

American Indian Cancer Foundation

Annual Report 2015



Released: January 2017

Greetings,

The dream of the American Indian Cancer Foundation began in 2009 when a group of American Indian leaders recognized something new was needed in our communities to address the high rates of cancer among American Indians and Alaska Natives. The founding board of directors worked together for two years to develop a mission, incorporate as a 501c3 and secure funding to hire employees to make this dream a reality. Today, we have 16 employees and 10 funded programs working to eliminate American Indian cancer burdens through education, prevention, early detection, treatment and survivor support.

In our first annual report, we highlight 2015 to share how far we've come. We are thankful for our funding partners, who have trusted us and invested in innovative Native-driving cancer solutions for our communities. This trust and investment has made a real and positive impact in Indian Country. Whether you partner with us on a project, volunteer at Powwow for Hope, shop our online store, donate, or engage with us on social media—you are making a difference!

We are incredibly proud of the work that's been accomplished by our talented employees and Board of Directors. Our commitment comes from decades of public health experience in Indian Country and a desire to contribute in effective and sustainable ways. Our passion comes from our personal experiences with cancer among people we love. Our contributions at the American Indian Cancer Foundation allow us to make a difference.

Your support is making a difference! Let's end cancer in Indian Country together!

Sincerely,



Chairperson AICAF Board of Directors
Pelagie "Mike" Snesrud, PHN
Dakota



Chief Executive Officer
Kris Rhodes, MPH
Bad River and Fond du Lac Chippewa

2015 Board of Directors

Chairperson

Pelagie (Mike) Snesrud
Dakota

Vice Chairperson

Mark Fox, JD
Mandan Hidatsa Arikara
Nations

Secretary

Andrew Adams III, JD
Muscogee Nation

Treasurer

Kalina Newmark
Sahtu Dene First Nations

Bret R. Benally Thompson, MD
White Earth Ojibwe

Jason Braveheart
Oglala Sioux

Mary Fairbanks, DNP
White Earth Ojibwe

Margo Gray
Osage Nation

Joe McDonald
Confederated
Salish-Kootenai Tribes

Samuel A. Moose, MTAG
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Mission

To eliminate the cancer burdens on American Indian families through education, prevention, early detection, treatment and survivor support.



“Cancer is a frightening diagnosis for anyone, and there are significant cultural implications and strategies that are needed for under served and disparate populations like American Indians. AICAF is improving the way we understand cancer in Indian Country and is moving toward reducing cancer disparities.”

DONALD WARNE, MD

OGLALA LAKOTA

AMERICAN INDIAN PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

The American Indian Cancer Foundation has grown rapidly since 2009 and we've accomplished so much. Here are some of our highlights.

AICAF is incorporated as a 501c3.

AICAF's first funding comes from the American Cancer Society and Indian Health Service to address colorectal cancer screening.

2010

2009

The Board of Directors is organized by founders Dr. David Perdue (Chickasaw) and Jackie Dionne (Turtle Mountain Chippewa).

Founding Board of Directors

Joanna Bryant, *Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota*

Jackie Dionne, *Turtle Mountain Chippewa*

Michael A. Goze, *Ho-Chunk*

James Lien, *Sicangu Lakota Rosebud*

Jessica Ryan, *Brothertown Nation*

Jo-Anne E. Stately, *White Earth Ojibwe*

Howard D. Valandra, *Sicangu Lakota Rosebud*

Laura Waterman Wittstock, *Seneca*

2011

Kristine Rhodes is hired as Executive Director; she hires initial staff of Anne Walaszek (White Earth Ojibwe), Joy Rivera (Haudenosaunee) and Dr. Perdue (Chickasaw).

AICAF partners with tribal health systems across Minnesota and Wisconsin on cancer issues and solutions.

Internal systems, the AICAF brand and logo are developed. The website and social media are launched.

New funding expands efforts to address commercial tobacco addiction, breast cancer awareness and support tribal comprehensive cancer program evaluation to help establish evidence for American Indian specific cancer control programs.

Outreach leads to 100+ completed colonoscopies in Minnesota.

The first annual Powwow for Hope: Dancing for Life, Love & Hope offers cancer survivors and caregivers a place to come together for community healing. Funds raised by individuals, teams and silent auction directly support AICAF's work.

With new partnerships, AICAF extends its reach to national audiences.

AICAF grows to six employees (including student interns)!

2012

2014

HPV immunization offers new opportunities for cancer prevention; AICAF holds focus groups to gather community input to develop educational materials about the vaccine.

Additional educational resources are developed, including tobacco cessation and colorectal cancer, to support awareness and outreach among tribal partners across the US.

AICAF partners with local, national and tribal media to enhance outreach and build awareness in new ways.

AICAF grows to 15 employees!

2013

New funding leads to new opportunities to work with tribes across Minnesota on healthy eating and health equity.

The Pink Shawls program, which brings together women to sew shawls and raise awareness about breast cancer, reaches nine tribes with 100 women sewing new shawls.

Colorectal cancer program staff complete visits with 350+ staff at 40 tribal health clinics across the Northern Plains, learning about the screening practices.

AICAF has grown to 10 employees!

2015

Music for Life, Love & Hope fundraising event at the House of Blues in Las Vegas features musician Kelly Jackson (Lac du Flambeau Chippewa) and a silent auction organized by Beyond Buckskin Boutique with the generosity of numerous Indigenous artists.

