



SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY

2019 DONATION REPORT





A NOTE FROM THE

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY BUSINESS COUNCIL

Dear Friends and Relatives,

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) has honored the Dakota tradition of helping others by donating time, money, and other resources to a variety of worthy causes during times of both hardship and prosperity. This tradition of giving is a part of who we are as Mdewakanton Dakota people, and we are fortunate to be among the top charitable givers in Minnesota and Indian Country as a whole.

Supporting Native American and non-Native American organizations, nonprofits, health care facilities, and local governments in our home state of Minnesota and nationwide, our tribe has provided more than \$350 million in donations over the last 25 years. In fiscal year 2019 alone, we provided \$15 million in donations for education, youth activities, health care programs, legal aid, community development and infrastructure, women's health, arts and culture, local communities, environmental protection, and much more.

The results of these donations—and the relationships formed in the process—are deeply meaningful, and would not be possible without the unwavering support of our tribal members. Thank you—your dedication to helping others is admirable.

The pages in this book tell a story, one that we are proud to share and abundantly grateful to be a part of. While its contents provide a mere glance at the many worthy causes the SMSC has supported, we are honored to highlight some of the remarkable organizations, nonprofits, and other donation recipients from the past year, along with the significant work they pursue. These groups are making a difference in the world around them and changing lives of so many deserving organizations and individuals. We are humbled by their work, and we hope you are inspired by the stories to follow.

Pidaunyanpi (We are thankful).

SMSC Chairman Charles R. Vig

SMSC Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson

SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton

FISCAL YEAR 2019 TOTAL: \$15,000,000

DONATIONS SELECTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY

Since 2012, the SMSC has entrusted members of its Sharing Resources Work Group to help guide the tribe's charitable giving efforts by making recommendations to the SMSC Business Council. These individuals sift through thousands of requests carefully to ensure that the recipients selected align with the values and priorities of the Mdewakanton Dakota people.

Through the efforts of many, the SMSC continues the Dakota tradition of planning seven generations ahead, while adhering to its mission of being a good neighbor, good employer, and good steward of the earth.



“Haŋ Mitakuyepi. Hello, my relatives. I want to thank all of you who have submitted charitable giving requests over the last fiscal year. It’s not always easy to make these decisions, but it is an honor to be a part of supporting so many great projects. We hope that together, we can support one another to create better communities. Pidamayaye. Thank you.”

- ALLENE ROSS, SMSC SHARING RESOURCES WORK GROUP LEADER



THE SHARING RESOURCES WORK GROUP

(From left to right) SMSC Utility Administrative Assistant Christine Johnson, Karen Anderson, Cherie Crooks, Work Group Leader Allene Ross, and SMSC Grants/Contracts/Charitable Giving Coordinator and Work Group Facilitator Chad Poitra. Not pictured: Shannon Prescott.

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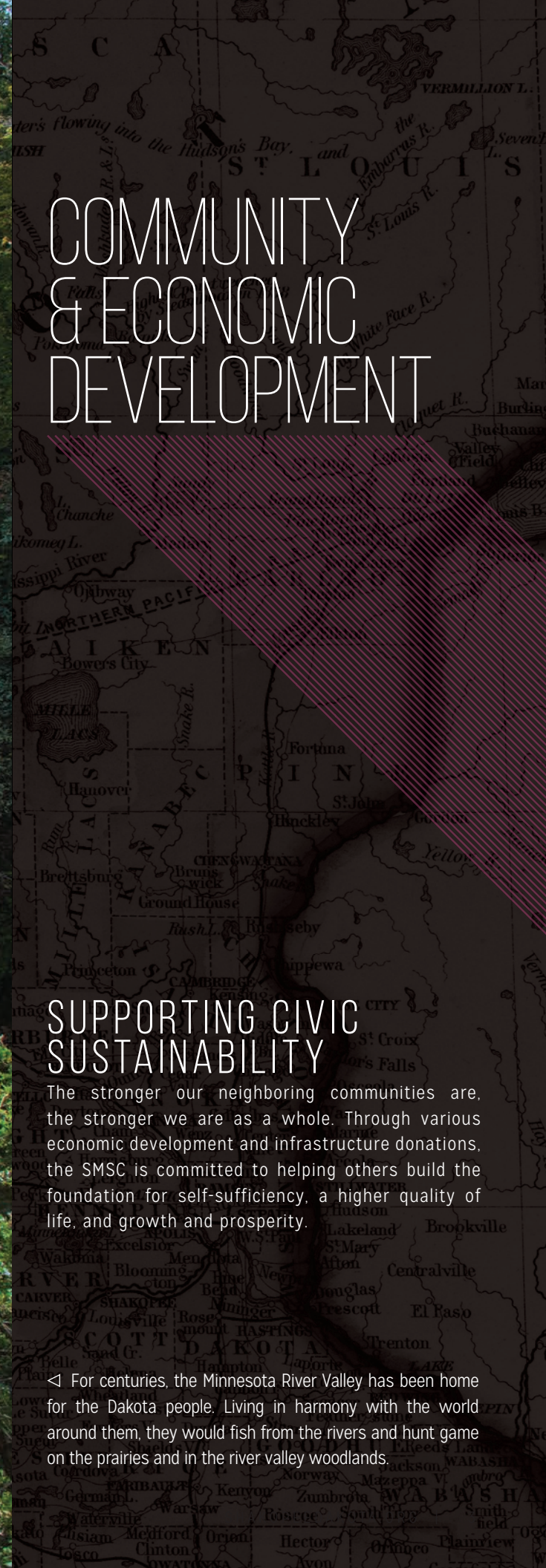


COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORTING CIVIC SUSTAINABILITY

The stronger our neighboring communities are, the stronger we are as a whole. Through various economic development and infrastructure donations, the SMSC is committed to helping others build the foundation for self-sufficiency, a higher quality of life, and growth and prosperity.

◀ For centuries, the Minnesota River Valley has been home for the Dakota people. Living in harmony with the world around them, they would fish from the rivers and hunt game on the prairies and in the river valley woodlands.



BRINGING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER FOR FUN-FILLED FAIR

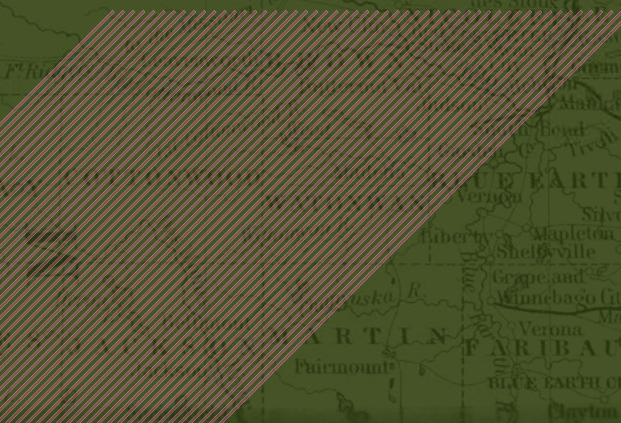
SCOTT COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

\$15,000

Since 1857, the Scott County Fair has provided fun summertime memories for countless fairgoers of all ages. With the help of a \$15,000 donation from the SMSC, the 2019 Scott County Fair was able to bring in more attractions and record-breaking attendance over the course of five days in July. In addition to sponsoring the Minnesota Shorthorn Show and providing passenger golf carts for fairgoers, the SMSC's donation was used toward hosting the Kent Family Circus, which provided family-friendly entertainment in the form of daily circus performances and strolling bike performances.

"The fair was able to be a success in part due to your generous donation, which went toward activities that provided laughter, smiles, and memories for fairgoers of all ages."

—Scott County Agricultural Society



ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

SUSTAINABLE NATIVE
COMMUNITIES DESIGN LAB

\$100,000

With Indian Country facing a deficit of 200,000 housing units per year, many Native families are faced with overcrowded or impoverished living situations at much higher rates than the national average. Recognizing the need for action, the Sustainable Native Communities (SNC) Collaborative and MASS Design Group have come together to create a design lab that is focused on closing the housing gap in Indian Country. Supported in part by a \$100,000 donation from the SMSC, the SNC Design Lab will serve as a platform for developing housing that promotes tribal sovereignty and celebrates community identities, while providing much-needed homes for Native families. The donation will go toward maintaining existing tribal relationships and building new ones, while also supporting the creation of pre-design and development packages.

