

# Ain Dah Yung Center



## 2013

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## OUR MISSION

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

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# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

## Boozhoo Community Friends, Partners and Allies,

2013 is a very special year for the Ain Dah Yung Center (ADYC) as we look to celebrate our 30th ANNIVERSARY! Twenty-nine years ago, the first American Indian school in St. Paul recognized that many of its students were homeless or in homes that were affecting their ability to attend school and succeed. Children and youth were often focused on survival and meeting basic needs. Additionally, a majority of homeless children and youth were, and continue to be today, American Indian. Out of these realities and through the hard work of many early American Indian leaders and the generosity of funding partners, Ain Dah Yung was created in 1983.

Since then, the Ain Dah Yung Center has led the way as the first agency to provide any form of culturally focused services to any group. The Ain Dah Yung Center's Emergency Shelter and culturally relevant programs immediately proved to be much more effective than mainstream services for American Indian families and that fact continues to be demonstrated today.

As ADYC grew, it became clear that the issues bringing youth to the shelter – abuse/neglect, drug and alcohol dependence, pregnancy, depression/suicidal thoughts – also needed to be addressed. Therefore through the use of traditional American Indian beliefs and an asset-based approach that builds on the strengths of our families, the original emergency shelter program was expanded to include several “wrap-around” services for youth and their families. These included the development of the Ninijanisag [Our Children] and Oyate Nawajin [Stand with the People] Programs as well as the Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge, and our Street Outreach Program. Be sure to check out the program section of this Annual Report for full details of our current program initiatives.

In 2012, the Ain Dah Yung Center provided services to approximately 4,521 youth and families from the Twin Cities area and throughout the State, using traditional American Indian values as a starting point for personal and community growth. All of this and more was made possible through the generosity and wisdom of our elders who continue to teach 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. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we look forward to 2013 with promise and invite you to not only continue this vital partnership, but join in various celebrations of our 30 Years of Commitment to providing families and children with choices that generate assurance and capacity to build on their circles of strength and culture.

It is an honor to have you walk with us...Thank You!

Chi Miigwetch,

Valerie Larsen, Board of Directors – President

Deb Foster, Executive Director

## AIN DAH YUNG CENTER

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS	2012	2011
Cash	205,229	121,516
Accounts Receivables	95,394	150,897
Pledges Receivable	75,000	89,000
Prepaid Expenses	22,303	12,266
Total Current Assets	397,926	373,679
Property & Equipment - Net	821,390	844,535
Total Other Assets	821,390	844,535
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,219,316</b>	<b>1,218,214</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts Payable	10,698	24,995
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	43,188	38,734
Refundable Advances	58,025	58,005
Total Current Liabilities	111,911	121,734
Loan Payable - Long Term	165,000	165,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>276,911</b>	<b>286,734</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Board Designated	100,000	100,000
Temporarily Restricted	37,000	50,743
Unrestricted	805,405	780,737
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>942,405</b>	<b>931,480</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,219,316</b>	<b>1,218,214</b>

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Valerie Larsen, President  
Jan Werness, Vice President  
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Michelle Thompson-Tuttle, Secretary  
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Barbara Benjamin-Robertson  
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## FUND DEVELOPMENT

We would like to honor those who invest in our work and help complete our Circles of Support. We are deeply grateful to the foundations, government institutions, tribes, businesses and corporations that walk with us as we together create paths of safety and resiliency.

## TRIBAL SUPPORT, FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS

3M Foundation  
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UCare  
United Way  
WCA Foundation  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
Western Bank  
Xcel Energy Foundation

## GOVERNMENT FUNDING

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

Minnesota Department of Public Safety:  
• Office of Justice Programs

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:  
• Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security:  
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development:  
• Supportive Housing Project, Streetworks Outreach

Minnesota Department of Health:  
• Office of Minority & Multicultural Health  
• Tobacco Prevention and Control

## INDIVIDUAL DONORS

The other Circles of Support we cherish are those individuals who share in our vision to help ensure that children and their families are connected with their cultural traditions, have opportunities to build upon their strengths and lead their best lives. Below we honor these individuals within the following categories:

