal year 2018.

“Advocating on behalf of Indian families, the ICWA Law Center collaborates with tribal representatives and community providers who are equipped to solidify the families’ strengths and appropriately address their needs. Throughout representation, the ICWA Law Center works to ensure Indian families are protected and their needs are appropriately assessed and best met. [The SMSC’s] support is significant in making our work possible.”

-SHANNON SMITH,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ICWA LAW CENTER

OVER THE LAST 23 YEARS, THE ICWA LAW CENTER:

- Provided legal services to more than 5,100 Native American families
- Participated in more than 10 significant appellate court decisions involving ICWA
- Provided case management services to the families of 3,200 Native American children
- Trained judges, attorneys, tribal workers, and others on ICWA

BOLSTERING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STATES AND TRIBES



NATIONAL CAUCUS OF NATIVE AMERICAN STATE LEGISLATORS

\$5,000

The SMSC granted \$5,000 to the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL) to enable members to attend the caucus' annual meeting in Los Angeles. This conference not only provides an opportunity to educate legislators about issues important to Native nations but it also allows Native American

state legislators to build impactful relationships with other state and tribal leaders. Since most state legislators have limited funds to attend such important meetings, sponsorships like those from the SMSC make their attendance possible, helping to ensure the voices of Indian Country are heard.

