

Our Response: Washington Team's Original Americans Foundation

Native Americans in Philanthropy strives to power reciprocity and increase investments in Native communities by growing the circle of nonprofits, tribal communities and foundations committed to the beliefs, traditions and values of Native peoples. This includes advocating for more resources and funding for Native communities. While NAP encourages new resources, we must also assess the context in which these 'gifts' are given and if they expand our systems of reciprocity or exacerbates the charity/poverty model. [Download the full statement here.](#)

Art of Reciprocity: Chicago Workshop

The beginning of spring gave way to an exciting [Art of Reciprocity](#) Workshop delivered to organizations of the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative. The workshop was held on March 21st at the [American Indian Center Chicago](#). Our Director of Programs and Finance, Daniel Lemm, and [Circle of Leadership Academy](#) alumni, David Spencer, co-facilitated to a lively group of nonprofit professionals. The workshop's main goal was to introduce Native nonprofits and community foundations to fundraising through an indigenous lens, which is the Art of Reciprocity.

In all, 21 participants representing 11 organizations expanded their knowledge around the history and current practices of institutional philanthropy, how to write a letter of inquiry, the role of boards in fundraising, the importance of celebrating organizational victories, and much more. Skill enhancement activities included the development of a personal mission statement and practice of the personal ask.

The workshop's content, design, instructors, and results rated very well by participants at an overall average of 4.6 on a scale 1 to 5, with 5 indicating the most positive impression. Participants walked away with a number of new fundraising insights. Comments included the following:

"The personal ask is much easier than I thought it was going to be, thank you for the practice and insights"

"Fundraising is a 365 days a year endeavor...to do it effectively is not easy but it is doable"

"Connect (my work) to the donor's motivation...express (mutual) benefits to funder"

See our [programs page](#) for more information about the Art of Reciprocity.

Leveraging Resources to serve our Communities: A summit on Native nonprofits and Tribal programs.

9:30am-4:00pm

Join NAP on **April 22, 2014** as we help host a networking opportunity for the New Mexico Native communities and nonprofits. This event will create time and space to share stories and discuss how we can work together to increase our ability to serve Native people. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Travel assistance is available for

those who need it.

- Network with others working in New Mexico's Indian communities.
- Share information about your work and hear what others are doing.
- Learn about resources that can support you and your program.
- Help shape the future of Native philanthropy and nonprofits in New Mexico.



Contact Robert Sturm at robert@teoxihuitl.com for more information, to register for the summit or to request travel support.

Supported by Native Americans in Philanthropy, the Native American advised Endowment Fund of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, the WK Kellogg Foundation, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership. Download the flyer [here.](#)

MINNESOTA – Join us this FRIDAY April 4th, 2014!

Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) will be holding a free screening of the movie *The Cherokee Word For Water*. The movie is a feature-length motion picture inspired by the true story of the struggle for, opposition to, and ultimate success of a rural Cherokee community to bring running water to their families by using the traditional concept of “gadugi” working together to solve a problem.

Check our events page (<http://www.nativephilanthropy.org/events/>) or contact the administrative assistant Kathy Forliti for more information at kforliti@nativephilanthropy.org.

Join us at partner events in the Northwest!

The River Gathering, a joint annual conference of [Grantmakers of Oregon and SW Washington](#) (GOSW) and [Philanthropy Northwest](#) (PNW), takes place at Sunriver, Oregon from **April 30 – May 2, 2014**. This membership conference for funders from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, includes three Native-led, Native philanthropy-focused sessions:

- Pre-conference tour of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation
- Session – Impactful Funding in Indian Country: Experiences Shared
- Session – Wisdom Exchange: Native Knowledge, Context and Vision for Philanthropy



Stay after for our Northwest RAN Gathering:

NAP invites you to a Regional Action Network (RAN) gathering, **Friday, May 2** from 2:30-4pm, on the heels of “The River Gathering: A Confluence of People, Places and Spirit.”

You are welcome to join us to learn more about NAP, the NW Regional Action Network, and how Native philanthropy powers investment in Native communities.

Confluence is a vibrant place to be – and the RAN gathering will be, first, a celebration of an unprecedented number of Native community participants in the annual Philanthropy NW conference (to date, it looks like nearly 10% of registrants are American Indian, Alaska Native from a diversity of tribes in our region). We will debrief “The River Gathering”, catch up on the great work of our members throughout the NW region, and an update of NAP’s programs nationwide. Refreshments will be served, and there is no cost to register.

Interested? RSVP to shelleymmeans@gmail.com.

In case you missed it! Download the tour of CausePlanet here.

On March 30th, Denise McMahan, Founder/Publisher of [CausePlanet](#) gave NAP and its members an exclusive tour of their resources and features of the website. If you missed the chance to join us, you can [download the recorded tour here](#) and learn how you as a member of our organization can take advantage of this tool!



Unity Summit: Register Today!

