



# Ain Dah Yung (OUR HOME) CENTER



## 2011

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## OUR MISSION

**Ain Dah Yung PROVIDES A HEALING PLACE for AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH AND FAMILIES to thrive in safety and wholeness.**



# 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

## Greetings Friends and Partners,

On behalf of Ain Dah Yung, the Board of Directors, staff, and the youth and families we serve, it is with pride and gratitude that we present our 2010 Annual Report. For twenty-seven years, with the generous support of our community partners and members, Ain Dah Yung has developed many services and programs that have been proven to be effective in addressing the root issues and ongoing challenges our community youth and families face while in demanding situations. Ain Dah Yung strives to develop programs that build upon the strengths of our children, youth, and families which further enable them to reach their destinies. We invite you to join us in commemorating these collective accomplishments.

### With you as a partner, in 2010:

- Homeless children had an open door to warmth, clothing, family style meals, and positive people who gave them a sense of safety and security.
- Older youth were given a chance to leave homelessness behind them forever through programming which taught them critical life skills that enabled them to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Families who were at their wits end, found guidance and a supportive hand that helped them to secure the resources they needed to provide for their children and regain their strengths.
- Children who were at risk of being solicited into a world of chemical dependency, violence and other negative influences were embraced by our prevention staff, giving them the knowledge and esteem they need to deter harmful behaviors.
- Finally, all of our children and families were given the gift of experiencing how the Native way of life can further uphold their successes.

All of this and more is made possible through the thoughtfulness and humanity of our elders who continue to teach the ways, through funders who understand the importance of culturally relevant services, and community members and partners who stand alongside us with visions that lead to opportunities of wellness and triumph.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we look forward to 2011 with hopefulness and promise and invite you to not only continue this vital partnership, but join in our various celebrations such as our Annual Cherish the Children Traditional Pow Wow on February 12<sup>th</sup>, our Open House in May and other feasts and events. With you, we will continue to give families and children choices that generate optimism and capacity to build on their circles of strength and culture.

It's an honor to be allied with all of you... Thank You!

Pidamayaye,

Miigwetch

Michelle Thompson-Tuttle  
Board of Directors - Chair

Deb Foster  
Executive Director

## AIN DAH YUNG CENTER STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2010

ASSETS	2010	2009
Cash	201,185	204,016
Accounts Receivables	149,415	184,965
Pledges Receivable		145,000
Prepaid Expenses	19,122	13,319
Total Current Assets	369,722	547,300
Grants Receivable		
Property & Equipment - Net	830,097	880,397
Total Other Assets	830,097	880,397
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,199,819</b>	<b>1,427,697</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts Payable	26,846	33,579
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	42,966	44,304
Refundable Advances	23,327	65,720
Total Current Liabilities	93,139	143,603
Loan Payable - Long Term	165,000	165,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>258,139</b>	<b>308,603</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Board Designated	100,000	50,000
Temporarily Restricted	61,100	159,826
Unrestricted	780,580	909,268
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>941,680</b>	<b>1,119,094</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,199,819</b>	<b>1,427,697</b>

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michelle Thompson-Tuttle, President  
Jan Werness, Vice-President  
Valerie Larsen, Secretary  
Daniel Lemm, Treasurer

Eileen Hudon  
Sarah Wovcha  
Dr. Ceceilia Martinez  
Gabrielle Strong - Honorary Member

### FUND DEVELOPMENT

We greatly appreciate the support of individuals, governmental institutions, tribes, foundations and corporations that invest in our work. Listed below are the names of supporters making donations to AinDah Yung (Our Home) Center from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

### TRIBAL SUPPORT, FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS

3M Foundation  
American Indian Family Center  
Bush Foundation  
Butler Foundation  
Clearway Minnesota  
Elmer & Eleanor Andersen Foundation  
Great Minneapolis Council of Churches  
The House of Hope Presbyterian Church  
Hugh J. Andersen Foundation  
Jay & Rose Phillips Foundation  
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Otto Bremer Foundation

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The Saint Paul Foundation  
The Salvation Army Booth Brown House Services  
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community  
Target Foundation  
TJX Foundation  
University of Minnesota  
Upper Sioux Board of Trustees  
US Bank  
WCA Foundation  
Wells Family Fund (Minneapolis Foundation)  
Western Bank  
Xcel Energy Foundation

### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

City of St. Paul  
Local Counties: Ramsey and Hennepin  
Minnesota Department of Human Services:  
• Chemical Dependency Program Division  
• Indian Child Welfare Grants Program  
• Minnesota Department of Economic Security  
• Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs

• Minnesota Department of Health  
- Transitional Living Program  
- Tobacco Prevention and Control  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:  
• Administration for Children and Families  
• FEMA

### INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Dr. James Adkins  
James Berling  
Charissa Blue  
June Blue  
Nancy Brennan  
Nicole Lonetree Brovold  
Julie Brown  
Noreen Buhmann  
Christian Brothers Youth Home  
Trisha Cook Hanson  
Judie Cutler  
Chelsea Fairbanks  
Joseph Finley  
Mary Morrissey Finley  
Niki Flick