Pipestone Circle \$5,000 and above  
Quill Circle \$1,000 - \$4,999

Abalone Circle \$500 - \$999  
Turquoise Circle \$1 - \$499

### Pipestone Circle

Anonymous  
William "Kent" Krueger

Kevin Deeny  
Kathy Denman-Wilke  
Shelly Diaz  
Tess Dornfeld  
Kelly Drummer  
Deb Foster  
Angela Gauthier  
Jullonne Glad  
Elsbeth Holger-Ambrose  
Michael Jordan  
Daniel & Leah Lemm  
Deborah Loon  
Andrea Mackenthun  
Allan Malkis  
Cecilia Martinez  
Brian Martinson  
Julie Ortiz  
Mark Panger  
Curt Peterson

### Robert & Amy Pickering

David Piper  
Peter Pittman  
Elise Probasco  
Charles Ravine  
Roy Roberts  
Heather Shilling  
Jason Smith  
Mary Stepan  
Elona Street-Stewart  
Karla Terry  
Lynda Thibado  
Thomas Todd  
Marlene Vernon  
Marvin Whitman  
Cheryl Yellow Bird  
Chelsea Zahne  
Patina Zink

### Quill Circle

JoAnne Stately

### Abalone Circle

Individuals from  
Hiway Credit Union  
Janet Werness

### Turquoise Circle

Jone Adkins  
Gary Balwierz  
James Berling  
June Blue  
Joseph Brown Thunder  
Mary Cochran



The **Ain Dah Yung Center** continues to be 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 cultural 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 humility help us weather many storms and keep perspective
- We empower all to dream, set high standards and achieve

## AIN DAH YUNG CENTER PROGRAMS

Our **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. The Ain Dah Yung Center is the only 24-hour emergency shelter facility for any youth in Ramsey County and the East Metro, and is the only American Indian youth emergency shelter available to American Indian youth in the Twin Cities metro area. While there are other youth serving shelters, we are unique in our ability to serve children as young as age five. This enables us to keep sibling groups together, of critical importance to our Native families and a benefit to all families in general. **In 2012, 158 youth were provided with emergency shelter.**

**Ninijanisag (Our Children) Program** is a multifaceted program focusing heavily on engagement and prevention – working to ground youth in Native culture while designed to combat chemical and commercial tobacco abuse, teen dating violence, gang relations, sex trafficking and other self-compromising behaviors among at-risk youth between the ages of 10-17. Through opportunities for community involvement, leadership development, culturally specific health education, and cultural enrichment activities, Ninijanisag develops interpersonal competencies and strengthens the skills our young people need to become community leaders and mentors for other youth. **In 2012, a total of 155 youth participated in prevention and cultural activities.**

**Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge** is a culturally grounded transitional living program available to youth between the ages of 16-20 that have no parental substitute or foster home to which they can safely go. This intervention program emphasizes training, education and employment goals and is designed to develop a support system to meet holistic needs of body, mind, and spirit. Youth Lodge services emphasize the relationship between youth and positive role models (staff and elders) to teach new behaviors, learn appropriate ways to express feelings, and manage everyday living. Creating community and cultural connection helps tap the inner

strengths of youth to better educate them for independent or inter-dependent living – helping to break the cycle of homelessness. 90% of youth who come to the Youth Lodge finish high school, continue their education, become self-sufficient, and finally leave homelessness behind them. **In 2012, the Youth Lodge housed 12 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 2012, approximately 4000 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:

• **Ramsey County 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 2012, the Children's Mental Health Case Manager provided support, case management and assistance in coordinating resources for 28 youth and their families.**

• **Family Preservation and Reunification:** Our Family Advocacy Program uses traditional American Indian beliefs and an asset-based approach that builds on the strengths of families and was established in response to the disproportionate placement of American Indian children outside the home. We provide family preservation and reunification services that combines self-help, professional intervention, and cultural reinforcement in order to strengthen families experiencing a process of family reunification and/or stressful parenting situations. Our family advocacy program supports families through group learning, increasing positive social networks, connecting families to cultural teachings and healing, case management, appropriate referrals, resource acquisition, and general family support. 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 31 families and a total of 83 children in 2012.**

• **Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy/Compliance (ICWLAC) Project:** was created to enforce local compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). ICWA was created to prevent the dissolution of American Indian families and to reduce the number of American Indian children in out-of-home placement. The Ain Dah Yung Center's ICWLAC Project provides court monitoring on cases involving American Indian children, legal representation to American Indian families (through a collaboration with SMRLS), and education/outreach to identify systemic problems and strategize on solutions regarding ICWA compliance. **In 2012, 57 cases were monitored for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.**

