

Ain Dah Yung Center



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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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2013 Annual Report

Boozhoo Community Family, Friends, Partners and Allies,

First and foremost...a huge Chi Miigwetch to so many of you who helped us celebrate ADY Center's 30 years of service to our communities in 2013. We were honored by the expression of support and presence at our Open House, and for the ongoing contributions and partnerships throughout the year. We couldn't do it without each of you...and that is why this letter is for you.

Our communities—the American Indian community and the homeless community have many needs. It is undisputed that there are thousands of young children and teenagers, alone, on our streets every night. Over the years we have presented facts, figures, data, and research. You understand the depth and breadth of this problem as well as we do. The markers continue to be the same: poverty, lack of education, neglect and abuse, lack of mental health care. Every year there are dire statistics on the state of homelessness for American Indian populations, for Minnesotans, and for youth. And every year ADY Center is devoted to tackling multiple pieces of this puzzle by sheltering our children when they need it and strengthen our families so they are never torn apart.

In 2013, we served 4,322 youth and families from the Twin Cities area and throughout the State, using traditional American Indian beliefs as a starting point for personal and community growth. We know that our community will continue to evolve and become stronger to support and meet the needs of our Native children and their families. The American Indian communities of the Twin Cities and Minnesota have demonstrated decades of leadership, resiliency and commitment to ensuring our rights are protected and that we have the capacity to continue to weave the threads together that allow our communities to heal, build upon our assets and demonstrate the strengths we know move us forward in a good way. We also understand that the pressures on our young people and their families continue to be dangerous. The ADY Center is more committed than ever to keeping our families safe and strong.

With you, our community and allies, we will continue to create infrastructures for our homeless youth and families so they may embrace the very things that make them strong. With your continued partnership, we will dedicate every hour of every day, to ensuring that children know that there is a circle of support committed to moving them from hardship towards success. Thank you for being a part of these efforts!

Once again, it is an honor to have you walk with us!

Chi Miigwetch,
Valerie Larsen, Board of Directors – President

Deb Foster, Executive Director

Ain Dah Yung Center

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2013-2012

ASSETS	2013	2012
Cash	200,155	205,229
Accounts Receivables	176,282	95,394
Pledges Receivable	0	75,000
Prepaid Expenses	7,544	22,303
Total Current Assets	383,981	397,926
Property & Equipment - Net	803,417	821,390
Total Other Assets	803,417	821,390
TOTAL ASSETS	1,187,398	1,219,316
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	39,000	10,698
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	41,339	43,188
Refundable Advances	42,354	58,025
Total Current Liabilities	122,693	111,911
Loan Payable - Long Term	165,000	165,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	287,693	276,911
NET ASSETS		
Board Designated	100,000	100,000
Temporarily Restricted	24,763	37,000
Unrestricted	774,942	805,405
TOTAL NET ASSETS	899,705	942,405
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1,187,398	1,219,316

These are year-end results – audited results will be available May, 2014 via our website.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

3-M Foundation
Clearway Minnesota
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Target Foundation
The Minneapolis Foundation
Thrivent Lutheran
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United Way
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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

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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security:
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Minnesota Department of Education:
• Food and Nutrition Service

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development:
• Supportive Housing Project, Streetworks Outreach

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: \$5000 +
Anonymous
Van Donation
William "Kent" Krueger

Karen Brown
Cory Call
Allison Christopherson
Mary Elizabeth Cochran
Judy Cutler

Herbert Lefler
Daniel Lemm
Rosemary Lowe
Andrea Mackenthun
Allan Malkas

Quill Circle: \$1,000 - \$4,999
Michael Connelly

Margaret Daly
Maria Damon
Sunshine Day
Kathy Denman-Wilke
Peter Dodge
Kelly Drummer

Heather McMoore
Briana Meehl
Linda Omizo Benson
Soojin Pate
Curt Peterson
Chris Pietrzak-Wegner
Kathryn Quaintance
Carol Reamer
JJ Ross

Abalone Circle: \$500 - \$999
Individuals from United Way

Kale Fajardo
Joan Flynn
Deb Foster

Katherine Sand
Elona Street-Stewart
Gabrielle Strong
Melani Suarez
Gregory Tiburzi
Melissa Vice
Janet Werness
Lucy Wieland
Lori Anne Williams

Turquoise Circle: \$1 - \$499
Anonymous
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Anonymous
Trudee Able
Athena Adkins
Daniel Adkins
Ameriprise Ameriprise Financial-Staff
Leslie Apple
Gary Balwierz
James Berling

Michael Goze
Mark Hahn
Kurt Hanson
Elsbeth Holger-Ambrose
Cheryl Hunstock
Susan Jacobson
Frank Kromar
John Lamski



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 2013, 124 youth were provided with emergency shelter.**

Ninjanisag (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, Ninjanisag develops interpersonal competencies and strengthens the skills our young people need to become community leaders and mentors for their youth. **In 2013, a total of 98 youth participated in prevention and cultural activities.**

Beverly A. Benjamin Youth Lodge is a culturally grounded transitional living program available to youth between the ages of 16-21 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 2013, the Youth Lodge housed 10 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 2013, approximately 3900 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 2013, the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 36 youth and their families.**

• **Family Preservation and Reunification:** Our Family Advocacy Program uses traditional American Indian traditions 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. **Preservation and Reunification services were provided to 34 families and a total of 78 children in 2013.**

• **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 2013, 57 cases were monitored for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. 42 families were provided with legal support where 38 cases received full legal representation and 4 were provided legal advice.**