BY THE NUMBERS

129
policy sessions

393
speakers

212
exhibiting
organizations

5,091
attendees

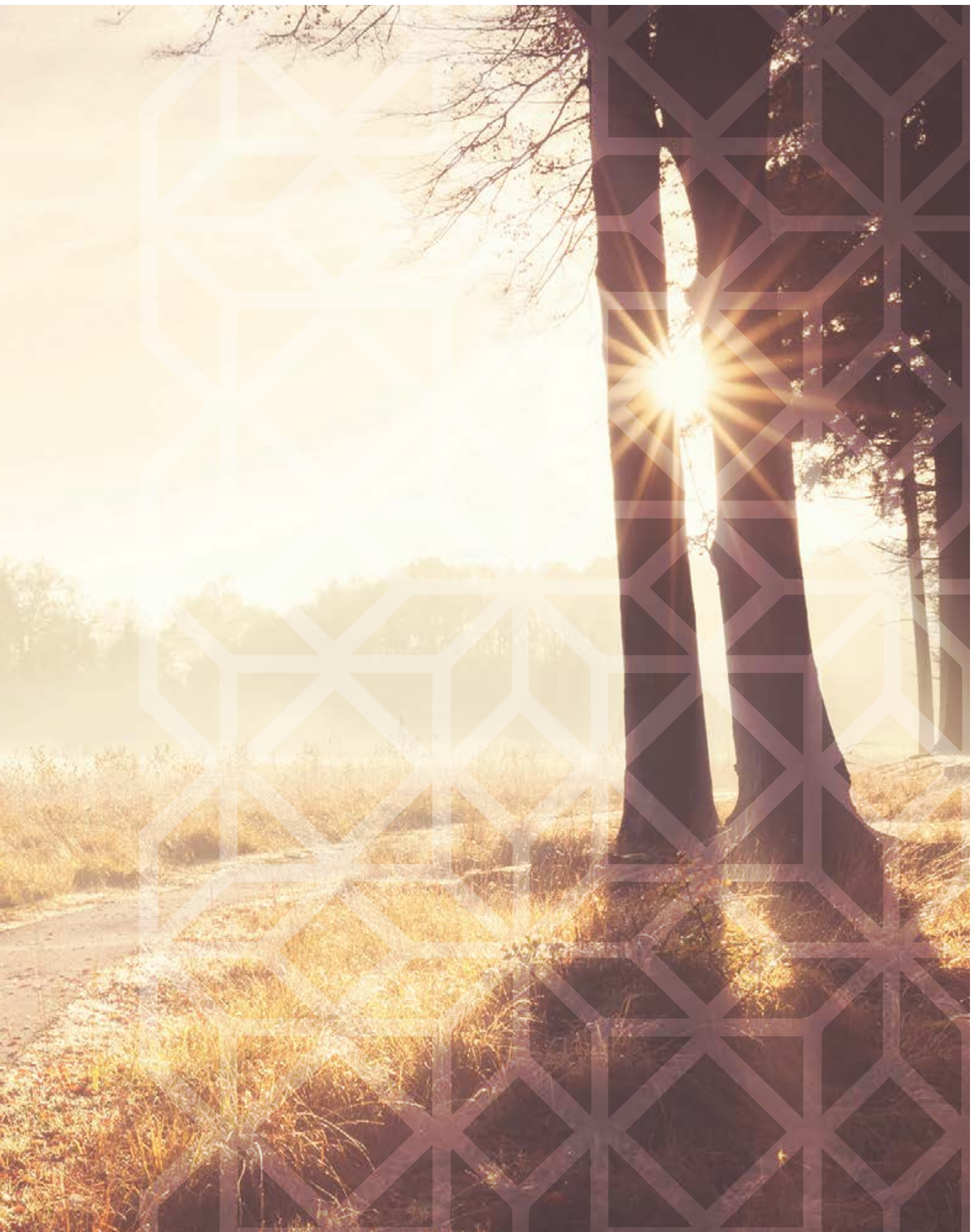


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LOCAL DONATIONS

Building a better community for all

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY



LOCAL ORGANIZATION HELPS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON SOUTH OF THE RIVER

\$400

For the eighth year in a row, the SMSC contributed to the work of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon South of the River in Scott County, the tribe's home county. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's annual Fall Golf Classic is a fundraiser to support enlisted service members, veterans, and their families by providing them with needed assistance, such as counseling, home maintenance, donations, and other resources. The SMSC's \$400 silver sponsorship of the golf tournament helped Beyond the Yellow Ribbon South of the River raise funds toward the organization's efforts. The Fall Golf Classic was held in September 2018 at Stonebrooke Golf Club in Shakopee, Minnesota.

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON MISSION STATEMENT HONOR, SERVE, SUPPORT

- Sponsor events to recognize and honor military members, veterans, and their families
- Send care packages to troops
- Greet service members when they return home from deployment
- Provide volunteers for specific needs of families during a deployment, such as snow removal, leaf raking, and home repairs and maintenance
- Connect service members and veterans with organizations that offer programs and assistance related to support groups, medical communities, prayer and emotional support, and more

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT HELPS LOCAL WOMEN'S SHELTER

360 COMMUNITIES

\$1,000

Through a silver sponsorship of \$1,000, the SMSC showed support for the 25th Annual Lewis House Charity Golf Tournament in summer 2018 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Lakeville, Minnesota, just 10 miles west of the tribe's reservation. The tournament hosted more than 250 golfers and raised a total of \$54,000 for the Lewis House, a safe haven for domestic and sexual violence survivors.

The money will support 360 Communities' violence prevention and intervention work. In 2017, more than 3,000 women and children benefitted from the refuge and resources offered at the Lewis House. Over the last 25 years, the Lewis House Charity Golf Tournament has raised more than \$778,000 toward helping women and children in need.

COMPETITION SUPPORTS BUSINESS INNOVATION IN SCOTT COUNTY



SCOTT COUNTY'S FIRST STOP SHOP/ TECHNOLOGY VILLAGE

\$1,000

Located in the southwest metro area of the Twin Cities, Scott County is one of the fastest growing counties in Minnesota. The First Stop Shop was created as a shared resource to enhance economic development throughout the entire county. In October 2018, the SMSC donated a copper sponsorship of \$1,000 to the organization's FAST-TRACK Challenge, a unique event to assist entrepreneurs and put their business ideas on the fast track to success, creating jobs and enhancing economic development in Scott County. The challenge was coordinated by Scott County's First Stop Shop and Technology Village in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

PARTICIPATION IN THE FAST-TRACK COMPETITION PROVIDES THE WINNING BUSINESS WITH ACCESS TO TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO HELP MOVE THEIR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL, ALONG WITH THESE BENEFITS:

- Cash prizes and professional services packages
- Mentorship opportunities with experienced industry leaders
- Access to business and financial planning resources
- Access to Class A shared office space and meeting facilities
- Networking opportunities with other business entrepreneurs
- Media exposure

SMSC HELPS PRIOR LAKE FOOTBALL TEAMS SCORE BIG

PRIOR LAKE FOOTBALL TOUCHDOWN CLUB \$500

After winning the 2017 6A District Championship and making it to the state tournament, the Prior Lake football team got right down to business in 2018. A renewed \$500 navy sponsorship from the SMSC helped the Prior Lake Football Touchdown Club continue to support the varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman football teams at Prior Lake High School. The program provides leadership scholarship opportunities and encourages all players to commit to “Livin’ Right,” a philosophy that promotes a positive, healthy, and chemical-free lifestyle.

PRIOR LAKE FOOTBALL PROGRAM MISSION

The Prior Lake Football Program is committed to setting “A Standard of Excellence” within its players and all others associated with the program. This is a program of principle and will focus on instilling positive growth characteristics into our players such as teamwork, character, integrity, discipline, and work ethic that will show on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.



HIGH SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM PARTICIPATES IN MINNESOTA RACES

SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM \$500

One of the fastest growing mountain bike teams in Minnesota, the Shakopee High School Mountain Bike Team has nearly quadrupled in size since its beginning in 2015. The volunteer-run organization provides students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to be a part of a team, while learning the ins and outs of mountain biking and racing. In summer 2018, the tribe became a gold sponsor of the Shakopee High School Mountain Bike Team and donated \$500 to the organization. Sponsorship funds are used for coach training, team clothing, equipment for races, rider scholarships, and loaner bikes for underprivileged riders. The team participates in the Minnesota High School Cycling League as a fall club sport during September and October.

SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM RACES IN MINNESOTA

- Schindler’s Way Trail (Austin)
- Gamehaven (Rochester)
- Welch Village (Welch)
- Spirit Mountain (Duluth)
- State Championship at Mount Kato (Mankato)

LOCAL LACROSSE ORGANIZATION BRINGS THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS TO COMMUNITY

PRIOR LAKE ATHLETICS FOR YOUTH (PLAY) LACROSSE

\$500

Sports spectating is not only a great way for families to support their loved ones on the field, but it also provides an opportunity to build camaraderie in a community, which is the goal of the Prior Lake Athletics for Youth (PLAY) Lacrosse organization. In spring 2018, PLAY Lacrosse sought donations to help pay for costs associated with its annual summer tournament that draws nearly 2,000 players and more than 3,000 spectators.

