

# NAP CONNECTIONS

## January 2014 NEWSLETTER



### ***Wishing You a Happy New Year***

With the January upon us, we at Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) wanted to take the time to wish our members, partners and allies a Happy New Year and share our gratitude for all the hard work that you have done through out the year. We are grateful for the opportunities that we have had to work with many of you and we look forward to working together even more in the future and cultivating new connections! NAP has had many successes in 2013 including:

- Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Philanthropy Institute
- The graduation of our Circle of Leadership Academy Cohort III
- Launching of our new website and NAP Connections
- Regional Action Network Weavers expansion
- Release of two new reports: Native Voices Rising: A case for Funding Native-led Change and 2013 Minnesota Native American Nonprofit Economy Report
- Engagement through over twenty knowledge sharing opportunities at conferences and convenings
- Partnership to support philanthropic equity with our work with the Joint Affinity Partners and D5 Coalition
- Restructuring of our membership levels and benefits
- Doubling in members and our network
- Ricardo Lopez termed out from the NAP Board of Directors as Chair and Aleesha Towns-Bain joined on.

NAP hopes 2014 is a year of great happiness and success for you. Have a wonderful new year!

***EPIP is joining forces with JAG to host a game-changing conference on equity this spring.***

# Unity.

 **JAG** 20 years Advancing Equity.

The Joint Affinity Groups Unity Summit. Washington, DC, June 6-8, 2014.

### **JAG Wants to Hear from YOU**

**This isn't just a call for sessions, but for ideas.** We want this to be the most engaging event on equity you've ever attended. Think of it as a place to host some mind-blowing peer-to-peer exchanges where you can learn, share, and collaborate. Your input ensures these exchanges are tailored to meet your needs. Let's unite! Find out more

 **EPIP** | BUILDING PHILANTHROPIC EQUITY



 **Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy**



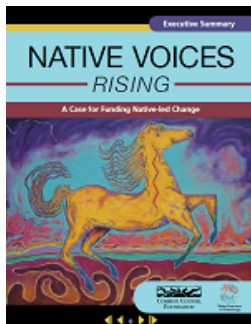
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**January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Research and Philanthropy in Indian Country Webinar!**

Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) will be hosting Part 4 in our [Membership Webinar series](#), **January 23rd, 2014** at 1pm CST. Lead researchers Louis Delgado, Angela Mooney D'Arcy, and Jane Harstad will be presenting on their reports and be available for a Q&A session after the webinar! The reports are available for download to read ahead of time here:

- Native Voices Rising
- 2013 Minnesota Native American Nonprofit Economy Report
- Foundation Funding for Native American Issues

[Register for the webinar here](#). You can download previous webinars on our website [here!](#)



## MEMBER NEWS

***Susan Desmond-Hellmann Named Chief Executive Officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation***

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has selected Susan Desmond-Hellmann, M.D., M.P.H., as its next chief executive officer. Currently the chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Desmond-Hellmann will assume her role on May 1, 2014. Read more about the foundation's new CEO [here](#).

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases/2013/12/Susan-Desmond-Hellmann-Named-Chief-Executive-Officer-of-the-Bill-and-Melinda-Gates-Foundation>

***The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Leadership Program Application Deadline January 10<sup>th</sup>.***

The fellowship program is seeking individuals who have content expertise or field practice in the area of racial equity, healing or related areas. They will have experience and the use of tools and strategies that help bring together diverse communities to

address structural racism, disparities or barriers. The amount of the fellowship award \$60,000 and it is inclusive of stipend support for learning opportunities and travel to required seminars. Find out more about the program and how you can apply here. <http://www.wkkf.org/what-we-do/community-and-civic-engagement/wkkf-community-leadership-network>

### ***He Lived As 'All of Us, At Our Best, Aspire to Live'***

The Ford Foundation joins people worldwide in mourning the passing of Nelson Mandela, while celebrating his impact on the people of South Africa and people everywhere who yearn for freedom.

“Mandela was not only an extraordinary human being of profound accomplishment, he was profoundly human,” said Ford Foundation president Darren Walker. “Warm, gentle, filled with both courage and kindness, he lived life in a way that all of us, at our best, aspire to live ours. His pleasure in simple acts of joy and laughter, which touched so many lives, especially children, will be remembered as much as his great acts of leadership and statesmanship.” <http://www.fordfoundation.org/newsroom/news-from-ford/787>



## **PHILANTHROPY NEWS**

### ***Astraea Foundation highlights 10 LGBTQOI Activist Moments of 2013***

At Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, the last days of the year are a time to honor brave leaps forward and take stock of political set backs for LGBTQI rights activism in 2013. By no means comprehensive, we offer a brief survey of ten moments of LGBTQI activism around the globe in 2013. Join the conversation online and share more moments with us on facebook and twitter using #LGBTQIActivistMoments! View the list [here](http://www.astraeafoundation.org/news/302/60/10-LGBTQI-Activist-Moments-of-2013). <http://www.astraeafoundation.org/news/302/60/10-LGBTQI-Activist-Moments-of-2013>

### ***TOGETHER. One day raising millions for New Mexico.***

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Community Foundations, *The Community Foundation Coalition of New Mexico*, made up of the Albuquerque, Taos, Southern New Mexico, New Mexico and Santa Fe Community Foundations, will be taking part in a national day of community giving. Learn how to give or participate [here](http://www.givegrandenm.org/?utm_source=Campaign+Created+2013%2F12%2F04%2C+12%3A13+PM&utm_campaign=Give+Grande+NM&utm_medium=email).