"For over 25 years, we have seen the impact that the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has made possible in Indian Country," said MASS Design Director Joseph Kunkel and Senior Associate Nathaniel Corum. "We [are] honored to join the SMSC in our collective mission to uplift the organizations, individuals, and tribal councils that are creating real change in their communities."



AIN DAH YUNG MISSION:
Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Center
provides a healing place within the
community for American Indian
youth and families to thrive in
safety and wholeness.

PROVIDING A SAFE SPACE FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

AIN DAH YUNG CENTER

\$500,000

(\$700,000 TOTAL)

In Minnesota, approximately 2% of the population is Native American, yet an estimated 22% of all homeless youth are Native. To help address the urgent need for supportive housing and culturally responsive programs for these youth, the SMSC donated \$500,000 (\$700,000 total) to the Ain Dah Yung Center—a nonprofit organization that helps Native youth and their families meet basic needs like housing, food, and wellness. The SMSC's donation will sponsor four separate units of supportive housing in the new housing complex, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung. Completed in the fall of 2019, the new structure will help give homeless or near-homeless youth (ages 18 to 24) the means to attain self-reliance in a culturally relevant environment.

More than just offering a safe place to sleep, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung offers academic achievement planning, in-house mental health services, experiential entrepreneurship

activities, life skills training, and much more to help Native youth move toward a safe, successful, and independent future. The building itself embodies many Native elements in its design—circular gathering spaces, medicine gardens, water elements, and a sweat lodge—to empower youth to rediscover or reinforce their Native identities while building their future.

“Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to Chairman Charles R. Vig, Vice-Chairman Keith B. Anderson, and Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton for not only their steadfast support for the Ain Dah Yung Center, but for being a guiding light when tribal governments and urban agencies come together,” said Ain Dah Yung Center Executive Director Deb Foster. “We truthfully have a greater impact within our communities!”

FOSTERING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



SCOTT COUNTY
FIRST STOP SHOP
\$2,500

Scott County, Minnesota, offers the perfect mix of small-town charm and booming business potential. Recognizing that it's not easy to start or grow a new business, the county established an economic development team—known as the First Stop Shop—to provide support and consulting services to business owners seeking to establish or grow their business locally.

As part of their services, the Scott County First Stop Shop created the FAST-TRACK Challenge to help small businesses in the county survive and thrive in the area. Modeled after the TV show "Shark Tank," the competition gives entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a panel of judges for the chance to win financial support to accelerate their business idea. With the support of sponsors, including donations from the SMSC over the last several years, the event was expanded in 2018 to increase its impact upon innovative, viable, and deserving business concepts. "On behalf of the Scott County CDA, First Stop Shop, and Technology Village, I would like to thank the SMSC for your generous donation to the FAST-TRACK Challenge," First Stop Shop Business Development Specialist Jo Foust expressed. "Your support of this community development event is greatly appreciated!"



PROVIDING TOOLS FOR CRITICAL STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

NORTHERN
ARAPAHO TRIBE
\$30,000

With temperatures that dip well below freezing and snow possible any time of the year, members of the Northern Arapaho Tribe have to be prepared to withstand severe conditions across their 2.2-million-acre reservation between the Wind River Range and Owl Creek Mountains in Wyoming. To help the tribe's elders and disabled population stay warm when winter strikes, the Northern Arapaho Tribe created a Senior Wood Program to supply firewood to heat their homes. Given the

success of the program, the tribe has since made plans to expand its reach of service by also supplying the lumber for critical household repairs that these more vulnerable individuals may need. With the help of a \$30,000 donation from the SMSC, the Northern Arapaho Tribe purchased a portable band saw mill to cut and stack dimensional lumber. The wood can then be used by individual or local programs to repair, replace, or build new steps, porches, and ramps, as well as replace degraded flooring joists, studs in walls, and other critical structural repairs.



ASSISTING WITH CRITICAL PUBLIC SERVICE OPERATIONS

CARVER COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVE TEAM

\$10,000

With just over 20 members—most of them volunteer—the Carver County Sheriff's Office Dive Team has gained a reputation as a well-respected, proficient, and professional asset for search and recovery operations around the region. Faced with an aging remote operated vehicle (ROV)—the team's primary search vehicle—the group was in need of a replacement to continue providing essential services in search and recovery, evidence recovery, public education, community relations, and more.

To help the team fund a replacement ROV, the SMSC provided a \$10,000 matching donation to the Dive Team for the purchase of a Blue Robotics BlueROV2, a cost-effective, upgraded model with plenty of new and improved features and functionality. With the new ROV, the Carver County Sheriff's Office Dive Team will have a valuable asset for the benefit of the entire region, facilitating safer and faster responses to time-sensitive search and recovery operations.



CREATING HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE NATIVE COMMUNITIES

NATIVE AMERICANS
IN PHILANTHROPY

\$20,000

With a mission of promoting equitable and effective philanthropy in Native communities, Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) has leveraged education, engagement, and empowerment through events and programming for decades. In honor of the organization's 30th anniversary in 2019, the SMSC donated \$20,000 to help sponsor NAP's 30th Anniversary Summit and Celebration in Chicago. Featuring sessions on truth and healing, Native youth, intergenerational movements and resistance, and insights from successful partnerships between foundations and Native communities, the convening drew 200 Native and non-Native partners for educational sessions, strategic collaboration, and a celebration of all the organization has accomplished. The event also provided a platform to honor Louis Delgado, one of NAP's co-founders and a longtime advocate known for his ability to bridge knowledge between foundations and Native nonprofits.

ABOUT NATIVE AMERICANS IN PHILANTHROPY:

Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) engages, educates, and empowers a sacred circle of Indigenous peoples and philanthropies to create healthy and sustainable communities for all. Historically, NAP has supported flagship program areas—educating philanthropy, enhancing Native nonprofit leadership, and investing in data and research—to drive philanthropic investments to achieve this vision. Now the organization is taking a bolder stance toward supporting advocacy and movement building as well, recognizing that these are also necessary in making a positive and long-term impact in Native communities.

PREPARING ALL STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

GREATER TWIN CITIES UNITED WAY ACTION DAY

\$25,000

Recognizing that education has the capacity to empower individuals and set them on a path of stability and economic security, The Greater Twin Cities United Way organized Action Day 2019—a day to come together as a community to equip low-income students with the school supplies needed for a successful academic year.

The SMSC contributed \$25,000 to help make the United Way Action Day 2019 a resounding success. The event provided 40,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need for the 2019-2020 school year. Many of the backpacks went directly to Indian education programs throughout the

Twin Cities, including Anoka-Hennepin, Mendota Heights, Minneapolis, South St. Paul, South Washington, and others.

“Thank you for supporting Action Day 2019,” Greater Twin Cities United Way President and Chief Executive Officer John Wilgers expressed following the event. “Your investment helped ensure we achieved our goal of providing 40,000 backpacks to children in our community who are now returning to school ready to learn. It was a pleasure working with you and your teams. Your partnership was critical to achieving our goals for the event.”



ACTION DAY 2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

40,000 BACKPACKS
were packed and distributed to children (60% more than last year)

4,600 VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED
(vs. 3,000 last year) with many new to the Action Day experience

84 NONPROFITS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS
distributed the backpacks (vs. 52 last year)

STRONG SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT WAS SECURED
trending #3 on Twitter that day

HONORING THOSE WHO SACRIFICED ALL

FLAGS FOR FALLEN MILITARY

\$1,000

Flags for Fallen Military (FFM) provides a lasting honor and tribute to those families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty by installing a flag pole and raising an American flag in their memory. Since the organization was formed, FFM has touched the lives of many military families, raising over 500 flags in honor of fallen military personnel across the United States. With a waiting list of over 450 families, the

organization's impact is only expected to grow in the years ahead, bringing comfort and reassurance to grieving families, while providing a lasting tribute to loved ones lost. In support of this mission, the SMSC provided \$1,000 to FFM in fiscal year 2019 to help cover the costs of the flags and installation materials, which are provided at no cost to the families being honored.

“The ultimate sacrifice for one's country should never be forgotten and should always be honored. When a life is laid down protecting our freedoms, we all must find a way to show our personal gratitude.”

—Founder and Executive Director of FFM David Larson





CULTURE & LANGUAGE

ENCOURAGING LEARNING, PRESERVATION, AND DIVERSITY

The SMSC believes in creating opportunities for Native people to be proud of who they are and to honor our relatives. For many, this pride shines through in artistic expression, language-based classes, cultural events and programming, and celebrating diverse and inclusive communities.