For the past several years, the SMSC has contributed to PLAY Lacrosse in its neighboring community of Prior Lake, and in June 2018, the tribe again donated \$500 to the organization's 11th annual lacrosse tournament. The donation was used to pay for two utility vehicles to transport spectators around the tournament that might have difficulty walking on the fields, such as elderly or handicap guests.



THE SMSC SUPPORTS ITS HOME COUNTY FAIR

SCOTT COUNTY FAIR

\$15,000

Long before the Scott County Fair was known by its modern name, residents knew it as the Scott County Agricultural Fair. As the name suggests, the fair featured agriculture and livestock displays, hosted in various buildings. Bearing true to its roots for three generations, the fair still offers agricultural exhibits, competitions, and entertainment, along with a variety of food, to thousands of people—young and old—in a festive, friendly environment. For several years, the SMSC has donated its time and services to the Scott County Fair, including emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and equipment.

In July 2018, EMS staff from Mdwakanton Public Safety once again donated their time for the duration of the fair, and the department's ambulance and firetruck were on-hand in the event of an emergency. The SMSC also paid for sponsorships totaling \$15,000, including the Shorthorn Show, the Lumberjack Show, and People Movers (on-site transportation for fairgoers). In addition, a pallet of custom-labeled water from SMSC Water Bottling was donated to the Scott County Fair.

SMALL COMMUNITY HAS LARGE LOVE FOR THE GAME

NEW PRAGUE BLUE LINE CLUB

\$500

New Prague, a small town (roughly 20 miles south of the SMSC) with a big love of hockey, held a fundraising golf tournament to help offset some of the costs for hockey parents in their community. In tune with being a good neighbor, the SMSC donated \$500 toward the golf tournament in summer 2018 to help support the New Prague High School hockey team.

“We take pride that we can help kids play sports even if their family’s financial situation does not allow it. We rely on fundraisers to support our family hardship program to help offset the costs for equipment that will keep our kids safe.”

-CHRIS SELLNER,
NEW PRAGUE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SMSC DONATION ALLOWS PARISH TO PURCHASE LIFESAVING DEVICE

SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH OF SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP

\$2,000

Emergencies often strike with little to no notice, and without the proper equipment, the end result can be tragic. Serving more than 65 families on a weekly basis, a congregation in Prior Lake, Minnesota, requested help from the SMSC to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) to be kept on-site in the event of an emergency. In August 2018, the SMSC responded to Saint Catherine’s request with a \$2,000 donation, the approximate cost of an AED device. The parish of Saint Catherine Church of Spring Lake Township has existed for more than 125 years in Prior Lake, just down the road from the SMSC.



HELPING PRESERVE LOCAL HISTORY

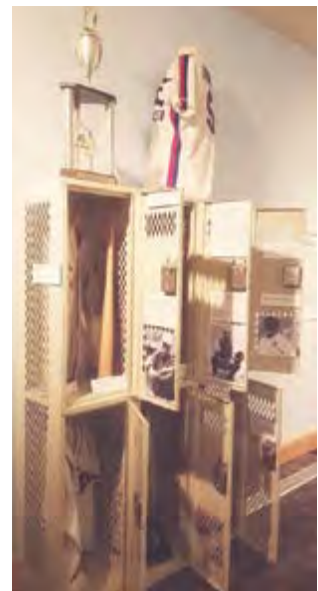


SCOTT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

\$250

One of the ways the Scott County Historical Society furthers its mission of sharing the cultural heritage of Scott County is through exhibits, where visitors can enjoy thought-provoking and engaging displays on topics that relate to their experiences. In September 2018, the SMSC donated a \$250 “ringer” sponsorship for one of the organization’s newest exhibits, “Play Ball: Sports in Scott County.” The two biggest topics included in the exhibit are town baseball and high school sports, including team and player highlights and lots of hands-on experiences, activities, and local stories.

The timing of the exhibit matched perfectly with the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball 95th Tournament that took place in Shakopee, Jordan, and New Prague in summer 2018. Funds from sponsorships supported exhibit research, printing, installation, and creation, and all exhibits were professionally designed, constructed, and installed in-house at the Scott County Historical Society.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXHIBIT

- Selfie stations with vintage uniforms and sports gear
- Space to learn and try out coaching signals
- Create your own baseball card
- Photos and artifacts from the 1959 Shakopee town ball champions

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTES TO FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

PRIOR LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

\$250

In continuing its commitment to fire prevention and education, the City of Prior Lake's fire department hosts an annual Fire Safety Education Program geared toward children. The local fire department recognizes the need for ongoing efforts to reach children and their families in the community. As in years past, the SMSC donated \$250 to the Prior Lake Volunteer Fire Department to help cover the cost of fire safety educational materials for the program.