[http://www.givegrandenm.org/?utm\\_source=Campaign+Created+2013%2F12%2F04%2C+12%3A13+PM&utm\\_campaign=Give+Grande+NM&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.givegrandenm.org/?utm_source=Campaign+Created+2013%2F12%2F04%2C+12%3A13+PM&utm_campaign=Give+Grande+NM&utm_medium=email)

### ***Community Development in Native Communities***

In this issue of [Community Investments](#), we look at a selection of Native initiatives across the country. We learn how Native communities are partnering with federal

agencies to build and support sustainable housing in Indian Country, and establish modern water and sewer systems for remote Native communities in Alaska. The articles also examine a community-based health worker initiative that extends culturally-sensitive health care to the farthest reaches of Navajo Nation, and a Native Hawaiian financial education program and community-based lending institution. In addition, we discover how a community center in Portland, Oregon is bringing urban Native Americans together and preserving community ties in a city environment. [Click here](#) to download the full issue. <http://www.frbsf.org/community-development/publications/community-investments/2013/december/community-development-native-communities/>



## EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE! THURSDAY - MAY 29TH - 2014 11:00—2:00pm  
Ain Dah Yung Center's 2014 Annual OPEN HOUSE!

Boozhoo Everyone!! We were so honored to have so many of you join us last year for our Open House & Celebration. Our hope is that you'll revel with us once again as we acknowledge what we've accomplished together...and how we can continue to strengthen our partnerships so that we all walk collectively with our children and families. Keep an eye on [Ain Dah Yung's website](#) for more information. [adycenter.org/](http://adycenter.org/)

[Find more events here!](#)



## RESOURCES

### ***Northwest Area Foundation: Communications Director***

Reporting directly to President & CEO Kevin Walker, the Communications Director will lead all of the Northwest Area Foundations communications, public relations and media programs in support of achieving its goals. The Communication function plays a critical role at the Foundation by engaging and informing a wide variety of audiences around the Foundation's mission and the impact of its grantee's work.

Please contact Marcia Ballinger, PhD at [marciab@keystoneresearch.com](mailto:marciab@keystoneresearch.com) for more information.

### ***Minnesota Council of Nonprofits: Request for Proposals***

The 2014 Nonprofit Leadership Conference is taking place on Thursday, June 26 at the McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. We invite presenters knowledgeable in current leadership topics to submit a proposal by Friday, February 7 at 5 p.m. This year's conference delves into the theme of Exploring Diverse

Voices. Through this theme, we hope to engage nonprofit leaders in discussions about the diverse voices present in our sector, our communities and our organizations. Learn more about submitting a proposal to present at the 2014 Nonprofit Leadership Conference. <http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/leadership-conference/2014-conference-rfp>

### **2014 Summer Internship Opportunities with Indian Land Tenure Foundation**

Are you a student looking for a unique internship opportunity this summer? Would you enjoy working for a national, Native nonprofit organization focused on American Indian land recovery? Do you want to build your professional skills and experience while learning more about Indian land issues?

If this describes you or someone you know, please visit there [website](#) to learn more about 2014 summer internship opportunities with ILTF.

Application Deadline: February 14, 2014

[http://www.iltf.org/news/announcements/2014-summer-internship-opportunities-indian-land-tenure-foundation?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2014+Summer+Internship+Opportunities+with+Indian+Land+Tenure+Foundation&utm\\_content=2014+Summer+Internship+Opportunities+with+Indian+Land+Tenure+Foundation+CID\\_355fdd8dd0097d9b8f29221f474d5bdb&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm\\_term=visit%20our%20website](http://www.iltf.org/news/announcements/2014-summer-internship-opportunities-indian-land-tenure-foundation?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2014+Summer+Internship+Opportunities+with+Indian+Land+Tenure+Foundation&utm_content=2014+Summer+Internship+Opportunities+with+Indian+Land+Tenure+Foundation+CID_355fdd8dd0097d9b8f29221f474d5bdb&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=visit%20our%20website)

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### **Assessing research quality: a quick tip for even the non-researchers**

by Kevin Raines

I serve on an advisory committee for a college program that trains organizational leaders, and at our last meeting there was a discussion about the...and [learn more about the CausePlanet discount for NAP members.](#)

### **The Pink perspective: Everyone is in sales**

It wasn't long ago when most of us in the nonprofit sector bristled when someone said we should run our organizations more like businesses. Today, we've...and [learn more about the CausePlanet discount for NAP members.](#)

### **When People Care Enough to Act, 2nd Edition by Mike Green with Henry Moore and John O'Brien**

- Learn how to be an effective community builder by engaging in the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach.
- Create productive connections by exploring the five building blocks of community and their pre-existing assets.
- Address community problems by building strength through three interconnected activities and a framework for action.
- Leverage the authors' proven community organizing principles that guide collective action.



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](mailto:jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org).

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