



Ain Dah Yung Center 2023 Annual Report

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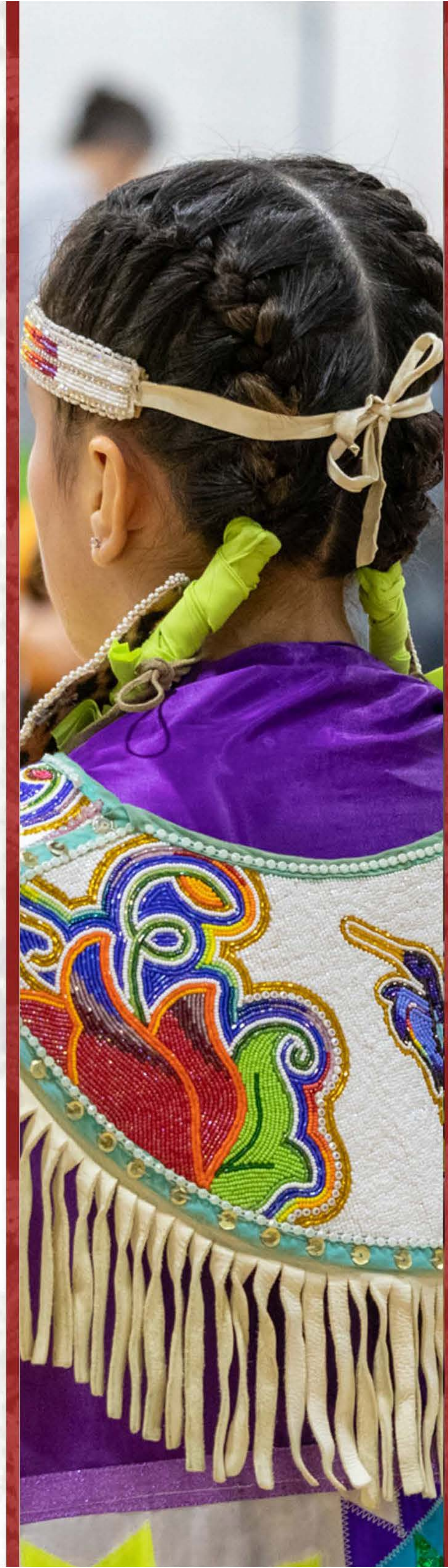
Mission Statement

Ain Dah Yung Center provides a healing place within the community for American Indian youth and families to thrive in safety and wholeness.

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 their goals.



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Looking back on 2023, a year full of renewal and growth, we're brimming with gratitude and pride as we celebrate the incredible milestones and achievements of Ain Dah Yung Center. Marking our 40th Anniversary this year, we were joyfully reminded of the unwavering strength and dedication that have been with us from the start. Our mission to provide culturally specific support to youth and families facing tough times, including those experiencing homelessness or navigating complex systems, has been made possible by your steadfast support. Your commitment has truly been the heart and soul of our success.

One highlight of the year was the creation of our Legacy Video, which honors our history and founding leadership. This tribute captures the community's commitment and celebrates the values and traditions integral to our work.

We are also thrilled to announce that, thanks to the advocacy of our supporters and our dedicated team, we secured \$2.2 million in state funding from the 2023 Minnesota legislature. This significant investment will fund essential repairs and updates to our Emergency Shelter and Youth Lodge, transforming them into safe and nurturing environments for the youth we serve.

Looking ahead, we are deeply engaged in developing our community-focused Strategic Plan for 2024. This plan will ground us in our mission and community needs, emphasizing the importance of traditional & cultural ways and values in our work with youth and families. Our goal is to ensure that our strategies remain aligned with the evolving needs of those we serve and the principles that have always guided us.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous support of our donors, foundations, state and federal funders, and the many individuals who believe in our mission. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without your contributions. We also deeply appreciate the passionate dedication of our team members and board. Their tireless efforts and commitment have been crucial in helping us reach our goals and continue delivering essential services to our community.