"The Prior Lake Volunteer Fire Department has initiated a well-rounded fire safety program," said Rick Steinhaus, fire chief of Prior Lake. "We have received very positive and encouraging feedback from children, parents, and teachers." The educational materials are used in cooperation with Prior Lake Area Schools and are designed by the National Fire Safety Council, Inc.

THE SMSC SUPPORTS HOMETOWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL BOOSTER CLUB

\$500

High school sports are often a means of helping youth better themselves. When it comes to volleyball, young women are able to learn teamwork skills, take on leadership roles, and cultivate self-confidence, both on and off the court. Near the SMSC, the Shakopee Volleyball Booster Club (SVBC) relies on support through donations, sponsorships, concessions, and fundraising to help its teams achieve success. In July 2018, the tribe provided a \$500 ace-level sponsorship for the SVBC.



All fundraising proceeds support the Shakopee High School varsity, junior varsity, B squad, and 9th grade volleyball teams and are used for uniforms, equipment, and other expenses. The SVBC is comprised of parents, students, and members of the community that promote and support the Shakopee High School volleyball programs. The purpose of the SVBC is to provide administrative and extra financial support for the volleyball programs.

SUPPORTING CULTURAL AWARENESS



SHAKOPEE DIVERSITY ALLIANCE

\$1,000

Formed in 2012, the Shakopee Diversity Alliance is a community-based group aimed at celebrating the City of Shakopee's culturally diverse population. The group is led entirely by volunteers and organizes local events that help foster positive relationships between the city's diverse population and the greater community. The SMSC provided a \$1,000 sponsorship to the 6th Annual Shakopee Diversity Alliance International Festival, which was held in August 2018 at Huber Park in Shakopee, Minnesota. The successful event featured many musical acts and performances, a fashion show, a variety of ethnic food vendors, and more than 30 cultural booths.

"Thank you for your 'wo'okiye' [helpfulness] in our successful presentation of diverse food, culture, entertainment, and uniting our diverse community!"

-TERRY HASSAN,
SHAKOPEE DIVERSITY ALLIANCE PRESIDENT

SMSC PARTNERS WITH NEARBY COMMUNITY FOR ANNUAL EVENT

DAN PATCH DAYS, INC.

\$1,000

Through a silver sponsorship of \$1,000, the SMSC contributed to the well-attended Dan Patch Days in Savage, Minnesota, in June 2018. Dan Patch Days is an annual collaborative celebration that brings together more than 15,000 people to recognize local businesses in the area. Profits from the event are given back to community organizations, such as Boy Scouts, high school booster groups, the city's volunteer fire department and chamber of commerce, and other organizations that volunteer their time and effort to help make Dan Patch Days a success. Since its inception, Dan Patch Days has given more than \$150,000 to the local community.

THE SMSC OFFERS SPONSORSHIP TO 4TH ANNUAL LACROSSE TOURNAMENTS

SHAKOPEE YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

\$1,000

Local to the SMSC and surrounding communities, the Shakopee Youth Lacrosse Association (SYLA) provides the opportunity for area youth to participate in the game of lacrosse. The SYLA teaches players the fundamental skills and techniques that are needed to succeed, both on and off the field. The SMSC has continually supported SYLA's annual River Valley Rumble summer tournaments. The tribe's red sponsorship of \$1,000 in 2018, among other sponsorship funds, was used to help expand the vendor area at the tournaments, add more water mist stations, provide additional EMT services on-site, and increase advertising.

The June 2018 tournaments brought together nearly 80 teams and more than 1,000 volunteers and spectators. The SYLA's ultimate goal is to make lacrosse a positive and fun experience for the players, parents, and coaches.



DID YOU KNOW?

Known as North America's first sport, lacrosse was one of the most widely played games in the U.S. before European settlement. The Native game was an athletic competition of great skill, pride, and spiritual significance. Sometimes tribes played lacrosse, or stick ball, to celebrate important milestones, as a healing ritual, and to honor loved ones who passed away.

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING RECEIVES ASSISTANCE FROM THE SMSC



SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

\$1,500

When the Before-and-After-School Program kicked off in 2018 at Saint Michael Catholic School in Prior Lake, Minnesota, many teachers did not anticipate the remarkable success and popularity generated by the program. To meet the demand and growth, the SMSC

donated \$1,500 to the local school to help pay for classroom furniture, including fold-and-lock storage shelves and a Jonti-Craft kitchen set. As an important Dakota value, the tribe seeks to provide for seven generations ahead.

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SHAKOPEE FESTIVAL RAISES AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY

SHAKOPEE RIVER VALLEY FESTIVAL

\$2,000

After its successful inaugural event in 2017, the Shakopee River Valley Festival returned to Huber Park, along the river in downtown Shakopee, in August 2018. For the second year in a row, the SMSC provided a \$2,000 sponsorship for the festival, and this year's crowd grew to nearly 2,000 people. The event featured many family-friendly activities, including kids games, inflatables, bingo, business and arts and crafts displays, food and beverage vendors, and the event's first-ever motorcycle show.