The JAG Unity Summit will celebrate 20 years of advancing equity. It will take place prior to the Council on Foundations annual conference on June 6-8th, 2014 in Washington D.C. Please click on the link below to register and learn more about attending the Unity Summit; a unified conference with our partners in the Joint Affinity Groups. Space is limited, register today! NAP Members receive a discounted registration fee! [Click here to register now.](#)

REGISTER NOW!

Unity.

20 years Advancing Equity.
The Joint Affinity Groups Unity Summit. Washington, DC, June 6-8, 2014.



MEMBER NEWS

The College Fund to Support Environmental Science and Sustainability Programs

Tribal colleges serve communities that face environmental issues such as degradation of water quality, energy development, depletion of natural resources, and agricultural management. A new Environmental Science and Sustainability Project funded by the American Indian College Fund through a \$1.35 million grant will support tribal colleges and universities in select states by underwriting environmental science and sustainability programs of study and student internships; providing tribal college faculty with fellowships to earn advanced degrees in related fields; and offering fellowships for tribal college students majoring in relevant programs to complete their junior and senior years of college. Continue reading [here.](#)



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Tiwahe Foundation launches new website

Tiwahe Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of our new website design. The website is redesigned to better tell our stories of impact in the Twin Cities Native American community and philanthropic sector. It reflects our work and growth over the past few years. [Check it out!](#)



Potlatch Fund 2014 Leadership Honoring Awards

Nominations for These Prestigious Awards NOW OPEN. The Potlatch Fund Annual Gala is Northwest Signature Event, which raises the profile of the Native community and highlights the innovative work being undertaken by Tribes and Native nonprofits. Since 2006, Potlatch Fund has honored Northwest Native leaders making a difference in the areas of: Economic and Community Development, Civic Participation, Natural Resource Protection, Education Award, and Cultural Preservation. Send in your nominations [here](#).



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PHILANTHROPY NEWS

NCAI Official Named to President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans

Sherry Salway Black, The National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) [director of the Partnership for Tribal Governance](#), has been appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans. Read more about Sherry's appointment [here](#).

Coeur d'Alene Tribe donates \$1.2 million

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has donated \$1.2 million to 52 educational programs in Idaho. The money is going to support educational efforts ranging from reading, music, arts, science, college scholarship programs and vocational preparation. The chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Chief Allen, says the money will allow students to focus on learning. Read the rest [here](#).

D5 is pleased to announce the release of a new tool for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in philanthropy

Analysis of Policies, Practices, and Programs for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

This scan and analysis completed by JustPartners, Inc. of the programs, practices, and policies currently being used to advance DEI in philanthropy is a powerful tool for philanthropic stakeholders. Access the tool [here](#).

Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth announces Youth Award winners

The Center for Native American Youth (CNAY), a policy program at the Aspen Institute, announced its class of 2014 Champions for Change. The Champions for Change program, inspired by a White House initiative, is designed to shine a spotlight on positive stories in Indian Country, promote hope among Native American youth, and engage young people in leadership opportunities. Read more [here](#).



EVENTS

3rd Annual Powwow For Hope | May 3, 2014

201 Bloomington Road, Minneapolis, MN 55111

The American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) will celebrate its third annual Powwow for Hope on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Join friends, survivors, caregivers, and loved ones at our new location at Base Camp! [More info here!](#)

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Native Learning Center Presents: Promoting Strong and Safe Tribal Communities

Registration is free for Native Americans and those working within Indian Country! June 3-5, 2014. More info [here](#).

[Find more events here!](#)



RESOURCES

AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants FY 2014

With the FY 2014 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Notice of Funding Opportunity, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in economic opportunity, education, veterans and military families, and disaster services in Native American communities. Learn more [here](#).

Program Officer for Native Arts and Cultures Foundation

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation seeks a highly experienced program officer eager to help lead the foundation's transformational growth and strategic development as it aspires to become an outstanding national presenter giving voice and visibility to Native artists and culture bearers. Learn how to apply [here](#).

New Report Issued on Native American Leadership

First Nations Development Institute ([First Nations](#)) has just published a 78-page report titled "American Indian Leadership: Strengthening Native Communities and Organizations." It is available for free on our Knowledge Center [here](#).

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[Embracing Cultural Competency: A Roadmap for Nonprofit Capacity Builders](#) by Patricia St. Onge

- Discover a framework to help discuss issues related to cultural competency and learn about the methods, practices and values that define it.
- Encounter a mosaic of perspectives surrounding cultural competency through interviews, peer dialogue and personal insights from contributing authors who represent five major ethnic communities.
- Understand the complexities within ethnic communities and gain insights into the nature of institutionalized racism.
- Reinforce the importance of examining and dismantling institutional inequities.

For more resources, check out our [resources page here!](#)



If you would like to contribute a resource, job posting, or article to our newsletter or website, email the Membership Associate at jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org.

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