The Ain Dah Yung Center (ADYC) is proud of the full circle of services we are able to provide with the generous support of our community partners and allies. With you, we are able to prevent homelessness amongst our youngest, deliver support and resources to families who might be on the brink of homelessness, provide safety when our children are in crisis and experiencing homelessness, all the while helping our older youth leave homelessness behind them forever. Therefore, on behalf of the Ain Dah Yung Center, the Board of Directors, staff and the Board of Directors and staff, we affirm that we will celebrate as a community an event that is a moment of great celebration and gratitude that we present our 2011 Annual Report.

It’s been twenty-eight years now since the first American Indian school in St. Paul recognized that many of its students were homeless. At that time, they had nowhere to go when they were affected by their school and were unable to attend school. Since then, we have become the first and, as we know it, the only agency of its kind. We have built our program the way as the first agency to provide any form of culturally focused services to any group, to create a continuum of care built from a framework of cultural healing. Our belief is that our children and families are resilient, and we continue to assist our people to fulfill their destinies from a strength based context.

Here are just a few ways in which together we were able to develop new “walkways” for over 2660 youth and families in 2011: • 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 self-esteem they need to deter harmful behaviors. • 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 re-establish their stability. • Homeless children had an open door - 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week - 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 through programming which taught them critical skills that enabled them to achieve self-sufficiency. • Homeless youth struggling on our streets every night were given lifesaving supplies, guidance to health services, shelter and other resources, and most importantly, shown that they are not alone. • Finally, all of our children and families were given the gift of experiencing how the Native way of life can further enhance their success.

All of this and more is made possible through the thoughtfulness and wisdom of our elders who continue to teach us the ways, through allies 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.

TRIBAL SUPPORT, FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS

Tribal Foundations
Clearwater Minnesota
Ramsey and Hennepin County
GOVERNMENT FUNDING

City of Saint Paul Department of Planning & Economic Development
Ramsey and Hennepin County

Minnesota Department of Human Services:
•  Child Abuse Drug Education
•  Child Safety & Permanency Division
•  Office of Economic Opportunity

Minneapolis Department of Health:
•  Office of Minority & Multicultural Health

Individuals
The other circles of Support we cherish are those individuals who share in our vision to help ensure that children and families who are at risk of homelessness, have the right to experience stability, safety and quality educational opportunities, and the ability to build on their circles of strength and culture. It’s an honor walk with you…Thank you!