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2012 ANNUAL REPORT
As we reflect on 2012 we are reminded of the wisdom, generosity and humble service that continue to be the strengths of the Tiwahe Foundation. It was a year of positive transition. We took big leaps and welcomed new friends into our Tiwahe. We left our founding family, the Grotto Foundation, to embark on our independent journey. We celebrated and honored LaVon Lee, Louis F. Hill and Ellis Bullock for their leadership, investment and support in our work. The dedication and support for the Tiwahe Foundation by our philanthropic partners continues to help strengthen the American Indian community.

The commitment of the Tiwahe Foundation to learning, leadership and innovation is quickly leading to important opportunities and roles within local and national philanthropy. Our investment in individuals, leadership and community is bringing change to how current models think about philanthropic investments and approach.

Highlights for the year include:

★ Justin Huenemann and Kelly Drummer, leadership participants and founding board members move into the Board Chair and President/CEO positions.

★ Leslie Apple, American Indian Family Empowerment Grantee joins the Tiwahe Staff as the Development and Grants Coordinator.

★ Met our $100,000 endowment challenge match from the F.R. Bigelow Foundation which included $200,000 in gifts made by individuals to the endowment.

★ Participation in the Kellogg Foundation Cultures of Giving on-line donor challenge match which secured over $28,000 for the American Indian Family Empowerment Fund (AIFEP) grant making.

★ Native Leadership Funders Group collaboration on an Art of Hosting event and an investment in the Art of Hosting to convene AIFEP grantees and collaborate with other funders and organizations.

★ Moving to our new location with our other philanthropic partners: Headwaters Foundation, Native Americans in Philanthropy, Progressive Technology Project and Asian Americans in Philanthropy.

★ Growing our assets to nearly $1 million in two years.

We are beyond thankful for all the individual and community support received this year, knowing that together we can achieve our vision and dreams for the future.
Jackie was inspired to donate to Tiwahe Foundation's Seventh Generation Endowment campaign for several reasons. First, she truly believes in the Tiwahe Foundation, its mission and how it can change lives. She knows this firsthand. In 2002, with the support of Tiwahe Foundation's American Indian Family Empowerment Program, Jackie was able to purchase her first home. She describes the grant as “having the potential to greatly impact lives and help lead toward greater self-determination and self-reliance.”

In the spirit of giving back, Jackie made a commitment to support the Tiwahe Foundation by making a five-year pledge. She wants the same opportunities available to future generations. Jackie states “I feel that I play a part in changing the lives of each individual that receives a grant. It feels good and I know my contribution is making a difference.”

Jackie is actively involved with Tiwahe Foundation. She was a participant in the Leadership Development Initiative from 2006-2010 and currently serves on the Seventh Generation Endowment Committee. Her vision for the community is that people are happy, by their definition and that they have the means to take care of themselves and their families. “As American Indians, we are a proud community and when it’s needed we help each other out.”

Jackie sees her pledge to the endowment as a long term investment in the American Indian community and this investment will continue to build philanthropy in our community.

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2012 AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

The American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund (AIFEP) is a grant-making project of the Tiwahe Foundation, which awards grants to individuals working to be of service to their community, connected to their culture, and to have their potential realized. A total of thirty-eight grants were made in 2012 in our three focus areas.

**Preserving and Renewing Native Cultural Connections**
- Monica Briggs
  - White Earth Nation
- David Butler
  - Lac Du Flambeau Ojibwe
- Grace Goldtooth-Campos
  - Lower Sioux
- Maggie Lorenz
  - Turtle Mountain Chippewa
- Arlana Lame Omaha
  - Rosebud Lakota

**Educational Achievement**
- Sierra Asamoa-Tutu
  - Navajo Nation
- Amber BaldEagle
  - White Earth Nation
- Lisa Benjamin
  - St. Croix Ojibwe
- Nicole Benjamin
  - White Earth Nation
- Sharon Benjamin
  - Mille Lacs Ojibwe
- Judy Carlow
  - Oglala Sioux
- Rebecca Dickinson
  - White Earth Nation
- Andrea Fairbanks
  - Leech Lake Ojibwe
- Adam Fairbanks
  - White Earth Nation
- Brian Fuller
  - Navajo Nation
- Sybil Gund
  - White Earth Nation
- Teresa Harrold
  - White Earth Nation
- Kyle Hill
  - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
- Natasha Hilt
  - Navajo Nation
- Phoebe IronNecklace
  - Yankton Sioux
- Pamela Johns
  - Red Lake Ojibwe
- Mark Johnson Sr.
  - Abenaki Shawnee
- Tasheena LaChapelle
  - White Earth Nation
- Theodore Marcil
  - Leech Lake Ojibwe
- Adrienne Morris
  - St. Croix Ojibwe
- Kohl Miner
  - Ho-Chunk Nation
- Gordon Regguinti
  - Leech Lake Ojibwe/Oneida
- June Sayers
  - Red Lake Ojibwe
- Ko-Ho-Chuck Nation
- Mikayla Schaaf
  - Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
- Samantha Senganidjojasi
  - Leech Lake Ojibwe
- Christine Smith
  - White Earth Nation
- Benjamin Yawakie
  - Zuni Pueblo

**Economic Achievement**
- Carlyle Bowker
  - Cheyenne River Sioux
- Charles Hilliard
  - Sokagon Chippewa
- Roselyn Lee (comes)
  - Standing Rock Sioux
- Eli NeVilles
  - White Earth Nation
- John Other Medicine Jr.
  - Crow Tribe
- Jacob Spence
  - White Earth Nation
Arlana Lame Omaha
SICANGU LAKOTA

Youth Development Specialist at Migizi Communications, Inc.

As a young girl Arlana remembers her Mom receiving an American Indian Family Empowerment Program (AIFEP) grant. When Arlana started working toward her higher education goals she decided to apply. She was awarded a grant to help towards the cost of completing her Bachelor’s degree at Metropolitan State University. She graduated in 2006 with a degree in Technical Communications. This grant was the first of three AIFEP grants that would ultimately help her at different times in her life.

In 2008, Arlana was working in the Twin Cities Native American community for a few years and saw the need for a culturally specific support group. She started one called the “Seek to Know Honor Society.” This group was open to Native American families and individuals to come and learn about creation stories, beadwork, financial management and educational opportunities. The AIFEP grant provided the start up funds to purchase craft materials, food, sweet grass and sage.

Most recently, Arlana received a grant to support the Gathering of Sacred Voices event. With guidance, the youth planned and implemented sessions on positive self development. Over 60 youth participated in this one-day event. Arlana used the AIFEP grant for food and stipends. She would like to make this an annual event.

Arlana continues to be involved with the Tiwahe Foundation and recently joined the AIFEP Grants Review Committee and AIFEP Alumni Leadership engagement project. “When receiving the support from AIFEP I felt a great sense of respect for the funders who supported me and it gave me a sense of pride, empowerment, and motivation.”

“*I continue to pay it forward everyday and tell people to open up your heart and mind. Give positive good blessings because it will come full circle. Wopila Tanka (Big Thanks).*"
### The Tiwah Foundation Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2012 and 2011

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