“This event is such a collaborative effort with support from local businesses and organizations, without which the festival wouldn't be possible,” said Joy Newgard, president of the Shakopee River Valley Festival. The Shakopee River Valley Festival Committee is a group of volunteers who educate and introduce the general public to a diverse environment of multicultural entertainment.

2018

EMPOWERING WOMEN DONATIONS

Providing protection, care, and opportunities for women

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY





PROVIDING SPECIALIZED CARE TO WOMEN IN NEED

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

\$500,000

Recognizing the need for specialized, effective perinatal care for women, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe—with the help of a \$500,000 donation from the SMSC—finalized plans for a Women’s Treatment Center. After purchasing a structurally sound former elementary school, the tribe began renovating the building to provide services for the surrounding area and the community of S. Lake, which is located in the northern part of the Leech Lake reservation. Given the growing scale of opioid usage, the center will concentrate specifically on providing specialized services for opiate-addicted pregnant women. Once complete, the treatment center will provide invaluable resources, services, and care to the women who need it most.

PROTECTING NATIVE WOMEN

WHITE BUFFALO NATION

\$1,000

In recognition of the dozens of missing and murdered Native women in South Dakota, the White Buffalo Nation held a traditional buffalo ceremony in spring 2018. The ceremony, which was symbolic of protecting women and remembering loved ones, empowered Native families to share their stories of remembrance for their missing or murdered family members. Drums were made available for families to hold a memorial or honor song, and Oceti Sakowin Elders were present to bear witness for those who are no longer here. The SMSC contributed \$1,000 in support of the event, which served as a somber but necessary reminder of how much remains to be done to protect Native women.

PROVIDING A SAFE HAVEN FOR ABUSED WOMEN



SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR BATTERED WOMEN

\$7,000

For the countless women who suffer abuse at the hands of their partner, knowing where to turn can mean the difference between getting the help they need and remaining trapped in a cycle of violence. The Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women (SVABW) provides much-needed safety and support that allows many thousands of victims to break free from oppressive circumstances. At the organization's annual fundraising event, the SMSC provided a \$7,000 donation, which will help SVABW continue to be a light in the dark for victims of domestic violence.

"On behalf of Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women and the thousands of abused women and their children that we have served over the past 35 years, I write to sincerely thank you for your donation to our fundraiser. Your donation, along with many others, helped us raise over \$110,000 at our 19th Annual Jeans and Gems Fundraiser."

**-MARY ANN BIGAQUETTE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SVABW**

EDUCATING NATIVE YOUTH ON STD PREVENTION AND TEEN PREGNANCY



PLANNED PARENTHOOD MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA

\$10,000

Since 2010, Planned Parenthood has provided culturally appropriate education and outreach for Native American adults and youth to address health inequities. To support this programming and help educate Native populations about STD prevention and teen pregnancy, the SMSC donated \$10,000 to Planned Parenthood in fiscal year 2018. Such support will allow the organization to reach many Native populations across the state and region, providing important information about HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, family planning, reproductive health services, and other programming.

“Your gift designated to support our Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community program represents the common commitment of our donors to provide young people with the information and support they need to protect their health. Because of your generous spirit, we are able to provide science-based, accurate information to help adults and young adults stay safe and make responsible choices.”

**-JENNIFER SODERHOLM,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

BUILDING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR INDIAN NATIONS

\$25,000

Providing transformative support to help Native women achieve their dreams and make a change in their own communities, the SMSC provided a \$25,000 donation for the Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations (WEWIN) annual conference. Featuring a theme of “Warrior Women: Her Power to Ignite,” the 2018 conference attracted hundreds of Native women from all walks of life. With workshops on leadership development, ethical and moral leadership, entrepreneurship, healing, and emotional, mental, and physical wellness, attendees had the opportunity to explore their own life goals, build connections, and look to the future.



THE WEWIN MISSION

To strengthen and sustain tribal cultures for the benefit and destiny of the children; To educate about tribal cultures, the history of Native people, the inherent rights we exercise for the good of our people and others, and of current issues that affect our well-being; To promote honest dignified tribal leadership who reflect pride for those we represent; To support and encourage tribal leadership; To install a balance between service and solitude and between fulfilling responsibilities and devotion to loved ones; To express encouragement, understanding, and joy to others dedicated to following the guidance of our creator and serving our communities as role models.





2018

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE DONATIONS

Investing in infrastructure and housing

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY



GRANTING SPACE FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW



YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE

\$350,000

Recognizing a need to provide a designated communal dining space for tribal elders and improve the variety of nutritious food available for its members, the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota began constructing a food services building. Made possible in part by a \$350,000 donation from the SMSC, the building will serve as a gathering place for tribal elders to receive well-balanced meals together and will increase the tribe's participation in the USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which works to improve the health of low-income families. The new facility will also provide space for a community development financial institution and business/food incubator, which will help tribal members succeed in the areas of home ownership, consumer lending, and business startups for cultural and food entrepreneurs.