As we move forward, we are excited about the new opportunities and community-led leadership initiatives that lie ahead. We value your input and welcome any suggestions or feedback on our work. Together, we will continue to build a brighter future for the youth and families we serve.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sheri Riemers | Nindaanisiquay | White Earth Nation of Ojibwe
Executive Director
Ain Dah Yung Center



Housing and Stabilization

Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Emergency Shelter - ADYC provides the only American Indian youth emergency shelter in the Twin Cities, and the only East Metro shelter open 24/7/365. Services for youth ages 5-17 include emergency and short-term shelter, crisis intervention, advocacy, referrals, health care, counseling, and case management. In 2023, we were able to safely house a sibling group of 3 while their guardian worked on securing housing and taking care of her chemical health needs. This group of youth were able to remain together in the ADYC program and participate in the Ninjanisag program and receive family support through the Family Advocates. The young people got to try Equine Therapy for the first time and had a blast. Ain Dah Yung Center is proud to keep sibling groups together.

In 2023, ADYC served a total of 30 youth at the Emergency Shelter. The reduced number of youths served was a direct result of COVID-19 restrictions to licensing requirements, reducing our capacity by 50.

Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge - A transitional living program for youth ages 16-21 for up to 24 months, emphasizing training, education, and employment goals while creating community and cultural connections. Youth Lodge staff work to create a supportive, healthy, and safe environment for the youth we serve. In 2023 5 youth hit their 1 ½ year marks in the program, we attribute this to the collaboration between programs. This created a strong sense of community, built trusting positive youth adult relationships, and increased their confidence. 4 Youth exited safely to permanent housing / reunification with family. In 2023, we served 9 youth at the Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge.

Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung (Good New Home) - Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung is a 42-unit Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program for American Indian young adults ages 18-24, providing culturally responsive housing, case management, education, mental health support, and workforce development. Each PSH resident is paired with a Transition Coach who follows residents through every step of the housing process—from initial application, to move-in, to finding economic stability, and eventually transitioning to traditional housing. Transition Coaches assisted 5 residents in successfully meeting their goal of moving onto traditional housing. In 2023, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung housed 36 young adults.

Street Outreach Program - ADYC is a member of StreetWorks, a program of Lutheran Social Service, which is a collaborative serving youth experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and exploitation. The goal of street outreach work is to reach out to homeless or highly mobile youth, cultivate a trusting relationship, inform them of available resources and places to go for help, and encourage youth to access these supports. Targeting American Indian youth, outreach workers develop relationships and provide basic need supplies such as health/ personal care items and food while facilitating access to transportation, basic health care, and home placements. In 2023, the ADYC StreetWorks team had a total of 2097 youth contacts.



Youth and Family Services

Ninjanisag (Our Children) - A multifaceted program working with youth ages 8-24 that grounds youth in American Indian culture while encouraging healthy lifestyles, including deterring chemical and commercial tobacco abuse. Youth regularly participate in cultural education and leadership development. All youth participants are reached through a combination of weekly groups, afterschool programming, and collaboration with various educational institutions and programs such as the Emergency Shelter, Youth Lodge, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung, American Indian Magnet School, Harding Senior High School, and community referrals. **In 2023, 22 youth ages 8-24 regularly participated in cultural education and leadership development through the Ninjanisag program.**

Oyate Nawajin (Stand with the People) - The foundation of Oyate Nawajin program is to provide family and cultural preservation for families at-risk or involved with child protection. Supporting families through case management and court advocacy, and participation in cultural and traditional activities such as group learning, increasing positive social networks, connection to cultural teachings, case management, referrals, resource acquisition, and general support. Families participate in bi-weekly Drum & Dance, an annual Culture is Prevention Youth Retreat, holiday gatherings, and community events, including ADYC's Cherish the Children Powwow. **In 2023 our two Family Advocates served 41 adults and 91 children. Eight families experienced some level of Child Protective Services, two of those families were reunified. We experienced increased participation in community events, youth retreat, and youth programming.**

Zhawenimaa (They Are Loved Unconditionally) Safe Harbor - Launched in 2020, ADYC's Zhawenimaa Safe Harbor program in 2022 had 2 FTE, including a case manager and a mobile case manager that both provide Safe Harbor services to victim-survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Zhawenimaa provides culturally specific, trauma informed care for American Indian youth before, during, and after periods of exploitation. Zhawenimaa provides acutely needed services to youth across ADYC programs, including youth in Emergency Shelter, the Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung, and self-identified sexually exploited Street Outreach youth. **In 2023, 163 youth were provided services through direct care and community groups.**