◀ The Dakota people's close relationship with the earth is often reflected in beaded and quilled floral designs and representative of the plants used for both medicine and food.

KEEPING NATIVE CULTURAL TRADITIONS ALIVE

MAHKATO MDEWAKANTON
ASSOCIATION

\$18,000

The Mahkato Mdewakanton Association (MMA) Wacipi is a gathering of nations to celebrate and honor the ancestors and traditions of the Dakota people. Held annually at Dakota Wokiksuye Makoce (Land of Memories Park) in Mankato, Minnesota, the traditional Pow Wow provides an avenue for Dakota relatives and other tribal nations to gather and celebrate with one another. 2019 marks the 47th year of the event, which also serves to reconcile and build bridges between all nations through education, storytelling, and the sharing of Dakota culture. To help MMA continue this decadeslong tradition, the SMSC provided \$18,000 in financial support to the event, enabling the group to increase its co-host drums, provide golf carts to visitors for on-site transportation, increase rental storage, and more. Since 1992, the SMSC has contributed more than \$445,000 to the association.

MAHKATO WACIPI VISION STATEMENT:

In the spirit of reconciliation, Mahkato Mdewakanton Association is committed to healing and enriching the experiences of Dakota and non-Dakota communities through the preservation and sharing of Dakota history, traditions, and culture.

IMPROVING HEALTH BY REESTABLISHING NATIVE FOODWAYS

NORTH AMERICAN TRADITIONAL
INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS

\$300,000

Founded by James Beard award winner, The Sioux Chef, North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS) seeks to address the economic and health crises affecting Native communities through food-related enterprises. As part of this objective, the organization made plans to launch the Indigenous Food Lab, an Indigenous restaurant and training center in Minneapolis focused on research and development; Indigenous food identification, gathering, cultivation, and preparation; and all aspects of starting and successfully running a food-related business based on Native traditions and foods. The food lab will work to provide education and training about healthy Indigenous food, while building demand for a new food system, based around hyper-local ingredients and Native food. The SMSC provided \$300,000 in support of the project, which will go toward the build-out of the restaurant and training center, projected to open in the spring of 2020.

ABOUT NORTH AMERICAN TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS:

NATIFS is a Native-led and Indigenous-focused nonprofit organization working to reconnect Native Americans with traditional food systems to improve health, promote economic development, establish food sovereignty, and preserve tribal history and culture across artificial colonial boundaries.

CELEBRATING CULTURE AND COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

SHAKOPEE DIVERSITY ALLIANCE

\$1,000

What began as a “Diversity Summit” in the city of Shakopee in 2012, the Shakopee Diversity Alliance (SDA) soon evolved into a nonprofit corporation known for celebrating and educating others on the community’s diverse cultures. Each year for the past seven years, the SDA has hosted its annual International Festival as a means of bringing area residents of all cultures and backgrounds together for a celebratory evening of live entertainment, food, and fun. The 2019 event featured multicultural entertainment, 29 different vendors, educational and craft tables, ethnic cuisine, and plenty of kid-friendly activities, including a face painter, a clown, and two bounce houses. The SMSC donated \$1,000 in support of the festival, which enjoyed a great turnout from local families and businesses this year.



ABOUT SHAKOPEE DIVERSITY ALLIANCE:

Formed in 2012, the Shakopee Diversity Alliance is a community-based group made up entirely of volunteers and is aimed at celebrating the city of Shakopee’s culturally diverse community as well as addressing its needs. The SDA’s vision is that through collaboration and awareness, Shakopee is united as a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive community.

AMPLIFYING NATIVE VOICES THROUGH STORYTELLING

GUTHRIE THEATRE

\$5,000

Seeking to support a Native-led production and to better serve the local Indigenous community, the Guthrie Theatre set into motion "Stories From the Drum," a special program and performance envisioned and performed by an all-Native cast from the Twin Cities. The program—supported in part by a \$5,000 donation by the SMSC—took shape first through a series of workshops focusing on the celebration of Native voices through storytelling processes that decenter Western methodologies, culminating in a special two-day performance on the Guthrie's McGuire Proscenium Stage in June 2019.

CELEBRATING UNIQUE, DIVERSE CULTURES AS A COMMUNITY

AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

\$2,500

As a means of promoting equal access to opportunity by celebrating diversity and creating a platform to increase civic engagement, African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS) created Little Africa Fest in St. Paul. Held in Hamline Park over the course of two days in August, the 2019 Little Africa Fest and African Community Parade offered African cultural performances, music, storytelling, food vendors, arts and crafts, and more to a diverse group of residents and visitors. More than just a celebration of culture, the annual event helps connect artists to mainstream markets and fosters a more visible, vibrant, and engaged community.

With a \$2,500 sponsorship from the SMSC, the 2019 event increased artistic presence, ethnic diversity, and the number of attendees, while focusing more attention on educating audiences on the artists, traditions, and activities highlighted at the festival.

LITTLE AFRICA FEST BY THE NUMBERS:

100+

African artists

20+

Entrepreneurs

10,000+

Attendees



CONNECTING PEOPLE, ANIMALS, AND THE NATURAL WORLD TO SAVE WILDLIFE

MINNESOTA ZOO
\$90,500

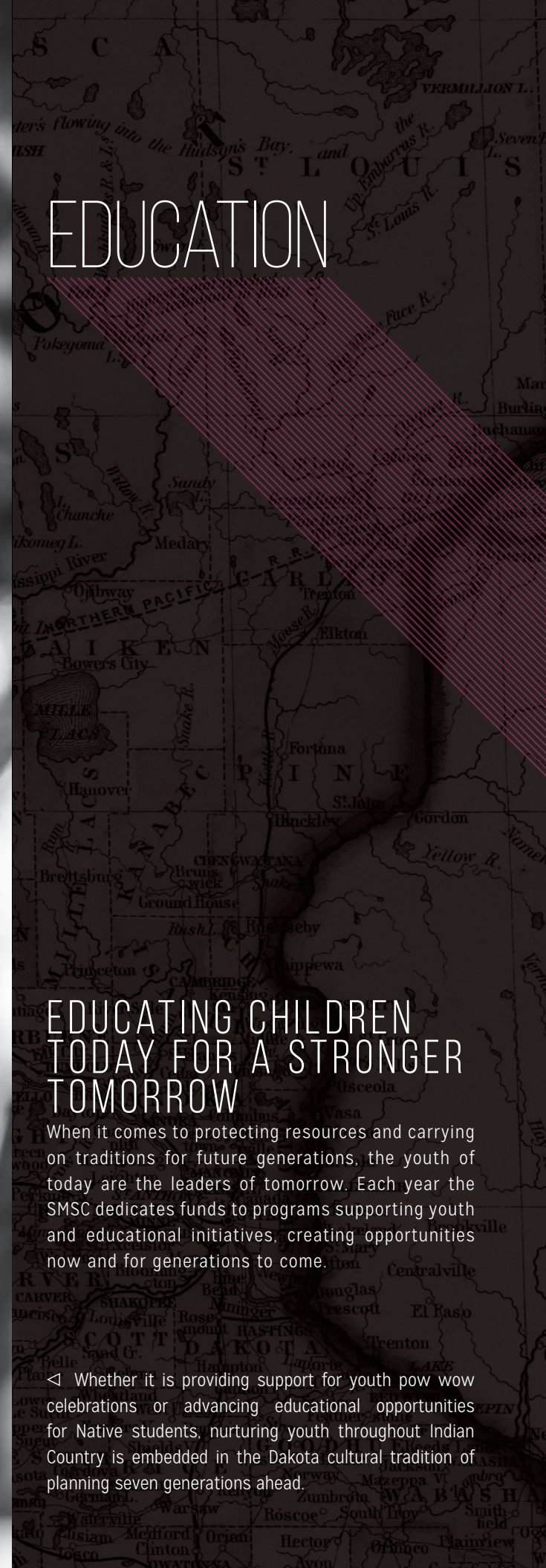
Through its programming, research, and policies, the Minnesota Zoo has long worked to ensure that wildlife is protected and everyone has access to build a greater connection with the natural world. The Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd is one such endeavor, aimed at protecting and preserving North America's largest land mammal for generations to come. Once hunted nearly to extinction, bison have made a dramatic comeback in the last century, yet face new challenges based on the genetic threat posed by interbreeding with domestic cattle.

With less than 1% of the world's remaining bison population confirmed to be free of any sign of interbreeding with cattle, the Minnesota Zoo partnered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to conserve and expand the pure bison genome. Aided in part by a \$70,500 grant from the SMSC, the group is actively working to expand conservation breeding and genetic analysis for the Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd and eventually reintroduce bison free of cattle genes into Minnesota state parks.