PROMOTING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY THROUGH STABLE HOUSING



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THUNDER VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

\$500,000

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) takes an innovative, grassroots approach to empowering Lakota youth and families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, with the objective of improving health, culture, and the overall environment. In fiscal year 2018, the SMSC pledged \$500,000 to Thunder Valley CDC to help achieve the next phase of its plans to create a regenerative, vibrant community. This next phase of development will provide many gathering places, including a 12-unit apartment complex, community center, playground, basketball court, skateboard park, and a park for youth and families. The SMSC's grant will enable Thunder Valley to begin construction on the much-needed apartment building, which will provide rental housing for the growing staff at the organization.

"I have always been impressed with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's vision—not only its vision for its own tribe, but its vision for all of Indian Country. I strongly believe that the sovereignty and power of Indian Country has been drastically increased because of the SMSC's efforts and ability to implement such a powerful vision."

-NICK TILSEN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THUNDER VALLEY CDC

UPGRADING ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS



UPPER SIOUX COMMUNITY

\$300,000

In need of infrastructure upgrades to their wastewater system, the Upper Sioux Community in Granite Falls, Minnesota, was awarded a \$500,000 grant (\$300,000 in FY 2018 and \$200,000 in FY 2017) from the SMSC toward the project, with the funds to be distributed over two years. The project, once complete, will allow for additional short-term storage capacity and help the tribe protect its current system's biological processes.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SYSTEM INCLUDE:

- Construction of two final clarifiers
- Construction of a new holding tank
- Sludge pumping facilities
- New fiberglass covers for various tanks and basins
- Driveway improvements
- Electrical modifications

OFFERING HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY HOUSING



FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE

\$250,000

To help the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe provide enough housing for its tribal members, the SMSC donated \$250,000 toward an affordable housing complex, with an additional \$750,000 pledged for fiscal year 2019. The grant will enable the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe to expand its limited housing inventory with four high-quality one- and two-bedroom four-plexes, offered at moderate rental prices to ensure affordability for members of the community.

PROVIDING A GATHERING SPACE FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING



DIAMOND WILLOW MINISTRIES

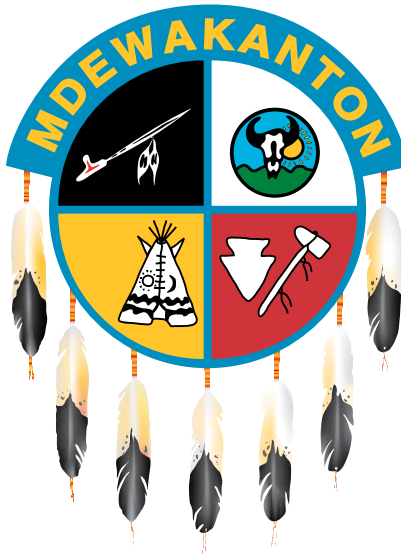
\$500,000

Faced with a shortage of social, functional, and supportive areas, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in South Dakota was in desperate need of a permanent, safe gathering space for its youth and children—many of whom face a high risk of juvenile delinquency, drug use, violence, and other challenges. In response, Diamond Willow Ministries, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, began raising funds to purchase deeded land for the construction of a youth and family center in Fort Thompson, South Dakota, where the tribe is located. The SMSC provided a \$500,000 matching grant to help construct the community center, which will serve the children and families of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

When complete, the 20,000-square-foot building will offer a gathering space for tutoring, physical fitness activities, gardening, traditional crafts, life skills mentoring, and more.

“As chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, I fully support the Tokata Youth and Family Center project. I am excited that great progress has already been made. This facility will be of incredible benefit to the youth and families of our tribe.”

-LESTER THOMPSON JR.,
CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is a federally recognized, sovereign Native American tribe located southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Following a Dakota tradition of generosity, the SMSC is one of the top philanthropists in Minnesota and is the largest contributor to Native American tribes and causes across the country. It is a strong community partner and a leader in protecting and restoring natural resources. The SMSC's government, Gaming Enterprise, and various other enterprises are collectively the largest employer in Scott County and attract millions of visitors to the region.

2018 DONATION LIST

UP TO \$2,750,000

Seeds of Native Health

UP TO \$1,000,000

Voices of Our Ancestors

UP TO \$750,000

Red Lake Nation
Yankton Sioux Tribe

UP TO \$500,000

Diamond Willow Ministries
Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Lac Courtes Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Lower Sioux Indian Community
National Museum of the American Indian
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Santee Sioux Nation
Scott County Parks and Trails
Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation
Upper Sioux Community

UP TO \$250,000

A:Shiwi College and Career Readiness Center
Ain Dah Yung Center
American Indian Graduate Center
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Blackfeet Nation
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Crazy Horse School
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation
MacPhail Center for Music
Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation
MIGIZI Communications, Inc.
Native American Rights Fund
Nisqually Indian Tribe
Northern Arapaho Tribe
Northwest Indian College Foundation
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
Saint Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Sisseton Wahpeton College
Spirit Lake Nation
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
Wind River Family and Community Health Care
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

UP TO \$100,000

American Indian College Fund
American Red Cross Twin Cities Area
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
National Congress of American Indians
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Dakota Language Institute

UP TO \$75,000

Native Governance Center
Pueblo of Jemez
Standing Rock Institute of Natural History
White Earth Reservation Housing Authority