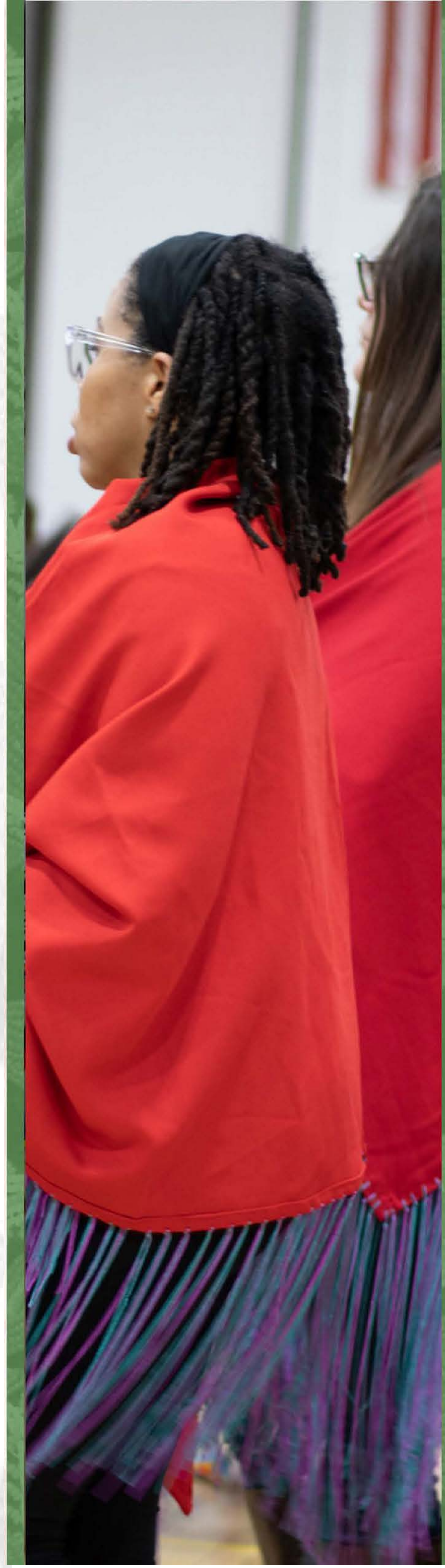
Youth and Family Services

Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy/Compliance (ICWLAC) Project. In 2023, the Indian Child Welfare Compliance Monitor hearings for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA).

The Ain Dah Yung Center hosted a celebration in honor of the Second Judicial District ICWA Court's 5th anniversary in July. **In 2023, the Indian Child Welfare Compliance Monitor monitored 243 hearings.**

Wotakuye (Kinship) Program – The Wotakuye Program builds healthy and supportive networks for ADYC young adults and their families and friends. We work to connect, reconnect, and find important people in their lives who are able and willing to become part of their larger circle of support. Young adults and their connections and relations have access to information about grief, loss, historical trauma, healthy boundaries, healthy expectations, and community support. After the first year of working with researchers and building the program our Kinship Coordinator is working with youth to build relationships and working to connect them to the community. **In 2023 6 youth are in various stages of participation in the Wotakuye Program.**

Parenting in Two Worlds (P2W) – In partnership with Arizona State University, Phoenix Indian Center, and the National Institute of Health, ADYC is participating in a multi-regional effectiveness trial of parenting intervention that is culturally grounded specifically for Urban American Indian families. The second cohort of 10 weeks is completing parenting curriculum in Spring of 2024.