The SMSC also pledged \$20,000 in financial support for the Minnesota Zoo Foundation's annual gala fundraiser in 2020. Beastly Bash 2019—which was also supported by the SMSC—brought in 816 guests and raised over \$900,000 in support of the Minnesota Zoo's mission to save wildlife and form stronger connections with the natural world. "The support from our community and the guests that evening was overwhelmingly positive and generous," the organization wrote. "We saw firsthand that sponsorship support of the Beastly Bash increased excitement in the community, leveraged additional support from our individual guests, and raised the visibility of the work that the Minnesota Zoo is doing in this community." Since 2007, the SMSC has donated nearly \$300,000 to the Minnesota Zoo.







EDUCATION

EDUCATING CHILDREN TODAY FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW

When it comes to protecting resources and carrying on traditions for future generations, the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Each year the SMSC dedicates funds to programs supporting youth and educational initiatives, creating opportunities now and for generations to come.

◀ Whether it is providing support for youth pow wow celebrations or advancing educational opportunities for Native students, nurturing youth throughout Indian Country is embedded in the Dakota cultural tradition of planning seven generations ahead.

ADVOCATING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

REACH OUT AND READ
\$10,000

REACH OUT AND READ STATS:

- 271 Reach Out and Read program sites in Minnesota
- Serves over 170,000 children
- 61% of Minnesota counties have at least one active Reach Out and Read-affiliated clinic—53 out of 87 counties



Based out of Minneapolis, Reach Out and Read is an early childhood literacy program that helps give young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together. At tribal clinics in particular, providers give the child a developmentally and culturally appropriate book to take home while also discussing with parents the important roles of reading, talking, singing, and playing in a child's early stages of development.

Thanks in part to a \$10,000 matching donation from the SMSC, Reach Out and Read was able to purchase new, high-quality books for medical providers to distribute at well-child visits. To help educate children and families about Native traditions and culture, Reach Out and Read will also use the funds to partner with Minneapolis-based Birchbark Books—owned by Ojibwe author Louise Erdrich—and create "book bundles" of 50 high-quality, age-appropriate books to be sent to 16 clinics throughout the state of Minnesota for medical providers to distribute at well-child visits.

BOOKS INCLUDED IN BOOK BUNDLES:

We All Count
BY JASON ADAIR

On Mother's Lap
BY ANN HERBERT SCOTT

Cradle Me
BY DEBBY SLIER

My Heart Fills with Happiness
BY MONIQUE GRAY SMITH

**Giving Thanks:
A Native American
Good Morning Message**
BY CHIEF JAKE SWAMP

A Man Called Raven
BY RICHARD VAN CAMP

Little You
BY RICHARD VAN CAMP

PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NATIVE FAMILIES

GRAND FORKS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
\$15,000

In Grand Forks, students who attend public schools must walk, find a ride, drive, or use the city bus to and from school. Grand Forks is considered an original district in the state of North Dakota and is allowed to charge for bussing costs—courts have deemed transportation as a non-necessity of a free public education. Since the cost for a child to ride the bus is roughly \$750 for the year, many families struggle to pay this expense. A \$15,000 donation from the SMSC will be used to cover the cost of bus tickets for Native American families, as well as application fees for college and testing.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT:

Grand Forks Public Schools will provide an environment of educational excellence that engages all learners to develop their maximum potential for community and global success.

IMPROVING THE NATIVE AMERICAN NARRATIVE IN MINNESOTA SCHOOLS

UNDERSTAND NATIVE
MINNESOTA
\$5,000,000
(OVER THE COURSE
OF THREE YEARS)



In October 2019, the SMSC launched Understand Native Minnesota, a \$5 million, three-year strategic initiative and philanthropic campaign to strengthen the Native American narrative in Minnesota schools.

The campaign aims to improve public attitudes toward Native Americans by incorporating greater awareness of Native Americans, along with accurate information about their history, culture, and modern tribal governments, into Minnesota's K-12 education system. Programming of the campaign will include classroom resources, improved curricula, and professional development for teachers and school administrators.

Led by Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, the tribe's initial work on the campaign has been to develop partnerships with educators and organizations across the state, including the Minnesota Indian Education Association, Education Minnesota, Bush Foundation, and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.

“Most education about Native Americans does not acknowledge the existence and vitality of modern Native communities. We have been mostly invisible. We believe that by promoting Native narrative change in Minnesota schools through a dedicated campaign, we can improve younger generations’ understanding of tribes, Native peoples, and their contributions to the state.”

—SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton



INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING YOUTH IN A DEMOCRACY

CLOSE UP FOUNDATION

\$30,000

Located in Virginia, the Close Up Foundation is the nation's leading nonprofit, non-partisan civic education organization, and is driven by a mission to inspire, empower, and engage youth to exercise their rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. Through a \$30,000 donation from the SMSC, the Close Up Foundation was able to extend need-based tuition assistance to 40 Native students from across the nation to attend the American Indian Youth Summit in February 2020.

Students participating in Close Up's civic education program learn the basic tenets of how the United States government works through hands-on activities, seminars, and field trips to various landmarks in Washington, D.C. The program focuses on three of the values that helped shape American discourse throughout history—liberty, equality, and justice—in which students are then asked to reflect on how our perception of these values have changed over time and how they continue to inform the policies deliberated today.

For nearly 50 years, Close Up's education programs have instilled the importance of being actively engaged in the local community, and participants return to their home communities with the tools and knowledge to create and promote sustainable change.

INSTILLING CULTURE AND HERITAGE THROUGH ANNUAL POW WOW

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

\$500

Organized and hosted by the Native American Achievement Center and the Inter-tribal Indian Club, an annual pow wow is held at Montana State University (MSU) Billings to instill and inspire culture, heritage, and self-esteem for all of MSU's students and their families. A \$500 pledge from the SMSC for MSU's annual pow wow helped support dance category payouts, drums, elder snacks, and facility costs.

The mission of the Native American Achievement Center is to help recruit and retain Native American students at Montana State University Billings by providing academic support to students while encouraging their individual, social, cultural, and emotional growth.

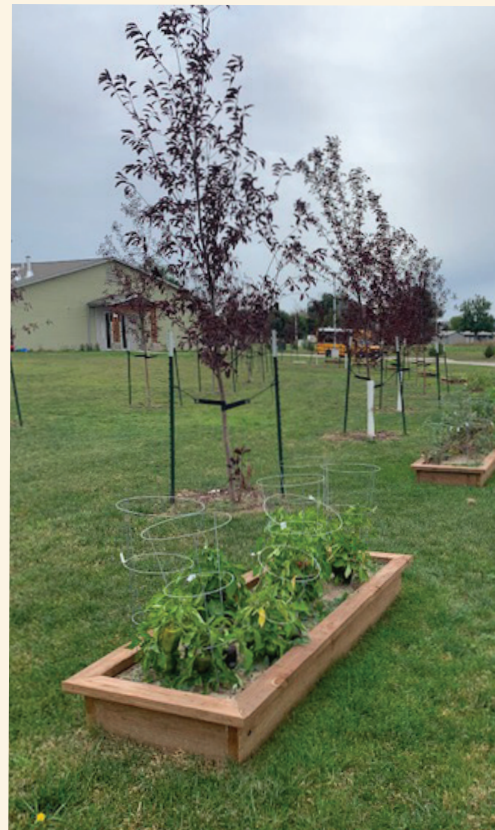


PREPARING CHILDREN FOR K-12 SUCCESS

RURAL AMERICA INITIATIVES

\$100,000

To help young children develop the cognitive, social, and emotional skills necessary for a successful transition to the K-12 education system, Rural America Initiatives' Head Start Program provides educational, health, nutritional, social, and other services to children enrolled in federally recognized tribes. The success of the program and demand for its services led the organization to seek a permanent facility in Rapid City, South Dakota. Supported in part by a \$100,000 grant from the SMSC, Rural America Initiatives' new Head Start Facility has the capacity to serve 146 children in the community. Completed in January 2019, the building enables the organization to continue providing its valuable services and quality early childhood education and care to the area's youngest residents.



ABOUT THE HEAD START FACILITY:

- 28,500 square feet
- 12 classrooms
- Indoor and outdoor play areas
- Support spaces for infants
- Community meeting spaces
- Energy-efficient design
- Speech therapy space

“The Head Start Program is a valuable program to ensure that all children have an opportunity to be better prepared to enter the K-12 education system. As a lifelong educator I have seen the positive results of the Head Start Program on children entering kindergarten.”

