

# NAP CONNECTIONS

## March 2014 NEWSLETTER



### ***NAP: Call for Board Nominations!***

Native Americans in Philanthropy is pleased to announce a call for nominations for new Board Members. We are also accepting self-nominations.

NAP's mission is to advance philanthropic practices grounded in native values and traditions. Download the [Call for Nominations for New Board Members](#) and the [Nominations Form 2015](#) for more information.

**Be sure to watch your inboxes for an invite to join us next month for our Annual Membership Meeting webinar!**

### ***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.](#)



### ***Art of Reciprocity – A Regionalized Curriculum***

*by Diana V. Manuel*

The chill of the polar vortex did not deter us from holding yet another training of the [Art of Reciprocity](#). The training was held on February 5th – 8th, 2014 and hosted by the [United Way of Winnipeg](#). The curriculum was regionalized using cultural traditions of the Cree, Metis, and Ojibwe peoples; which included the Seven Sacred Teachings as incorporated by the Aboriginal Relations Council of the United Way of Winnipeg. Each training day engaged participants in conversation and with a blend of activities such as storytelling, sharing time and technical fundraising tools through an Indigenous lens. For instance, each participant wrote a personal mission statement expressing their personal giving purpose and then shared it with the group. On the technical fundraising portion, each participant created a “Personal Ask” for their organization, then discussed donor cultivation, how to create a development plan and communication strategies.

Many hours of research, writing and editing went into the development of this regionalized version. We are appreciative of Bruce Miller and Trina Flett of United Way of Winnipeg and Celeste McKay of McKay Consulting for their attention and dedication to bringing the Art of Reciprocity to the Indigenous communities of Winnipeg.

Overall, the training was a great success with 25 participants from various Aboriginal-led agencies in the Winnipeg area having participated.

Below are comments shared with us by several Art of Reciprocity Training participants:

*“You were very successful in teaching the Indigenous world view for reciprocity & establishing a good base”*

*“A good blend of the technical knowledge and the Indigenous teachings”*

*“Loved the interaction, traditional connection, and storytelling”*

*“High value, developing the case is very valuable”*





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

***CausePlanet: Announcing a new benefit for NAP members***

Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) is excited to announce a new benefit for our members! Thanks to a partnership with [CausePlanet](#), we'll be offering a variety of services. [See what they are here!](#)



Take a quick tour of these services on Thurs, March 20 via webinar: CausePlanet Founder and Publisher, Denise McMahan, will be offering a 15 minute tour of the service and stay online to answer questions. [Register here for the 15-minute tour!](#) If you are a current member of NAP, keep an eye out on your inbox for an email from CausePlanet with more details as well as your log-in credentials to access the summaries, interviews and resources. Regular updates about new books and author events will be available in our future newsletters.

***The Philanthropy Exchange Conference and JAG Unity Summit***

Philanthropy Exchange, the Council on Foundations' 2014 Annual Conference, is the premier opportunity for grantmaking foundations from across the country and around the globe to elevate issues critically important to the philanthropic sector while networking with colleagues and thought leaders from across the field, all amidst the backdrop of our nation's capital.

The 2014 Philanthropy Exchange will also build on the [Joint Affinity Group's \(JAG\) Unity Summit](#) that precedes the conference, including jointly planned programming that reinforce the synergy between JAG's racial equity focus and the Council's spotlight on the importance of coming together despite the fractures of a polarized society. NAP Members can get one flat rate to attend both conferences! Visit the [JAG website](#) for more information.

If you're interested in just attending the Council on Foundation conference, NAP can provide it's current members with a discount code. Email the membership associate at [jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org](mailto:jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org).

***Native Voices Rising Invests in Native-Led Change: Indigenizes Grantmaking***

Native Voices Rising (NVR), a project of [Common Counsel Foundation](#) and [Native Americans in Philanthropy](#), is a research and re-granting project that was designed to support grassroots groups led by and for Native communities in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. Download the full press release [here](#).



## MEMBER NEWS

***Hope Through Healing Hands Announces Partnership with [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) to Create New Faith-Based Coalition for Healthy Mothers and Children Worldwide***



Senator Bill Frist, M.D., announced today that Hope Through Healing Hands (HTHH), a Nashville-based global health organization, will partner with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to create the Faith-Based Coalition for Healthy Mothers and Children Worldwide. The organization will be based in Nashville, Tenn., and led by Executive Director Jenny Dyer, Ph.D., who has been with HTHH since 2008. [Read more here.](#)

***First Nations Development Institute Publishes Free ‘Business of Indian Agriculture’ Curriculum to Assist Native American Farmers, Ranchers and Ag Producers***

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) today announced it has published a comprehensive curriculum for Native American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that can be downloaded for free from the First Nations website. It is designed to be used by tribal college instructors, extension agents or workshop instructors. It is titled “The Business of Indian Agriculture” and includes both a 562-page Instructor Guide and a 323-page Participant Workbook. [View the full press release here.](#)



***Tiwahe Foundation Announces American Indian Family Empowerment Fund grant Recipients***

The Tiwahe Foundation is honored to announce that at their Board meeting February 11, 2014 thirteen grants were awarded to Native American individuals in the Twin Cities seven county metro area through its American Indian Family Empowerment





Program Fund (AIFEP). This program awards \$70,000-\$80,000 annually to American Indian individuals and families seeking financial resources to achieve their goals, shape their future and make positive contributions to their community through three priority areas: Economic Self-sufficiency; Education and Cultural Connections. Visit the [Tiwahe website](#) for more info.



