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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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2017 Annual Report

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Ain Dah Yung Center has had a tremendous year with numerous highlights including the Capital Campaign for Ain Dah Yung Center's new permanent supportive housing project and organizational capacity building. The Capital Campaign's largest focus is the 42-unit housing program with on-site wrap-around services, located on the 700 block of University Avenue in St. Paul's Frogtown neighborhood on the north side of the light rail transit between the Victoria and Dale Street Stations. Additionally, Ain Dah Yung Center is building organizational capacity- adding new staff to provide mission critical services to residents of the new housing program, as well as internal administrative positions as the organization grows and continues strong fund development work after the campaign comes to a close.

This year's Campaign highlights include Ain Dah Yung Center's Minnesota Housing application scoring the highest of all the proposed projects that were funded. Minnesota Housing also chose Ain Dah Yung Center to host its award ceremony and press release, which was covered by local news stations, the press and trade publications. Deb Foster was also the featured guest on the November Comcast Newsmakers Hour, as well as Minnesota Public Radio's news hour, to discuss Ain Dah Yung Center's programs and the housing crisis for homeless youth- especially our Native youth.

Year end giving was bolstered by a special \$10,000 matching gift made by Robert and Carol Kane donor; year-end giving was at an all-time high quadrupling the matching gift!

Transformational lead gifts by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community leveraged nearly \$1 million in funds for the permanent supportive housing program. And an unprecedented rental assistance 5-year grant from the House of Hope, Mission Outreach Program paved the way for secured units for Native youth who could not otherwise access supportive housing based off funding eligibility due to age or other prevailing circumstance.

There are many firsts to celebrate, and many milestones yet to achieve. The Ain Dah Yung Center looks forward to breaking ground in late spring of this year. There are several ways to support the campaign: financial support, committee work or volunteering. For more information, please call Jill Ross at Ain Dah Yung Center at 651-227-4184.

Tribal support is critical to the success of our younger tribal members who receive services and program support at the Ain Dah Yung Center. **Last year 202 youth from Minnesota's 11 tribes accessed culturally responsive support at Ain Dah Yung Center. This chart illustrates the percentage of youth served by ADYC from our Minnesota tribes.**

Tribe	By %	Rank by # Youth Served
White Earth	34%	1
Red Lake	26%	2
Leech Lake	15%	3
Bois Forte	10%	4
Mille Lacs	8%	5
Fond du Lac	5%	6
Prairie Island	1%	7
Lower Sioux	1%	7
Grand Portage	0%	8
Shakopee	0%	8
Upper Sioux	0.0	8
Total Number	100%	

Ain Dah Yung Center

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2017-2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash	223,691	249,916
Accounts Receivable	264,695	210,171
Pledges Receivable	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	26,054	19,141
Total Current Assets	514,440	479,228
Property & Equipment - Net	588,545	635,876
Total Other Assets	588,545	635,876
TOTAL ASSETS	1,102,985	1,115,104
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	23,518	17,368
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	45,707	22,374
Refundable Advances	3,655	22,453
Total Current Liabilities	72,880	62,195
Payables - Long Term	69,250	76,049
TOTAL LIABILITIES	142,130	138,244
NET ASSETS		
Board Designated	125,000	125,000
Temporarily Restricted	15,000	15,000
Unrestricted	820,855	836,860
TOTAL NET ASSETS	960,855	976,860
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSET	1,102,985	1,115,104

These are year-end results - audited results will be available May 2018 via our website.



AIN DAH YUNG CENTER PROGRAMS

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.

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 2017, 49 youth were provided with emergency shelter. The average length of stay increased from 37 days in 2016 to 63 days in 2017. Our longest stay in 2017 was three residents for 301 days.**

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 8-17. 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 other youth. **In 2017, a total of 324 youth participated in prevention and cultural activities including monthly family nights.**

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 2017, the Youth Lodge housed 18 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 2017, our Street Outreach workers made a total of 1,955 contacts with youth. Of these contacts 636 were Native.**

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 2017, the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 39 youth and their families. The length of time spent with each family has seen an increase this year.**

- **Family Preservation and Reunification:** Our Family Advocacy Program uses traditional American Indian teachings 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. **Preservation and Reunification services were provided to 45 families with a total of 64 children served. There were 44 families served through parenting/family groups in 2017.**

- **Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy/Compliance (ICWLAC) Project:** was created to enforce local compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). 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 Southern Minnesota Region Legal Services), and education/outreach to identify systemic problems and strategize on solutions regarding ICWA compliance. **In 2017, 78 hearings and 128 children were monitored in Ramsey County for ICWA compliance. 11 were emergency protective care hearings.**

- **Nokomis Circle Liaison Program:** This was the first year of a new collaboration to strengthen the future success of American Indian children, youth and families designed to build a bridge between Ramsey County and American Indian Families involved with child protection. The purpose is to decrease the disparities seen among American Indian families that enter child protection by ensuring that their voices are heard, and cultural relevance is maintained throughout their case. Additionally, we're giving effort to the recruitment and sustainment of the foster home stock within the community to ensure Native families are available for placement options. **During its pilot year in 2017 there were 7 case consults with the Nokomis Circle Liaison during the assessment phase; 5 proceeded as ICWA Voluntary Placements; 2 proceeded to court. 2 cases were closed within 60 days and the families reunified. 1 ICWA home was recruited for foster care recruitment.**

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• Office of Minority & Multicultural Health
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INDIVIDUAL DONORS

The other Circles of Support we cherish are those individuals that 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:

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