—Former Director of Indian Education, Rapid City Area Schools Jr. Bettelyoun

SERVING THE LEGAL NEEDS OF NATIVE PEOPLES AND NATIONS

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION

\$20,000

Since 1973, the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) has been working to address the social, cultural, and legal issues that affect American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian peoples. To help the organization continue its important work, the SMSC pledged a \$20,000 matching donation for program support in fiscal year 2019 to the NNABA. Among other things, the funds will be used to foster the development of Native lawyers by:

- Aiding to improve the disparities in high school and college graduation rates for Native students.
- Assisting Native college students in achieving the index required to gain admission to competitive law schools.
- Increasing the number of Native students completing law degrees.
- Ensuring new Native attorneys grow and progress in the legal profession.

In doing so, the NNABA hopes to better serve the needs of Native peoples, communities, and tribal nations in regard to the legal issues most pertinent to them.

ADVANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE YOUTH

AMERICAN INDIAN
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
SOCIETY

\$40,000

Statistically, Native American and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students are one of the most disadvantaged groups in the country in terms of educational achievement and high school graduation rates. Furthermore, most of these students who do graduate from high school are too often underprepared for college. To help bridge this gap, the SMSC donated \$40,000 to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) to help launch its premier K-12 technology and engineering education program, SPRK-ing Interest in Computer Science.

SPRK-ing Interest seeks to engage students in hands-on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and computer science activities and will be tailored to Native students. AISES has partnered with the toy company, Sphero, to bring their educational spherical robot, SPRK+, to Native American-serving schools across the country. Sphero SPRK+ is easily integrated into STEM curricula, allowing even the youngest students to learn programming, engage in hands-on STEM and computer science activities, bridge technology and the arts, and enjoy creative discovery with their classmates—an important step forward for tribal communities interested in advancing STEM education and opportunities for Native youth.

AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT:

American Indian Science and Engineering Society is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to substantially increase the representation of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations, and other Indigenous peoples of North America in STEM studies and careers.

PROMOTING FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

CONFEDERATED TRIBES
AND BANDS OF THE
YAKAMA NATION

\$5,000



In partnership with Heritage University, reservation school districts, and Junior Achievement, the Yakama Nation Financial Literacy program provides important training for adults on budgeting, credit repair, and keeping debt under control. Enrollment is 90% Native American, and the students are usually tribal members who are looking to start a small business, often as a family enterprise. The SMSC donated \$5,000 to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation to purchase books for financial literacy and entrepreneurship classes on the Yakama Reservation in Washington.

BOOK TOPICS:

- Building Native Communities:
Financial Skills for Families
- Financial Journaling
- Indianpreneurship

PROMOTING NATION BUILDING

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
NATIVE AMERICAN
PROGRAM

\$5,000

WHAT IS THE NATION BUILDING II COURSE?

This field-based research course focuses on some of the major issues Native American tribes and nations face as they seek to assert rights of self-determination in the 21st century. The course provides in-depth, hands-on exposure to Native development issues, including sovereignty, economic development, constitutional reform, leadership, health and social welfare, land and water rights, culture and language, religious freedom, and education.

Bringing together Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students and interested individuals from the Harvard community, the Harvard University Native American Program (HUNAP) exists for the purpose of advancing the well-being of Indigenous peoples through self-determination, academic achievement, and community service. A \$5,000 donation from the SMSC was used to help cover student travel expenses related to a Nation Building II course, culminating in presentations with prospective clients in which most students travel to meet with these organizations. "We are grateful for your commitment to our mission and are stronger for your support," said Senior Director of Alumni and Development Services Julia Hunter Cavanaugh.





HEALTH & WELLNESS

HEALING THE OYATE, THE PEOPLE

A commitment to wellness has long been a motivation behind donations that fund health care facilities, wellness programs, and recovery efforts for Native relatives. The SMSC strives to help communities in Indian Country and beyond in providing quality care and health services for all.

◀ *Mitakuye Owasin*. We are all related. This expression reflects the Dakota belief of interconnectedness and oneness. Healthier individuals lead to healthier communities. And healthier communities lead to a brighter, more wholesome future.

LEADING A NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR NATIVE NUTRITION

SEEDS OF NATIVE HEALTH

\$781,000

This year, the SMSC concluded its five-year, \$11 million campaign to improve Native nutrition: Seeds of Native Health.

Extreme poverty and the loss of traditional foods have caused many Native Americans to suffer from inadequate diets, leading to widespread chronic health problems in many Native communities. Across Indian Country, there are tribal leaders, public health experts, researchers, and advocates working to address this crisis on a localized basis.

The SMSC launched Seeds of Native Health in 2015 to support these efforts and help these trailblazers receive additional awareness and funding. The initiative focused on three key components—grant-making, research, and advocacy—to support tribal food and agriculture policy, community-based nutrition programs, and research that helps move the needle on improving dietary health.



Over the past five years, Seeds of Native Health has resulted in important successes for tribes and Native communities. The SMSC co-lead the Native Farm Bill Coalition, a national advocacy coalition that achieved historic wins in federal legislation that benefit Native tribes and agriculture producers. Seeds of Native Health also supported the establishment and expansion of nutrition education and community engagement across Indian Country. The campaign launched a unique academic conference series devoted to Indigenous nutrition, and a new academic journal section showcasing the best scholarship in the field. The SMSC's funding was also leveraged to encourage other funders to invest in Indian Country, helping to bring in more than \$2.3 million in additional funding.

ABOUT SEEDS OF NATIVE HEALTH:

Seeds of Native Health has been a five-year, \$11 million campaign to improve Native nutrition now and into the future.

“Over the past five years, the Seeds of Native Health campaign has helped elevate a critical effort toward improved nutrition in Indian Country. Through [the Native nutrition] conference, its grant-making and partnerships with other Native and non-Native organizations, and its leadership of the Native Farm Bill Coalition, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has made an important and lasting contribution to the dietary health and food sovereignty of Indian Country.”

—Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

CONNECTING MINNESOTA FAMILIES WITH RESOURCES

CHILDREN'S MINNESOTA
FOUNDATION

\$50,000

Community Connect is an embedded program at both Children's Minneapolis and St. Paul General Pediatrics Clinics, Asthma Clinics, and Behavioral Health Clinics. Families are able to self-identify needs, such as food insecurity, employment, housing, education, legal, immigration, and domestic safety concerns through a neutrally worded form as part of the standard intake paperwork. Then, the family is introduced to an in-clinic "Navigator" who is able to have a deeper conversation around what needs are not being met. Using established community partners, Children's Minnesota is able to refer families to the appropriate resources they may need.

To support the continuation and growth of the program, the SMSC provided \$50,000 to the Community Connect Fund at Children's Minnesota. "Thank you for being a champion for children," said President and Chief Development Officer Jennifer Soderholm. "At Children's Minnesota, our vision is to be every family's essential partner in raising healthier children. And our goal is to extend our reach beyond the halls and walls of our hospitals to help kids get access to the care they need. We simply couldn't do it without your support."

LENDING A HELPING HAND TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

SAFE ALTERNATIVES FOR
ABUSED FAMILIES

\$12,278.23

Survivors often flee abuse with nothing more than the clothing they are wearing. Traumatized and fearful, they often turn to organizations like Safe Alternatives for Abused Families (SAAF) for refuge and safety. Serving six counties in North Dakota—including the Spirit Lake Tribe—SAAF provides a safe, caring environment for victims of abuse fleeing dangerous and unpredictable situations. To help alleviate operational costs of its emergency shelter, the SMSC provided a matching donation of more than \$12,000 to SAAF in the fall of 2019.

SAFE ALTERNATIVES FOR ABUSED FAMILIES MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide relief to distressed members of families in the community, lessen the burden of state and local governmental agencies, and defend the basic human right to be safe from violence by providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and by creating a public awareness to the problem.

RESEARCHING A CURE FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES

SCHULZE DIABETES
INSTITUTE

\$125,000

For more than 40 years, the Schulze Diabetes Institute at the University of Minnesota has pursued its dream to end the threat of Type 1 diabetes. More than 16 million Americans have diabetes, and the Schulze Diabetes Institute is driven to discover the cures that will potentially cut that number substantially. To aid the organization in its important research, the SMSC made a charitable contribution of \$100,000 to the Schulze Diabetes Institute in fiscal year 2019, and has given the institute \$300,000 over the last several years. The funds will be used to support research and clinical trials of human islet transplantation, which would be the first minimally invasive treatment option available for those afflicted with Type 1 diabetes.