## PHILANTHROPY NEWS

### ***Reclaiming healthy food systems in Indian Country***

For thousands of years, Native communities in the Americas sustained themselves through a rich variety of complex food systems, each adapted to local cultural and environmental conditions. The traditional ways of planting, gathering, fishing and hunting led to balanced diets, good health and enduring cultures.

Today, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians suffer from alarmingly high rates of diabetes, heart disease and other diet-related illness. Among American Indian children, 31.2 percent of four-year-olds are obese, a higher rate than for any other racial or ethnic group in the United States. Tooth decay is five times higher among Native children ages two to four than the U.S. average. At the same time, the poverty rate in Indian Country is 27.3 percent, nearly twice the national rate. [Continue reading here.](#)

### ***Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Donates \$150,000 to Daybreak Star***

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is honored to support Seattle's Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center with a \$150,000 donation. Daybreak Star has been struggling to remain open and almost faced closure last September due to grant cuts as well as program cuts.

"The work that Daybreak Star does for Northwest Natives and others is critical," said Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's Chairwoman Carolyn Lubenau. "The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe wanted to ensure that the Center's programs are able to continue." [Read more here.](#)

### ***Community Foundations Centennial***

The Council on Foundations is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the creation of the first community foundation by shining a spotlight on the myriad ways these important institutions are making a difference – and discussing how these vital institutions will serve their communities during the next 100 years.

From February through November of this year, the Council will feature stories that show how these vital institutions are addressing critical local and regional issues. In particular, we will look at innovative programs and projects that will shape their communities for years to come. [View the stories here.](#)

### ***The Notah Begay III Foundation Awards More Than \$390,000 in Grants***

*NB3F Announces its Inaugural class of 10 promising program grantees*

The Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) today announced the 10 grantees selected to receive Promising Program Grants through NB3F's national initiative, Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures (Native Strong). From an applicant pool of 89 tribes and organization requesting more than \$3.4 million, 10 grantees were selected, with the first round of grantmaking totaling \$395,365. These grants will assist Native American tribes and organizations in strengthening existing youth focused physical activity and healthy nutrition programs. [More information here.](#)



## EVENTS

### ***Second Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit Agenda Finalized; Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Sets Precedent for Tribal Involvement***

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations), one of the co-sponsors of the Second Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit to be held April 14-17 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, today released the final agenda for the event. [It is available here.](#)

### ***SAVE THE DATES: Play it Forward 2014 Santa Fe Community Foundation***

#### *Fourth Annual Play It Forward Golf Tournament & Auction Events*

Thank You to the Sponsors and Contributors for the outstanding support and gifts to the Play It Forward 2013 event. You who helped Play It Forward 2013 achieve our goal of raising \$150,000. The proceeds from this wonderful event were split 50/50 between The First Tee of Santa Fe and the Las Campanas Community Fund Scholarship Program. [Find out more.](#)

[Find more events here!](#)



## RESOURCES

### ***Idyllwild Arts 2014 Scholarship information***

The Mission of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation is to promote and advance artistic and cultural development through education in a beautiful, natural environment conducive to positive personal growth.

The Idyllwild Arts Academy provides pre-professional training in the arts and a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum to a diverse student body of gifted young artists from all over the world. [Read more here.](#)

### ***Marguerite Casey Foundation – Program Officer candidates search***

The Marguerite Casey Foundation is searching for two new Program Officers to oversee our work in California and the Southwest. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover and salary information by email to:

[Martha Montag Brown & Associates](#)

Email: Martha Brown (martha@marthamontagbrown.com)

Phone: 818.790.8873

### ***Social Innovation Fund Grants FY 2014***

This is an exciting time for the Social Innovation Fund. In a few months, SIF will celebrate its five year anniversary, and yesterday, we launched our fourth funding competition! Thanks to a substantial increase in this fiscal year's appropriations, the Social Innovation Fund will invest \$65.8 million in award funds to grantmaking institutions that are ready to disrupt the status quo. [Find out more here.](#)

### ***Social Justice Fund Announcing all 2014 grant opportunities***

We have 6 funding opportunities open for application! We have 6 grant cycles open to groups and organizations looking for funding (resources, details, and deadlines below). Please help us spread the word, and share this info with people or groups that would be interested in applying. Deadlines are approaching with **the first deadline 3/17.** [Apply here.](#)

### ***Grants, Internships and Scholarships For Native Americans***

Currently Native Americans are one of the most under represented groups in college, and can face limited resources and access to quality education on reservations. Fortunately there are many Grants, Internships and Scholarships available to Native Americans to help build a stronger and highly educated Native American community. [Click here for more information.](#)

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Watch for downloads to come!

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



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