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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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# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## MINO OSKI AIN DAH YUNG: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**2018 was a year to Celebrate!** To date, the Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung Capital Campaign has raised \$15,229,356 of the \$15,996,087 goal and we've a little over \$770,000 remaining to raise. **We'd like to say a special thank you to our project partners, Project for Pride in Living (PPL) and our public funding partners: Federal Home Loan Bank, Minnesota Housing, Ramsey County, City of St. Paul, Metropolitan Council, and Minnesota Department for Employment and Economic Development.**

The capital campaign also received funding from 14 new community foundation partners, equaling \$389,940 of the \$1,019,500 campaign funds raised in 2018. A very special thank you is extended to the **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community** who sponsored rental units in Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung. These units will be dedicated to youth who do not have rental assistance allocations such as: Continuum of Care, Adult Foster Care or Group Residential Housing. The site is under construction with lease-up starting Summer 2019!

**Ain Dah Yung Center's individual giving exceeded all years past** and was bolstered by a special \$15,000 matching gift made by a loyal anonymous donor for our 1st **Annual Badges and Blues for Youth** event (stay tuned for our next event in June 2019!). For a second year in a row, our December Fund-A-Need goal of \$40,000 was met! Additionally, 75 new individual donors made gifts totaling \$20,000. **Miigwetch to our new donors and friends!**

**Policy Changes, and Milestones Achieved:** The Ain Dah Yung Center also celebrates a milestone in its collaborative work to increase cultural responsiveness to the Coordinated Entry process in Ramsey County that serves homeless youth. This intentional collaboration between Ramsey County and youth housing

providers is resulting in a more culturally appropriate housing referral processes and procedures. The Ain Dah Yung Center also continues to lead, influence and shape policy work within Ramsey County and our Child Protection (CP) system. With ADYC's Nokomis Circle Initiative, together we are incorporating culturally responsive services resulting in relevant and achievable case plans, returning children home sooner and decreasing the amount of time spent within CP.

In addition, Ramsey County now has an ICWA Court Room for families that includes quilts/blankets and sacred medicines in an environment that is smaller and inclusive of Native traditions. **We are so grateful to the leaders and staff at Ramsey County for partnering with us!**

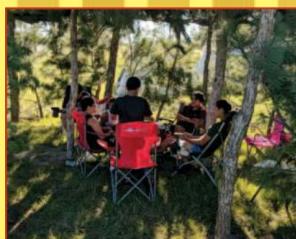
**Tribal support** is critical to the success of our younger tribal members and families who receive services at the Ain Dah Yung Center. In 2018, 605 American Indian youth and families received culturally responsive services from the Ain Dah Yung Center. The below table represents a sampling of the top five tribes and their affiliations that were served:

Tribal Affiliation	Youth Served	Percentage
White Earth	69	32%
Red Lake	43	20%
Leech Lake	40	19%
Mille Lacs	34	16%
Sisseton	30	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	

## Ain Dah Yung Center

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2018-2017

ASSETS	2018	2017
Cash	420,831	223,691
Accounts Receivable	371,985	264,695
Pledges Receivable	415,000	0
Prepaid Expenses	23,695	26,054
Total Current Assets	1,231,511	514,440
<b>Property &amp; Equipment - Net</b>	<b>525,645</b>	<b>588,545</b>
Total Other Assets	525,645	588,545
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,757,156</b>	<b>1,102,985</b>
Accounts Payable	24,649	23,518
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	50,234	45,707
Refundable Advances	0	3,655
Total Current Liabilities	74,883	72,880
<b>Payables - Long Term</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>69,250</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>137,383</b>	<b>142,130</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Board Designated	125,000	125,000
Temporarily Restricted	798,391	15,000
Unrestricted	696,382	820,855
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,619,773</b>	<b>960,855</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,757,156</b>	<b>1,102,985</b>



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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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Nancy Andrews  
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### FUND DEVELOPMENT

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

We would like to honor those that 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.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

City of St. Paul Department of Planning & Economic Development  
Ramsey County  
Hennepin County  
Minnesota Department of Human Services:  
– Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division  
– Child Safety and Permanency Division  
– Office of Economic Opportunity  
Minnesota Department of Health:  
– Office of Minority & Multicultural Health  
– Eliminating Health Disparities Center for Health Equity  
– Tobacco Prevention and Control

### 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. **We served a total of 57 youth in 2018. Our average length of stay remained at a record high of 63 days. The length of stays had increased every year for the last 5 years. However, 2018's length of stay of 63 days remained steady since 2017.**

**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 2018, 83 youth regularly participated in leadership development and cultural education through the Ninjanisag program.**

**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 2018, the Youth Lodge served 13 clients.**

**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 2018, our street outreach workers contacted 4,084 homeless and runaway youth contacts; 570 who identified as American Indian. Ain Dah Yung**

**Center had an additional 970 community contacts involved with our Street Outreach team.**

**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 2018, the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 41 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. **In 2018, preservation and reunification services were provided to 25 families with 68 children that were at risk of or involved with child protection and received community based individual support services. Of the 68 children served 23 were experiencing out of home placement. Of the 23 children, 6 experienced reunification. These 6 children were from 4 families. We also provided 57 families with rental assistance to prevent or end their homelessness.**
- **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 2018, 465 court hearings were monitored for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. The total number of monitored cases includes the first time monitoring of Anoka, Washington, Carver, Dakota, and Wright counties.**
- **Nokomis Circle Liaison Program:** 2018 marked the second year of piloting our new collaborative initiative 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. **In 2018, Nokomis Circle Liaison (NCL) oversaw a 13.5% reduction in court and child protection involvement for families. This reduction can be attributed to the pilot program of ICWA Voluntary Placement Agreements (ICWA VPAs). ICWA VPAs are offered as a window of time for the family to get the support services they need to prevent child protection involvement. The average number of days for an out of home placement was 66, a 37% decrease from 2017. The NCL hosted 4 foster care recruitment sessions and 1 holiday party, the sessions resulted in 20 interested families with 2 families completing the foster care licensing process.**