

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



My name is Rosalyn (Rosie) Feather. I am an enrolled member of Fort Totten- Spirit Lake Tribe in North Dakota. I entered the foster care system around the age of 6, and remember at least 9 foster care placements since 2000. I was involved with the foster care system because of family conflict, along with drugs and alcohol in the home. Moving around has been a constant my whole life.

I found out about Ain Dah Yung Center through former Native foster brothers and sisters who

had gone there when things weren't working out in the foster homes. In February of 2015, when I was starting to 'age out' of that system; did not qualify for extended foster care benefits and did not have many options to turn to, my Anoka County Social worker helped me make that call. I did an interview with staff at ADYC's Youth Lodge and moved in less than a week later because they had an available opening. I had just graduated High School and was unsure what I wanted to do. I knew I was interested in working and possibly considering college.

While I was at the Youth Lodge, staff helped me get healthy in all four aspects of myself. I could manage my diabetes; they taught me about nutrition, healthy dieting, we always had food in the refrigerator and they had exercise equipment in the basement. I was also enrolled in health insurance that covered my insulin. After working on a resume and getting a full-time job, I learned how to manage

money, budget my spending and saved a portion of every pay check that went into my ADYC savings account. I attended Life Skills and Culture Groups weekly at the Youth Lodge as well as stayed connected with another Native organization where I followed through in my Anger Management groups with encouragement from staff. I worked with ADYC's Tobacco Prevention Advocate as a Peer Mentor helping other Native youth experiencing similar struggles. We even went to the Elders Lodge.

The Youth Lodge Coordinator taught me about beading and how to make a Jingle Dress. We danced together at the Gathering for Our Children and Returning Adoptees Pow Wow at the Indian Center in Minneapolis. Adoptees, fostered youth and birth relatives met and visited with other adoptees. There was a Wablenica Ceremony. (A ceremony offered to heal the grief caused by separation from family and heritage). Along with ADYC staff and other resident's, my biological mother, brother and sisters came to support me.

I made permanent connections with other Youth Lodge residents, they are all still my friends, and the staff there are part of my support system. When I lived at the Youth Lodge I FELT LIKE THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE TO LISTEN TO ME. I FELT LIKE I HAD MY LIFE SORTED OUT.

Now I am living at 7th Landing permanent supportive housing that the Youth Lodge Coordinator helped me fill out applications for, get forms and verifications signed, sent in and went with me to the interview. I am working in down town St. Paul and expecting a baby girl, Alayna Rose Feather, on March 27th. Youth Lodge staff are currently helping me plan and throw me a baby shower. I am so grateful to the Ain Dah Yung Center's Youth Lodge and all they did to help me start a new life!

**Pidamaya (Thank You)
Rosalyn (Rosie) Feather**



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 2016, 75 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 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 2016, a total of 220 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 2016, 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 2016, our Street Outreach workers made a total of 2,212 contacts with youth. Of these contacts 1,547 were with new youth and 665 were with youth previously served.**

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 2016, the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 57 youth and their families.**

• **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. 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 41 families with a total of 90 children served. There were 30 families served through parenting/family groups in 2016.**

• **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 Southern Minnesota Region Legal Services), and education/outreach to identify systemic problems and strategize on solutions regarding ICWA compliance. **In 2016, 167 hearings and 240 children were monitored in Ramsey County for ICWA compliance. 25 were emergency protective care hearings. 78 Families received full legal representation from our SMRLS attorney and 3 Families received legal consultation.**

Ain Dah Yung Center

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2016-2015

ASSETS	2016	2015
Cash	249,916	315,049
Accounts Receivable	210,171	202,065
Pledges Receivable	0	0
<u>Prepaid Expenses</u>	<u>19,141</u>	<u>17,338</u>
Total Current Assets	479,228	534,452
<u>Property & Equipment - Net</u>	<u>635,876</u>	<u>686,053</u>
Total Other Assets	635,876	686,053
TOTAL ASSETS	1,115,104	1,220,505
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	17,368	21,089
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	22,374	20,627
<u>Refundable Advances</u>	<u>22,453</u>	<u>28,655</u>
Total Current Liabilities	62,195	70,371
<u>Loan Payable - Long Term</u>	<u>76,049</u>	<u>130,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	138,244	200,371
NET ASSETS		
Board Designated	125,000	100,000
Temporarily Restricted	15,000	60,000
<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>836,860</u>	<u>860,134</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	976,860	1,020,134
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1,115,104	1,220,505

These are year-end results – audited results will be available May, 2017 via our website.

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Department of Health and Human Services:
• Administration for Children and Families

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

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

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

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

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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Anonymous
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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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