UP TO \$50,000

Boys and Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation
Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud
Coquille Indian Tribe
Division of Indian Work

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development
Indian Youth of America
Leech Lake Tribal College
Minnesota Zoo Foundation
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Prior Lake Rotary Club
Three Fire Trackers
University of Minnesota Foundation
White Earth Reservation Mahnommen Head Start Program

UP TO \$25,000

American Indian Science and Engineering Society
Bay Mills Indian Community
Bdote Learning Center
Bemidji Community Arts Council
Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri River Area
Catholic Charities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
City of Shakopee Chamber of Commerce
Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Scott, Carver,
and Dakota Counties
Dakota Wiclihan
Department of Indian Work/Interfaith Action of
Greater Saint Paul
Flandreau Indian School
Indian Child Welfare Act Law Center
Indian Neighborhood Club
Lakota Waldorf School
Mahkato Mdewakanton Association
Minneapolis Institute of Art
Minneapolis Public Schools Indian Education Program
Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Land Trust
National Indian Gaming Association
River Valley YMCA
Saint Mary's Health Clinics
Saints Foundation
Scott County Fair
Scott County Sheriff's Office
Shakopee Area Catholic School
Spirit Lake Nation Fire Department
Tri-Community Development/Cherry Creek Local Board
United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.
University of South Dakota
Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Urban
Immersion Program
Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations

UP TO \$10,000

American Diabetes Association
Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Fund
Boys and Girls Club of the Grand River Area
Dakota 38 + 2 Ride and Memorial Run
East Side Elders
Families and Individuals Sharing Hope
Foundation for Children's Minnesota
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Harvest Pack
Hennepin Healthcare Foundation
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Lakeland PBS
Little Earth Residents Association
Meals on Wheels
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation
Minnesota Indian Education Association
Mother Butler Center
Past Athletes Concerned about Education
Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota
Prior Lake Patrons of the Arts and Activities
Project Turnabout
Reach Out and Read Minnesota
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Saint Joseph's Indian School
Second Chance Animal Rescue
Shakopee Dollars for Scholars
Smile Network International
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
South High Foundation
Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women
Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities

UP TO \$5,000

360 Communities
American Cancer Society
American Indian Community Development Corporation
American Indian Family Center
American Indian Wellness Fair
American Legion Chauncey Eagle Horn Post #125
Aspen Academy
Augsburg Indigenous Student Association
Autism Speaks, Minnesota
The Bakken Museum
Bears Tail Basketball
Biomass Power Association
Blackfeet Nation Boxing Club and Youth Center
Boys and Girls Club of Lower Brule
The Bridge for Youth
Brookings County Housing and Redevelopment Commission
Burnsville Police Department
Cass Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Catching the Dream
Chanhassen High School
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Fort Laramie 150th Anniversary Ride
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe New Hope Family Homeless Shelter
Cheyenne River Youth Project
Children, Horses, and Adults in Partnership
Children's Cancer Research Fund
Children's Law Center of Minnesota
Children's Theatre Company
Churches United in Ministry
Community Dental Care
Dakota Oyate Challenge
Dakota Sunka Wakan Oyate Horse Camp
Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc.
Elders Lodge, Inc.
Fort Yates Public School
Gilda's Club Twin Cities
Great Sioux Nation Victory Ride
Greater Rochester Area Dakota Supporters
Harvard University Native American Program
Hearts and Hammers
Hidden Oaks Middle School
Ho-Chunk Nation—Youth Services Division
Honor the Earth Akiing Eighth Fire Campaign
Hunger Solutions Minnesota
Indian Land Tenure Foundation
Indian Law Resource Center
International Indian Treaty Council
Itasca Community College American Indian Studies Department
Jeremiah Program
Jordan Dollars for Scholars
Kah-Bay-Kah-Nong, Inc.
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Police Department
Lakota Council of Tribes, Inc.
Lakota Nation Volleyball Invitational
Lakota Women Warriors
Let's Go Fishing, Scott County Area Chapter
Loaves and Fishes
Lower Brule Schools
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota
March of Dimes Minnesota
Matthew American Horse American Legion Post #259
Mayer Fire Department
Minneapolis American Indian Center

Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Minnesota American Indian Bar Association
Minnesota Children's Museum
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
MN350
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association
National Caucus of Native American State Legislators
National Eagle Center
National Indian Child Welfare Association
The National Judicial College
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Minnesota Chapter
National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
National Tribal Child Support Association
Native American Community Development Institute
Native American Literature Symposium
Native Grandparents
Nebraska Indian Community College
North Star AISES Alliance and Professional Chapter
Oglala Lakota College Lakota Woglaka Wounspe
Immersion School
One Heartland
Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless
PACER Center, Inc.
Page Education Foundation
Parmelee Community
Pejuta Haka Powwow
Project Community Connect/Damiano Center
Proof Alliance
Rapid City Police Activities League
Reaching Our Community's Kids
Red Lake Nation Toy Drive
Rockyford School
Rosebud Thunder Youth Baseball League
Sacred Pipe Resource Center
Saint Catherine Church of Spring Lake Township
Saint John the Baptist Catholic School
Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital
Saint Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad
Saint Michael Catholic School
Saint Paul Public Schools American Indian Education Program
Salvation Army
School District of Shell Lake
Scott County Drug Prevention Task Force
Scott County Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Shakopee Mat Club
Shakopee Public Schools Project AED
Shakopee River Valley Festival
Smiles Around Minnesota
Stillwater Domestic Violence Services
Stillwater Police Department
Tate Topa Tribal School
Tiwahe Foundation
Todd County High School
Tokatakiya Cultural Mentoring Program
Traverse County Social Services
Twin Cities American Indian Graduation Banquet
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
Turtle Mountain Community College
Turtle Mountain Head Start Center
University of Minnesota American Indian Alumni Network
USDVA Veterans Benefits Administration
Wakhanyeza Wounspe Oti
Warroad Public Schools Indian Education Program
White Earth Urban Office
Wilderness Inquiry
The Wildlife Society
Wisconsin Indian Education Association
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.
Women of Nations
The Works Museum