Deb Foster  
Angela Gauthier  
Jorge Granja  
Kurt Hanson  
Amy Hartman  
Scott Hayman  
Mary Jo Hunter  
Susan Jacobson  
Michael Jordan  
Ona Knoxsah  
Sharon Lamb  
John Lamski  
Valerie Larsen  
Chris Lawler  
Daniel Lemm  
Darralu Lindholm  
Mary Maltese  
Denise Marvinney

Thomas McSherry  
Robert and Dee Anne Nelson  
Nordeen Development  
Patina Park Zink  
Curt Peterson  
Mary Pickard  
Jason Smith  
Lachelle Smith  
Jean Stanley  
Lynda Summerall  
Janet Werness  
Laura White  
Cheryl Yellow Bird

We are grateful for the all of the support we have received this year. We apologize if we have missed anyone. Thank you!



Ain Dah Yung Center is a cornerstone for community healing. We are committed to ensuring that American Indian youth and families in the Twin Cities Area retain access to their Indigenous rights of community belonging and culturally identity. The following values continue to guide our actions and decisions:

- Safety always comes first
- We treat each other with love, kindness, respect and dignity
- Native language, traditions, spirituality and storytelling are the keys to healing and thriving in our community
- We act with integrity and accountability as careful stewards of community resources
- Humor and humbleness help us weather many storms and keep perspective
- We empower all to dream, set high standards and achieve

### AIN DAH YUNG (OUR HOME) CENTER PROGRAMS

**Emergency Shelter** provides culturally specific emergency shelter to American Indian youth who are homeless, runaway, in a family crisis, or involved with juvenile corrections. Services include: emergency and short-term shelter, crisis intervention, case and systems advocacy, information and referrals, access to medical/dental care, counseling, case management and community education. *In 2010, 111 youth were provided with emergency shelter.*

**Ninijanisag (Our Children)** is a prevention and intervention program designed to combat chemical and commercial tobacco abuse, suicidal ideations and other self-compromising behaviors among at-risk youth. Through opportunities for community involvement and leadership, culturally specific health education, and cultural enrichment activities, Ninijanisag develops interpersonal competencies and strengthens the community and cultural connections of the young people it serves. *In 2010, a total of 66 youth participated in prevention and cultural activities.*

**Beverly A. Benjamin Youth Lodge** is a 6-bed culturally grounded transitional living program available to youth that have no parental substitute or foster home to which they can safely go. Youth address the critical issues/barriers to self-sufficiency and strengthen their community and cultural connections. *In 2010, the Youth Lodge housed 15 youth.*

**The Street Outreach Program** provides street-based support to runaway or homeless youth unable or not wanting to enter a shelter. Case workers provide information on safe housing, basic needs resources and health related issues. They also provide health and personal care supplies, food and access to transportation. Youth are provided with drop-in services where they can eat a hot meal, do laundry or shower. *In 2010, approximately 1175 street outreach contacts were made.*

**Oyate Nawajin (Stand with the People) programs** are designed to keep American Indian families together and strong by providing the knowledge, skills and resources they need to provide a safe, stable environment for their children. Programs and services include:

• **Counseling and Support:** Culturally relevant mental health services and support are provided that combine mainstream therapeutic models with American Indian culture and wellness concepts to understand and treat American Indian youth and families. Services include individual, group and family therapy and assessment. *Oyate Nawajin provided counseling and support to 18 children and 22 adults in 2010. In addition, 30 youth in the emergency shelter were provided with mental health screenings, as were 13 youth at the youth lodge.*

• **Children's Mental Health Case Management:** Provides support, case management and assistance in coordinating resources for families with children who have mental health needs. *In 2010, the Children's Mental Health Case Manager provided support, case management and assistance in coordinating resources for 21 youth and their families.*

• **Family Preservation and Reunification:** Oyate Nawajin includes a variety of services focused on the preservation and reunification of American Indian families. Participants are referred by Ain Dah Yung Center staff, community agencies, Child Protection services, or by self-referral. The Family Support and Indinway Mug Enug (My Relatives) programs are designed to support and preserve American Indian families through counseling, support, parenting education, resource acquisition and advocacy with a cultural base. The Intensive In-Home and Alternative Response Programs serve at-risk families and offer parenting and life-skill education. The Medicine Wheel Project, a collaborative with St. Paul Indian Education and the American Indian Family Center provides families with support and education with the goal of increasing their child's school attendance and success. *Preservation and Reunification services were provided to 34 families and a total of 87 children in 2010.*

• **Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy and Compliance Project:** In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, Ain Dah Yung Center's ICWLAC Project prevents the dissolution of Indian families and combats out-of-home placement through compliance monitoring, referrals to Southern MN Regional Legal Services for legal representation, and education/outreach. *In 2010, 50 cases were monitored for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.*