Over the last several years, the SMSC has also contributed to the Jeff Passolt Golf Classic "Fore" Diabetes Research Golf Tournament, where 100% of the tournament's net proceeds are given to the Schulze Diabetes Institute at the University of Minnesota. In June 2019, the tournament was held at the tribe's golf course, The Meadows at Mystic Lake, and the SMSC donated \$25,000 toward the annual event. "Our work to create a campus community that exemplifies inclusive excellence would not be possible without your support and partnership," said Vice President of the Office for Equity and Diversity at the University of Minnesota Michael Goh.

PAVING THE WAY FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

SAINTS
FOUNDATION

\$30,000

Through the goal of improving community health, the Saints Foundation brings together the fundraising arms of two nonprofit health care organizations in the Twin Cities area, St. Francis Regional Medical Center and St. Gertrude's Health and Rehabilitation Center. In April 2019, the organization's annual Spirit of the Saints Gala was held at the SMSC's Mystic Lake Center, in which the SMSC also provided items for the event's silent auction. With more than 700 people in attendance, the gala raised over \$90,000 toward lifesaving equipment and technology, integrative therapies for patients and residents, and campus improvements. Since the 1990s, the SMSC has provided the Saints Foundation with \$2.3 million in support.

SUPPORTING TRIBAL YOUTH PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMMING

YOUTHWORKS
\$50,000

YouthWorks, a nonprofit organization based in Bismarck, North Dakota, has made it their mission to work with teens, young adults, and parents under 22 years of age who are struggling with homelessness, human trafficking, financial insecurity, and other difficulties. Established in 1979 as the Mountain Plains Youth Services Coalition, the nonprofit has been providing direct services since 1986 in Bismarck, including programs for runaway homeless youth, juvenile offenders, youth with anger or school issues, young parents, and more. To assist in supporting the tribal youth populations of North Dakota and South Dakota who are grappling with such issues, the SMSC donated \$50,000 to YouthWorks to provide intervention for issues related to the child welfare system, juvenile justice system, school retention and graduation, and outreach on human trafficking.

YOUTHWORKS BY THE NUMBERS:

5,000+
Interactions

756
Received services

19,810+
Hours of direct service

451
Sheltered



RAISING AWARENESS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE
FOR BATTERED WOMEN

\$7,000

For nearly 40 years, the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women (SVABW) has provided crisis support, advocacy, and education to survivors of domestic violence in Scott and Carver counties, south of the Twin Cities. The SVABW has grown into a prevention and solutions-focused organization partnering with law enforcement, county legal systems, social services, and health care providers to make the communities of Scott and Carver counties better, safer places to live. In April 2019, the SMSC provided a \$7,000 sponsorship donation to SVABW's 20th Annual Jeans and Gems gala fundraiser, bringing the SMSC's total charitable contributions to the organization to over \$230,000. SVABW's 2019 fundraiser brought advocates together at the SMSC's Mystic Lake Center to raise money for important tools and resources to help bring an end to domestic violence.

PROVIDING SAFETY AND COMPANIONSHIP



CAN DO CANINES
\$100,000

Founded in 1987, Can Do Canines offers safety, independence, and companionship to individuals with disabilities by providing them with highly trained assistance dogs, free of charge. The SMSC provided a \$100,000 matching grant to sponsor four Diabetes Assist Dogs for clients in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The sponsorship funds will help train and place assistance dogs with people living with Type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness—people with Type 1 diabetes often cannot detect when their blood sugar is dropping, putting them in life-threatening danger. Can Do Canines trains and places five different types of assistance dogs—Hearing, Mobility, Diabetes, Seizure Response, and Autism Assist Dogs—to help people live more independent and fuller lives.

“When matched with an assistance dog, our clients’ lives expand and are transformed. They report that they can return to school or work, because they have a Diabetes Assist Dog to alert them if their blood sugar drops. They also provide peace of mind to family members and loved ones, because they now know that the Diabetes Assist Dog is there to help.”

—Can Do Canines Executive Director Alan M. Peters

INCORPORATING NATIVE TRADITIONS AND CULTURE INTO HEALTH CARE

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN PHYSICIANS

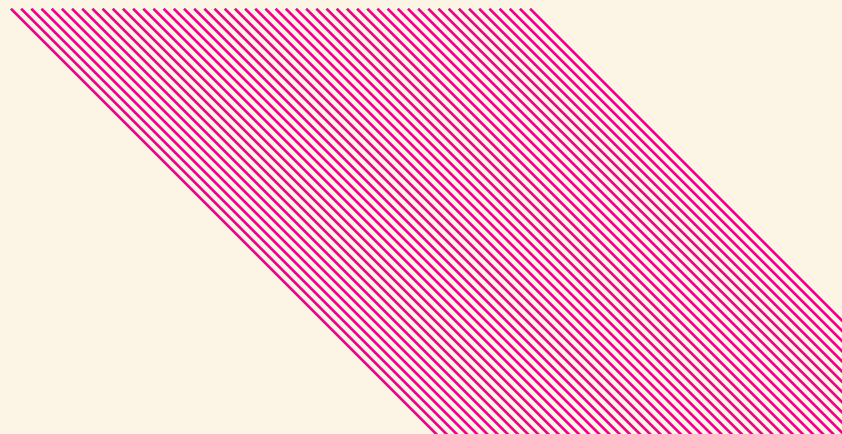
\$15,000

Research continues to show that the Native American/Alaska Native peoples suffer from many serious health conditions, such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and obesity, at alarmingly higher rates than any other population group. To help combat these dire threats, the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) conducts a national health conference to serve as a forum for approximately 250-300 health care professionals, policy makers, tribal leaders, and tribal community members concerned with Native American/Alaska Native health, health care, and community wellness, with an emphasis on honoring Native traditions.

The SMSC provided a \$15,000 sponsorship for the 48th Annual Meeting and National Health Conference, held in Chicago in August 2019. Through the theme of "Shoring Up Native American Health," attendees at the conference addressed these concerns and issues within Native communities, and worked toward improving the development of Native American health care providers and workforce with cultural and linguistic competency in Native American/Alaska Native traditions and culture. Over the last several years, the SMSC has provided the organization with over \$117,000 in support.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN PHYSICIANS:

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is a nonprofit educational, scientific, and charitable corporation based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Founded in 1971 by 14 American Indian physicians, the AAIP was established to improve the health for Indian people and to increase Native American representation in the health professions.



HOUSING FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES DURING TIMES OF NEED

GREAT FALLS CLINIC
LEGACY FOUNDATION

\$50,000

Patient housing has long been an issue at the Great Falls Clinic in Great Falls, Montana, where medical care is provided to over 250,000 patients each year, including more than 3,000 Native Americans from the Fort Belknap, Blackfeet, and Rocky Boy's communities. To help relieve some of the financial burden that is generally associated with such travel, the clinic's goal is to provide free housing to these patients and their families during these challenging situations.

Through avid fundraising, hard work, and dedication—and a \$50,000 donation from the SMSC—the Great Falls Clinic will proudly open the doors of the Harold and Carmen Poulsen Legacy Housing in December 2019, a 12-room lodging facility capable of comfortably housing 36 individuals per night, or 13,140 individuals per year.

“The SMSC’s financial support helps us continue in our mission and work to create a meaningful difference in our community.”

—Executive Director Samantha Shinaberger

ENCOURAGING YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

RIVER VALLEY YMCA

\$15,000

For the sixth consecutive year, the SMSC was a presenting partner for the River Valley YMCA's annual FORE! The Y Golf Challenge, was held in August 2019 at the SMSC's home golf course, The Meadows at Mystic Lake. Funds raised from the event support developmental programming for Scott County youth that teaches safety around water, addresses health disparities, encourages time in nature, builds leadership and civic engagement, improves equity and access in the community, and increases opportunity and achievement for youth. The River Valley YMCA is located near the tribe in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

“This exciting event allows us to continue to expand our mission to always be for youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility in our community,” said President and CEO Glen Gunderson. “The success of events like this would not be possible without your support—we appreciate your dedication to the Y and its mission.”