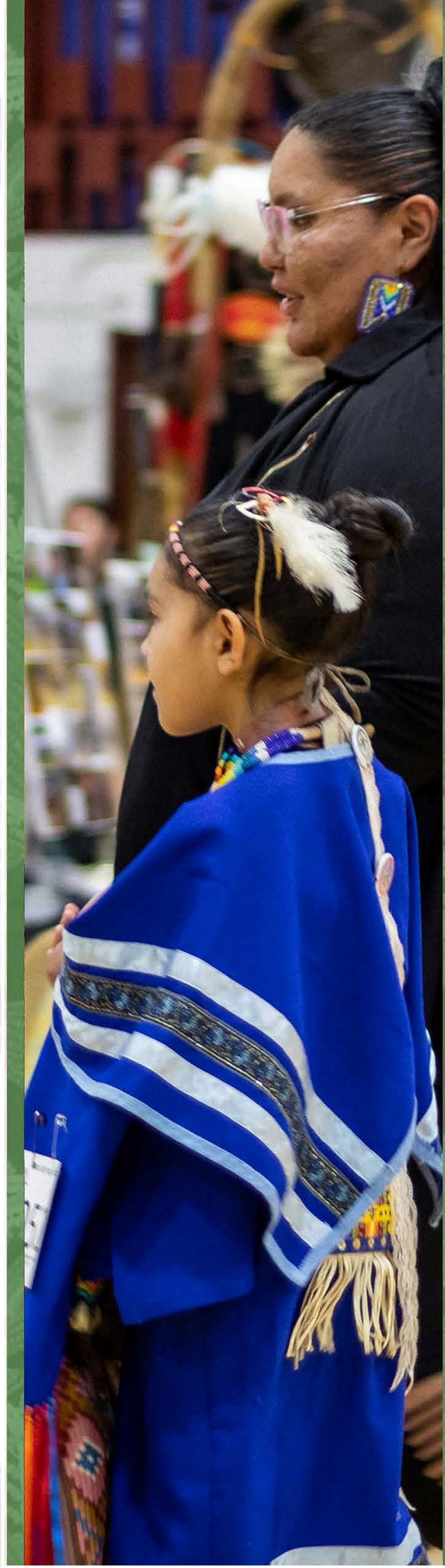


Clinical Health and Wellness

Youth and Family Therapy - Provides mental health services within an American Indian cultural context in both an individual and group format to assist youth with addressing historical trauma, behavioral management, healthy relationships, and other personal development goals. In 2023 the Youth and Family Therapy program provided 23 participants crisis intervention, 12 residents participated in psychoeducation groups, 11 youth participated in massage therapy, 35 residents participated in the monthly community meal, 8 residents participated in yoga led by Indigenous Lotus.

Ramsey County Children's Mental Health – Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Case Managers provide case management and support from a cultural framework specific to American Indian youth and families. Case management services are designed to serve families with children who have severe emotional and behavioral disturbances. In a culturally sensitive manner, case managers help families develop treatment and crisis plans, make referrals to community resources, create a supportive team of family, professionals, and community members, assist parents in advocating for their child's mental health needs, and access respite care and other supports. In 2023 the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 25 families and children ages 5-17.

Suicide Prevention – Provides culturally responsive community-based suicide prevention programming and postvention support. This program works to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for American Indian individuals at risk for suicide through cultural practices, addressing social determinants, and providing accessibility to resources. Program staff are trained in Question, Persuade, and Refer [QPR], Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training [ASIST], and Counseling on Access to Lethal Means [CALM]. ADYC has implemented required training for all staff in QPR in an ongoing effort to prevent suicide. In 2023, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator partnered with 11 other youth serving agencies to form a coalition. Suicide Prevention served 109 youth and coordinated or co-hosted 52 groups which included a storytelling series, beading groups, harvesting of traditional plant-based medicines, and making ribbon skirt/shirts, moccasins, jingle dresses, and concho belts.



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Project Linus
The House Of Hope Presbyterian Church
Tickets For Kids
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Vig Guitar Shop
Xcel Energy

Government Funding

COUNTY GRANTS

Anoka County
Hennepin Children & Family Services Dept
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:StreetWorks
FHPAP
Brown County
Dakota County
Pine County Health & Human Services
Ramsey County
Ramsey County Attorney's Office
Ramsey County: Nokomis Circle
Ramsey County: Shelter
Ramsey County Transforming Systems Together
Rice County
Mille Lacs County
Second Judicial District
Washington County
White Earth Tribal Council