Wounded Knee District School
Zuhrah Shrine Circus

UP TO \$1,000

American Indian Cancer Foundation Powwow for Hope
American Indian Community Center
American Indian Magnet School Powwow
American Legion Auxiliary
Anishinabe Academy
Anoka-Hennepin Indian Education Program
Antelope Powwow
Apple Valley High School
Backing the Blue Line
Bear Soldier Powwow
Bearville First Responders/Northeast Itasca Rescue
Belle Plaine Festivals and Events
Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon South of the River
Big Lake Fire Department
Big Mar Classic All Native Basketball Tournament
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 South
of the River Powwow
Burnsville Breakfast Rotary
Burnsville High School
Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc.
Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota
Colon Cancer Coalition
Crow Creek Tribal Schools
Crow Fair Centennial Celebration Powwow
Custer Health
Dan Patch Days, Inc.
Delano High School
Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota
Eagle Nest Powwow
Eastview High School
Farmington Health Services
Farmington High School
Feed My Starving Children
Flags for Fallen Military
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Fort Peck Tribal Elves
Fraser Walk for Autism
Grand River Inter-Tribal Society
Great River Coalition
Greenwood Community Powwow
Hackensack Area Community Food Shelf
Harriet Bishop Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
HeartzHeart College Consortium
Honoring Veterans Powwow
Hope Manor Recovery and Sober Living Homes
Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel Angel Fund
John F. Kennedy High School
Jordan Family Outreach
LaCreek District
Lake County Sex Trafficking Task Force
Lake Vermilion Traditional Powwow
Lakeville Area Schools
Lakeville Public Safety Foundation
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Kids Perch Jerk
The Lift Garage
Lincoln Indian Club Powwow
Litchfield Rotary Club
Little Priest Tribal College
Love One Another
Marty Indian School
Metro Area Children's Water Festival
Minnesota Elite Baseball
Minnesota Folklore Theater
Minnesota National Guard Youth/Teen Camps
Montana State University Billings Powwow
Naca Wica Yuonihanpi Wacipi

National Native American Law Students Association
Native American Church of Crow Creek Agency
Native American Community Clinic
Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance
Native American Veterans Assistance
Natives Against Heroin
New Prague Blue Line Club
New Prague High School
New Prague High School Girls Hockey Booster Club
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
North Hennepin Community College
North Woods School
Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association, Inc.
Oelrichs High School Girls Basketball
Oglala Lakota Veterans Powwow
Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights
Porcupine District Powwow
Prior Lake Athletics for Youth (PLAY) Lacrosse
Prior Lake Football Touchdown Club
Prior Lake High School
Prior Lake High School Basketball Backcourt Club
Prior Lake High School Cheer Booster Club
Prior Lake High School Mountain Bike Team
Prior Lake High School Softball Booster Club
Prior Lake Traveling Youth Baseball Team
Prior Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Prior Lake Wrestling Club
Red Lake Nation Embassy
Red Lake Nation Youth Foundation
Red Scaffold Powwow
Ring Thunder Powwow
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Saint Cloud State University American Indian Center
School of Environmental Studies
Scott County Historical Society
Scott County's First Stop Shop/Technology Village
Second Stork
Shakopee Diversity Alliance
Shakopee Educational Endowment Foundation
Shakopee High School
Shakopee High School Drama Department
Shakopee High School Mountain Bike Team
Shakopee High School Softball Booster Club
Shakopee High School Volleyball Booster Club
Shakopee High School Wrestling Booster Club
Shakopee Public Schools American Indian Education Program
Shakopee Youth Football Association
Shakopee Youth Lacrosse Association
Sicangu Shooters Basketball Club
South Dakota State University American Indian
Student Association
SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative
Story Portage
Tlalnepantla Arts
Turns Around Powwow
United States Air Force Academy Parent's Club of Minnesota
University of Minnesota American Indian Student
Cultural Center Powwow
Wakpala Powwow Committee
Wakpamni Lake Community Corporation
Wambli Ska Wacipi
White Buffalo Nation
William's Wings Foundation
Wind on the Wires
Winner Children's Wacipi
Woodlands and High Plains Powwow
Youth Intervention Programs Association
YWCA Minneapolis

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