NOURISHING COMMUNITIES WITH HEALTHY FOODS

FLATHEAD VALLEY
FOOD BANK

\$20,000

About one in every eight people living in Montana faces hunger—for children, that number is one in six. It takes a community to help people facing hunger, but it's more than that. It is about maintaining their dignity and providing quality nourishment. It is about building collaborative partnerships and creative solutions in order to eliminate hunger. With the help of a \$20,000 donation from the SMSC, the Flathead Valley Food Bank will be able to purchase high-quality, nutritious foods for its Pantry Program, Summer Snack Bag Program, and Mobile Pantry to better serve its community members and youth with wholesome nutrition.

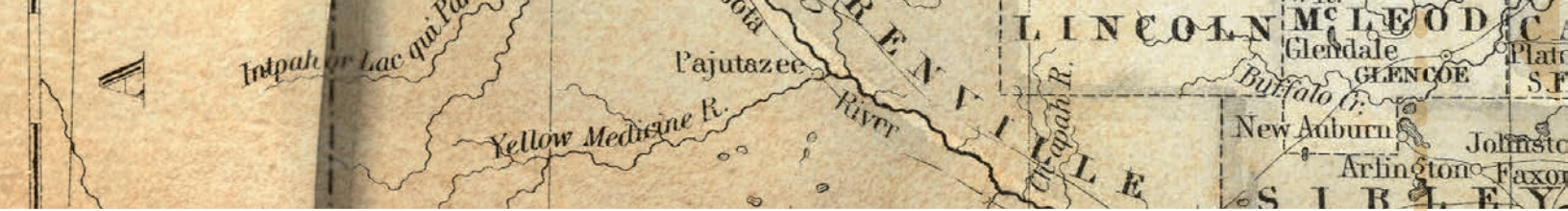
FLATHEAD VALLEY FOOD BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

To eliminate hunger in the Flathead Valley through collaborative partnerships creating effective solutions to connect and strengthen individuals, families, and the community through access to healthy, nutritious food.

BUILDING TODAY FOR BETTER TOMORROWS

PROJECT
TURNABOUT
\$7,000

Project Turnabout, located in Granite Falls, Minnesota, is a residential treatment center, offering recovery services and hope for a brighter future to people who are suffering from the overpowering grip of addiction to drugs, alcohol, or gambling. Oftentimes, people arriving at a treatment facility may not have many belongings or supplies with them. Because of this, the "Another Chance for Life" (ACFL) Patient Aid Fund was established and is made available to patients and is administered through Project Turnabout's financial department staff to help with treatment costs, transportation, clothing and personal care items, and Family Day programming. The SMSC donated \$7,000 toward Project Turnabout's ACFL Patient Aid Fund to help provide the necessary tools and resources for patients.



2019 DONATION LIST

UP TO \$5,000,000

Understand Native Minnesota

UP TO \$1,000,000

Seeds of Native Health

UP TO \$500,000

Ain Dah Yung Center
 Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 Blackfeet Nation
 Delaware Nation
 Eastern Shoshone Tribe
 Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior
 Chippewa Indians
 North American Traditional Indigenous
 Food Systems
 Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 Sisseton Wahpeton College
 Upper Sioux Community
 White Earth Indian Reservation

UP TO \$250,000

American Diabetes Association
 American Indian College Fund
 Crazy Horse School
 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
 First Peoples Fund
 Indigenous Peoples Task Force
 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
 Lower Brule Schools
 MacPhail Center for Music
 Minnesota Indian Education Association
 National Museum of the American Indian
 Native American Rights Fund
 Oberon Public School
 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 Schulze Diabetes Institute
 Solen Public School District 3
 Spirit Lake Tribe
 Twin Buttes Wellness Center
 University of Minnesota Foundation

UP TO \$100,000

American Indian Community Development
 Corporation

American Indian Graduate Center
 Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
 Can Do Canines
 City of Shakopee
 Hero Dogs, Inc.
 Minnesota Zoo Foundation
 National Congress of American Indians
 The Nature Conservancy
 Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
 Quapaw Nation
 Rural America Initiatives
 Sustainable Native Communities
 Design Lab

UP TO \$75,000

City of Jordan
 Community Action Partnership (CAP) of
 Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties
 Greater Sisseton Initiative, Inc.
 National Indian Education Association

UP TO \$50,000

American Indian Science and Engineering
 Society
 Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri
 River Area
 Cankdeska Cikana Community College
 Children's Minnesota Foundation
 Close Up Foundation
 Dakota Wicohāŋ
 Division of Indian Work
 Fort Peck Community College
 Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation
 Indian Land Tenure Foundation
 Intertribal Agriculture Council
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota
 Minneapolis Institute of Art
 National Native American Boarding School
 Healing Coalition
 Nebraska Commission of Indian Affairs
 Nebraska Indian Community College
 New Day Advocacy Center
 Northern Arapaho Tribe
 Planned Parenthood North Central States
 Prior Lake Rotary Foundation

Rock Creek Buffalo Project
 Saints Foundation
 Santee Sioux Nation
 University of Minnesota Department of
 American Indian Studies
 Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center
 YouthWorks

UP TO \$25,000

American Heart Association
 American Indian Family Center
 Association of American Indian Physicians
 Bay Mills Indian Community
 Bdote Learning Center
 Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud
 Cherry Creek Community
 City of Elko New Market
 Dream of Wild Health
 Dunwoody College of Technology
 Families and Individuals Sharing Hope
 (FISH)
 Flathead Valley Food Bank
 Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
 Grand Forks Public Schools
 Greater Twin Cities United Way Action Day
 Indian Child Welfare Act Law Center
 Indian Youth of America
 Lakota Waldorf School
 Lower Phalen Creek Project
 Lower Sioux Indian Community
 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
 Mahkato Mdewakanton Association
 Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
 Minnesota American Indian Chamber
 of Commerce
 Minnesota Environmental Fund
 Minnesota Indian Women's Resource
 Center
 National Native American Bar Association
 National Scholarship Providers Association
 Native Americans in Philanthropy
 Nawayee Center School
 Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point
 Reconciliation Park Fund
 Recycle Across America
 Region Nine Development Commission
 River Valley YMCA



Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri in Kansas
and Nebraska
Safe Alternatives for Abused Families
Scott County Agricultural Society
Shakopee Area Catholic Schools
Shakopee Public Schools
South Dakota School of Mines and
Technology
St. Paul Public Schools American Indian
Education Program
Teach for America Native Alliance Initiative
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.
(UNITY)
University of South Dakota
Upper Midwest American Indian Center

UP TO \$10,000

American Indian Alaska Native Tourism
Association
Augsburg University
Ayuda of Southern Arizona, Inc.
Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Fund
Carver County Sheriff's Office Dive Team
Catholic Charities of St. Paul and
Minneapolis
Children's Law Center of Minnesota
Dakota 38 + 2 Ride/Wokiksuye Ride
Department of Indian Work
Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota
Foundation
The Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation
Firefighters for Healing
Flandreau Indian School
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Grey Snow Eagle House
Life House, Inc.
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
Minnesota Children's Museum
Minnesota Folklore Theater
Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans
Native American Finance Officers
Association (NAFOA)
Native American Literature Symposium
Native Report

Past Athletes Concerned about Education
(PACE)
Project Turnabout
Proof Alliance
Reach Out and Read
Scott County Sheriff's Office
Shakopee Dollars for Scholars
Sicangu Child and Family Services
Smile Network International
Southern Indian Health Council
Southern Valley Alliance for Battered
Women
St. Joseph's Indian School
Sunka Cangi Indigenous Way Community
Tiwahe Foundation
Union Gospel Mission
Wakhanyeza Wounspe Oti
Women of Nations
Women Winning

UP TO \$5,000

360 Communities
African Economic Development Solutions
Akina Community Church
American Cancer Society
American Engineering Testing, Inc.
American Indian Cancer Foundation
American Indian Community Housing
Organization
American Indian Wellness Fair
American Legion Department of Minnesota
Art Vision and Outreach in Community
Education
Barbara Schneider Foundation
Bemidji Career Academies
Bemidji Community Food Shelf
Boys and Girls Club of Lower Brule
Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area
Boys and Girls Club of the Grand River Area
Browns Valley Food Shelf
CASA of Yellowstone County
Catching the Dream
Center Ice Club, Inc.
Cheyenne River Youth Project
Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center
Children's Theatre Company
Chinook Indian Nation

