Heartbeat of our community

Strengthening leadership, culture, values and vision

Annual Report 2011
Many of you have followed us on our long journey toward independence. Over the past decade, our financial supporters the Grotto Foundation, the Marbrook Foundation and the Westcliff Foundation have provided the necessary support to undertake the research and planning to become an independent foundation.

It is fitting that American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund (AIFEP) grantee Joseph Erler and his drum group, Red Tree, were chosen to be featured in our 2011 annual report. The drum is the heartbeat of our nation. The drum circle helps us to listen to our inner self, connect with nature and bring the community together for prayer, honoring and celebration.

We hope to represent the healthy heartbeat of the American Indian community as we create our vision for the future; 2011 was a foundational year for the Tiwahe Foundation’s own future. We accomplished many tasks necessary to be a stand-alone foundation.

- We raised over $100,000 from individuals, most of whom are American Indian.
- We received an Endowment Challenge matching grant of $200,000 from the Saint Paul and F.R. Bigelow Foundations.
- We obtained more than $130,000 in operating support from the F.R. Bigelow, Saint Paul and Minneapolis Foundations.
- We developed key relationships with Northwest Area Foundation, Blandin Foundation, Bush Foundation, Headwaters Foundation and Native Americans in Philanthropy to support our leadership initiatives.
- Tiwahe Foundation implemented our brand and web site, which connects us to our culture, relationship with nature and our mission to be a resource for giving and strengthening American Indian communities by building capacity through leadership, culture, values and vision.

As you will see by reviewing our financial statement on page 3, the base we built for the Tiwahe Foundation in 2011 is strong. We are grateful to our board members and endowment committee members who have provided essential leadership during the past few formative years.

With 2012 almost behind us, we look forward to sharing with you additional successes that have been instrumental in our growth and path toward independence.

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Foundation and Tribal Support (2008-2011)
F.R. Bigelow Foundation
Grotto Foundation
Marbrook Foundation
The Minneapolis Foundation
Northwest Area Foundation Matching Grant Program
The Saint Paul Foundation
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Sundance Family Foundation
Westcliff Foundation
American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund (AIFEP) recipient Joseph Erler tells his story about making a request for an AIFEP grant to fund a CD of music created by his drum group: “Producing a CD is something we’ve always wanted to do. This was a good learning experience.

“Our drum group is our way of life. We sing at Sun Dances. I currently live in Redwood Falls. Our band gets the Lower Sioux Community’s name out, which they appreciate. They also like having a drum group for funerals, graduations, ceremonies for the tribal council and so on. It brings pride to the community.

“Tiwahe has helped us a lot. Our CD has served more than one purpose. It’s a way to share our music, and the sales of the CD have paid for food and gas to get to powwows and other performances. The CD also features memorial songs for buddies of ours who passed away. We gave CDs to their families. It’s healing medicine.”

“TIWAHE HAS HELPED US A LOT.”

— Joseph Erler —
2011 AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

Forty-four grants were made during 2011 to American Indian people working on initiatives supporting our three focus areas below. Grants were made to purchase computers, pay for tuition, finance ceremonies, assist with transportation, etc. These small grants made big differences in the lives of these American Indian people and their families.

Goal 1: Cultural Reconnections (9)
Dominique Marie Cavanaugh – Spirit Lake Nation
Aurora Conley – Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
Rosemary Mountain – Red Lake Band of Ojibwe
Sheldon Noel – Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (Canada)
George Spears – Red Lake Band of Ojibwe
Sylvia Spence – White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Deanna Standing Cloud – Red Lake Band of Ojibwe
Kara Gordon – Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe

Goal 2: Educational Achievement (25)
Anthony Aanenson – White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Mika Barrett – Red Lake Band of Ojibwe & Lac Courte Oreilles
John Boyd – Red Lake Band of Ojibwe
Dureen Burnette – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Anthony Ceballos – Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Jennifer Cross – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Kassie Benjamin-Ficken – Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Nichelle DeCora – Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Rene Ann Goodrich – Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
Jasmine Grika – Cheyenne River Sioux
Julie Kurschner – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Kelly Lemieux – St. Croix Ojibwe of Wisconsin
Scott Lumbars – White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Erica Lussier – Standing Rock Sioux
Gerard Mauthe – Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
Amy Norberg – Norway House Cree Nation (Canada)
Rose Nordin – Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
Angela Rogers – St. Croix Ojibwe of Wisconsin
Shelby Sabatke – Boise Forte Band of Ojibwe
Brianne Stately – White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Ramona Kitto Stately – Santee Sioux Nation
Shane Thompson – Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
Kaylee Trost – Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe
Patricia Vasquez – Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe
Deidre Whiteman – Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe/ Meskwaki/Dakota

Goal 3: Economic Self-Sufficiency (10)
Joseph Erler – Red Lake Band of Ojibwe
Daryl Alkire – Standing Rock Sioux
Charlotte Blue – Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe
William Crawford – Standing Rock Sioux
Naida Medicine Crow – Crow Creek Sioux
Frederick Fisher – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Sven Olson – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Carl Pankow – White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Kateri Turtle – Santee Sioux Nation
Leslie Walking Elk – Oglala Lakota Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin
deceased

2011 Financial Information

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| Liabilities And Net Assets        |            |               |
|Current Liabilities               |            |               |
|Accrued Payroll Expenses           | $ 1,422    | –             |
|Total Current Liabilities          | 1,422      | –             |
|Net Assets                         |            |               |
|Unrestricted                       | 273,259    | 176,323       |
|Temporarily Restricted             | 115,000    | –             |
|Permanently Restricted             | 228,015    | –             |
|Total Net Assets                   | 616,274    | 176,323       |
|Total Liabilities and Net Assets   | $ 617,696  | $ 176,323     |

The audited financial statements are available upon request.