MN GRANTS

MN Mngmt & Budget - Prof & Tech Services
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:StreetWorks Homeless Youth Act OEO HYA
Metropolitan Council
MN Department of Health (MDH): Safe Harbor 179438
MN Department of Health (MDH): Suicide Prevention 160242
MN Department of Health (MDH): Suicide Prevention 233679
MN Department of Health (MDH):Tobacco 220763
MN Department of Health (MDH): Housing Support Supplemental Services
MN Department of Health (MDH): ICWA Early Intervention 179037
MN Department of Health (MDH): ICWA Special Focus 202378
MN Department of Health (MDH): ICWA Special Focus 231961
MN Department of Health (MDH): ICWA Urban Primary 202350
MN Department of Health (MDH):OEO HYA 199145
MN Department of Health (MDH):OEO HYA 233101
MN Department of Health (MDH):Safe Harbor 230963
MN Department of Health (MDH):Safe Harbor Shelter/Housing 200085

FEDERAL GRANTS

Arizona State University ASU:P2W 2022-2026
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency:FEMA EFSP Phase 40
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:StreetWorks FYSB
MN Department of Health (MDH):Improving Outcomes 225098
MN Department of Health (MDH):Chemical Dependency (State CD) 160568
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence NRCDV
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): U.S. DHHS BCP 90CY7382
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): U.S. DHHS SAMHSA 20SM82646A

Financial Report

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 2,239,702	\$ 2,747,590
Investments	24,928	26,023
Accounts Receivable	402,216	245,760
Contributions Receivable	418,954	99,309
Prepaid Expenses	16,246	13,453
Total Current Assets	3,102,046	3,132,135

Partnership Investment	140,000	140,000
Property and Equipment - Net	454,290	458,955

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,696,336	\$ 3,731,090
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 51,875	\$ 37,796
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	162,340	192,273
Accrued Expenses	26,474	19,335
Total Current Liabilities	240,689	249,404

Note Payable	47,500	47,500
Total Liabilities	288,189	296,904

Net Assets:

Without Donor Restrictions:		
Board Designated	125,000	125,000
Undesignated	1,984,346	2,101,638
Total Without Donor Restrictions	2,109,346	2,226,638

With Donor Restrictions	1,298,801	1,207,548
Total Net Assets	3,408,147	3,434,186

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,696,336	\$ 3,731,090
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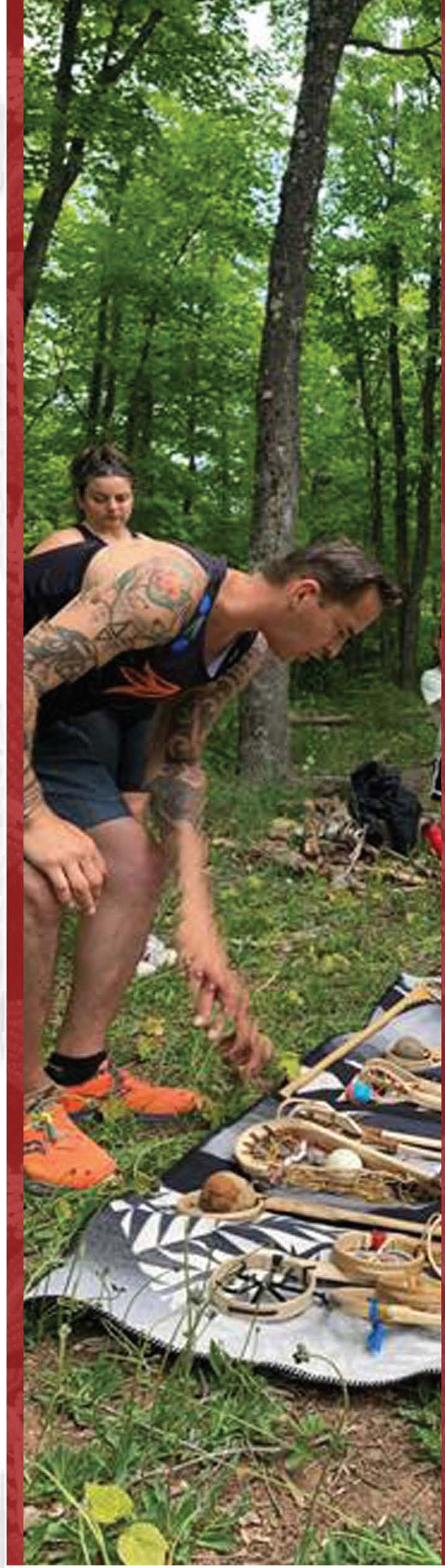
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Pidamayaye Thank You