City of Jordan
Community Dental Care
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the
Yakama Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Colville
Reservation
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
Crow Creek Tribal Schools
Cub Foods
Diaper Bank of Minnesota
East Side Elders/Dayton Bluff Seniors
Elders Lodge, Inc.
Environmental Initiative
Feed My Starving Children
Fergus Falls Police Department
First Universalist Church of Minneapolis
Friends of the Kids
Glory House
Good in the Hood
Grand Forks Native American Program
Grand Portage Elders Advisory Committee
Great River Coalition
Gunflint Trail Historical Society
Guthrie Theatre
Harvard University Native American
Program
Hastings Police Department
Heart of America Indian Center
Helping Hands Emergency Food Shelf
Hennepin Healthcare Foundation
Hidden Oaks Middle School
Holy Apostles Episcopal Church
Homeward Bound, Inc.
Honor the Earth Akiing Eighth Fire
Campaign
Hunger Solutions
Independent School District 272
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel Angel Fund
Jeremiah Program
Jordan Dollars for Scholars
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
LaCreek District
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Earth Residents Association
Loaves and Fishes
Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors
Manidoo Ogitigan



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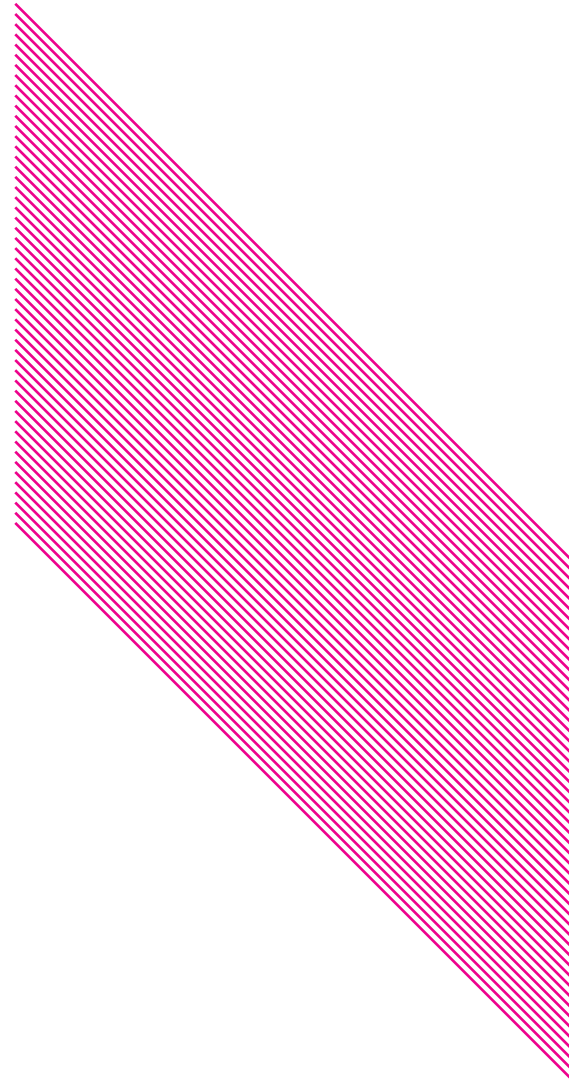
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| MicroGrants | Scott County First Stop Shop | Bacone College |
| Minneapolis American Indian Center | Scott County Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship | Belle Plaine Festivals and Events |
| Minneapolis College of Art and Design | Second Harvest North Central Food Bank | Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center |
| Minnesota Vikings Foundation | Second Stork | Black Hills State University Center for American Indian Studies |
| Mitzpah United Church of Christ | Shakopee Girls Hockey | Blind, Inc. |
| Mni Ki Wakan | Shakopee High School Wrestling Booster Club | Bois Forte Band of Chippewa |
| Muscular Dystrophy Association | Shakopee Lions Club | Brookings County Housing and Redevelopment Commission |
| Nambé Pueblo | Shakopee Mat Club | Browns Valley Historical Society |
| National Indian Child Welfare Association | Shakopee Public Schools American Indian Education Program | Burnsville Breakfast Rotary |
| The National Judicial College | Shakopee Youth Baseball | Burnsville High School Senior Class |
| National Multiple Sclerosis Society—Minnesota Chapter | Shakopee Youth Lacrosse Association | Chaska Baseball Association |
| National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome | Simply ArtAble | Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes |
| Native American Community Development Institute | Smoke Signals | Children's Defense Fund—Minnesota |
| Native American Development Corporation | St. Catherine Church of Spring Lake Township | Colon Cancer Coalition |
| Native POP: People of the Plains | St. John the Baptist Catholic School | Concordia College |
| New Prague High School | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital | CURE—Dakota Ride/Walk/Run |
| North Dakota Council on the Arts | St. Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad | Eden Prairie High School |
| North Memorial Health Foundation | Todd County School District | Emergency Community Help Organization |
| North Middle School | Tokatkiya Cultural Mentoring Program | Flags for Fallen Military |
| Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance | Traverse County Social Services | Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College |
| Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board | Turtle Mountain Head Start Center | The Food Group |
| Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers | Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity | Grand River Inter-Tribal Society |
| Notah Begay III Foundation | University of Minnesota Duluth American Indian Learning Resource Center | Greater Rochester Area Dakota Supporters |
| Oglala Lakota College/Lakota Woglaka Wounspe Immersion School | Vermilion Community College | Greenwood Community Powwow |
| Okiciyap—The Isabel Community | Volunteers of America—Minnesota | Harriet Bishop PTO |
| One Heartland | Walker Methodist Elders Lodge | Hope 4 Youth |
| Oneida Nation of Wisconsin | Warroad Public Schools Indian Education Program | Independent School District 625 |
| Operation Warm | Washburn Center for Children | Independent School District 728 American Indian Education Program |
| Ostara Initiative | Waubun High School | The Keya Foundation |
| Owatonna Fire Department | Wilderness Inquiry | Kiyaksa Waci Okolakiciye Powwow |
| Page Education Foundation | The Wildlife Society | La Academia |
| Prior Lake Athletics for Youth (PLAY) | Wokiksuye Ride/Youth Riders | Laker Athletic Booster Club |
| Project Community Connect—Damiano Center | The Works Museum | Lakeville Public Safety Foundation |
| Rapid City Arts Council | Yankton Sioux Housing Authority | Lakeville South High School Senior Class |
| Reaching Our Community Kids (ROCK) | YouthCare | Lakota Women Warriors |
| Red Lake Nation Toy Drive | | Lawrence Unified School District 497 |
| Rockyford School | | Legal Assistance of Olmsted County |
| Rosebud Thunder Youth Baseball League | | The Lift Garage |
| Salvation Army | | Love One Another |
| Scott County Community Development Agency | UP TO \$1,000 | Minneapolis South High School |
| Scott County Drug Prevention Task Force | American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center | Minnesota Indian Golf Classic |
| | American Falls High School | Minnesota National Guard Youth/Teen Camps |



Minnesota National Latino Peace Officers Association
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Minnesota Tribal Resources for Early Childhood Care
Montana State University
Monticello High School Senior Class
Native American Community Clinic
Native American Council of Tribes
Native American Veterans Assistance
New Prague High School Girls Hockey Booster Club
Nexus Glen Lake
Prior Lake Back Court Club
Prior Lake High School Athletic Booster Club
Prior Lake High School Mountain Bike Team
Prior Lake High School Senior Class
Prior Lake Mountain Bike Team
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
Prior Lake-Savage Hockey Association
Reclaiming Our Health
Riverside Indian School
School of Environmental Studies
School of Sisters of Notre Dame
Scott County Juvenile Alternative Facility
Shakopee Diversity Alliance
Shakopee Educational Endowment Foundation
Shakopee Girls Softball Association
Shakopee GLOmies
Shakopee High School Band
Shakopee High School Senior Class
Shakopee High School Softball Booster Club
Shakopee High School Volleyball Booster Club
Shakopee Lacrosse Booster Club
Shakopee Mountain Bike Team
Shakopee Youth Football Association
Smiles Around Minnesota
South Dakota State University American Indian Student Association
South High Foundation
SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative
Special Olympics Minnesota
St. Cloud State University American Indian Center
St. Michael Catholic School

St. Paul Youth and Learning Center
Standing Rock Community Schools
Title IV Indian Education Program
Tlalnepantla Arts
Twin Cities Native American College Fair
Twin Lakes Elementary PTO
Ultimate Autism Foundation
United Hmong Family, Inc.
United States Air Force Academy Parent's Club of Minnesota
University of Minnesota American Indian Student Cultural Center
University of North Dakota Indian Association
Wambli Ska Wacipi
Winner Powwow Committee
Woodlands and High Plains Powwow

TOTAL: \$15 MILLION





SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY



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