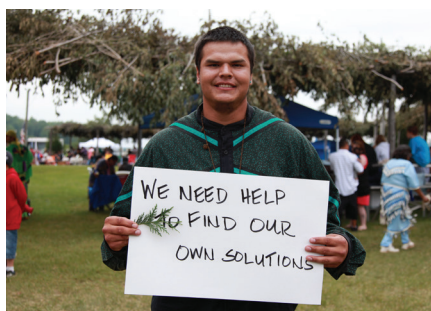
Indigenous Pink Day premieres as a nationwide media campaign to raise breast cancer awareness across Indian Country reaching more than 50,000 people.

AICAF's online store launches (Shop.AmericanIndianCancer.com). Proceeds support AICAF efforts to end cancer.

The Working Toward Health Equity report captured the conversations of 90+ tribal health stakeholders on beliefs and strategies to address tribal health equity.

TODAY, AICAF continues to lead efforts to end American Indian and Alaska Native cancer burdens in collaboration with multiple partners.

2015 Projects



American Indian Community Conversations: AICAF convenes and facilitates community conversations to identify local cancer priorities and solutions.

American Indian Resources (AIR) for Tribal Health Equity Project: AIR works in partnership with American Indian communities in conversations and activity to engage, empower and educate communities for action and innovation through collaboration and policy, systems, and environmental change.



American Indian Cancer Support: AICAF provides support via phone, website, social media and hosts local support groups.

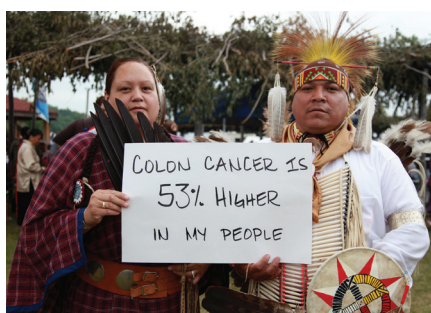
Clinical Cancer Screening Network: The network engages clinical teams to develop a tailored approach to progressively improve colorectal cancer screening rates by providing clinical systems support, educational materials and tools for patients and clinical teams.

Clinical Systems for Tobacco Addiction Treatment (STAT)/iQuits: STAT/iQuits encourages and supports clinic staff involvement in the assessment of smoking status and treatment of tobacco dependence by providing clinical system tools, health care provider education and convening regular meetings with clinical quality improvement teams.



Community Cancer Screening Navigation Support: AICAF cancer screening navigator offers education and outreach on cancer prevention and screening and promotes the benefits of cancer screening.

Evaluation Support for Tribal Cancer Programs: AICAF offers customized, participatory program evaluation support and expertise to American Indian cancer programs.



Healthy Native Foods Initiative: AICAF develops tools, resources and provides support designed for community food systems and programs with shared healthy eating goals within American Indian communities.

Immunizations for Cancer Prevention: AICAF develops and disseminates HPV educational materials and identifies effective HPV awareness strategies specific to American Indian communities.

Pink Shawls Initiative: Pink Shawls raises awareness about breast health in culturally specific ways at community events within American Indian communities. Pink Shawls provides breast health education and promotes programs that increase access to screening through coordination and use of available resources.



Policies for Cancer Prevention: AICAF works in partnership with American Indian communities to identify opportunities to utilize tribal sovereignty to improve policy, systems and environmental change for cancer prevention.

Saving lives, identifying solutions, working for hope

AICAF FOCUSES ITS EFFORTS IN THREE STRATEGIC AREAS:

Bring Attention to American Indian Cancer Burdens and Solutions

- ▶ Champion collaborations and partnerships that leverage community interest, resources, and investments
- ▶ Engage tribes and mainstream health organizations through presentations, exhibits, media and social media
- ▶ Host fundraiser and awareness events across Indian Country

Advance Capacity through Training, Technical Assistance and Resources

- ▶ Identify prevention and healing approaches based on tribal teachings, sovereignty and self-determination
- ▶ Develop and share model frameworks, training and resources for American Indian communities and health systems
 - ▶ Community education and outreach
 - ▶ Clinical systems innovations
 - ▶ Survivor support

Increase Availability of Reliable American Indian Cancer Data and Solutions

- ▶ Host community conversations to identify cancer priorities, barriers and solutions
- ▶ Collaborate to plan reality and community-based research
- ▶ Support evaluation of cancer prevention and screening efforts
- ▶ Develop and share relevant reports and presentations



We accomplish this through support from program funders.

Thanks to the following funders who made 2015 investments in AICAF programs.



Strategic priorities

Our mission is ambitious. We address many types of cancer with varying causes and across the spectrum from prevention to survivor support among a population already facing tremendous inequities. There is no time to stop and admire the problems. We need to establish evidence on what works within the realities of American Indian and Alaska Native communities, with a focus on cultural and community strengths.

AICAF leadership examined the national landscape for gaps and opportunities and developed strategic efforts that can have the greatest impact on cancer burdens for American Indians and Alaska Natives. We consider our three strategic priorities as our roadmap for success.

Strategic priority 1: Bring attention to American Indian cancer burdens and solutions

- Champion collaborations and partnerships that leverage community interest, resources and investments
- Engage tribes and mainstream health organizations through presentations, exhibits, media and social media
- Host fundraiser and awareness events across Indian Country



National Outreach

Our work reaches multiple audiences through presentations and exhibits at national meetings and events. We engage tribal health programs and potential partners to bring new resources into tribal communities. In 2015 we participated in over 20 events in more than 14 states with tribal partners across all regions of the US.

Social Media

A strong online presence is important to our mission. Our online networks allow us to engage partners and reach tribal communities across the country, allowing us to disseminate resources developed from our office in Minneapolis. Our ever-growing networks on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn increase each year.

“*AICAF is making a difference in American Indian communities by going directly to them for the solutions and key strategies to create change for the optimal well-being of our people.*”

CoCo VILLALUZ

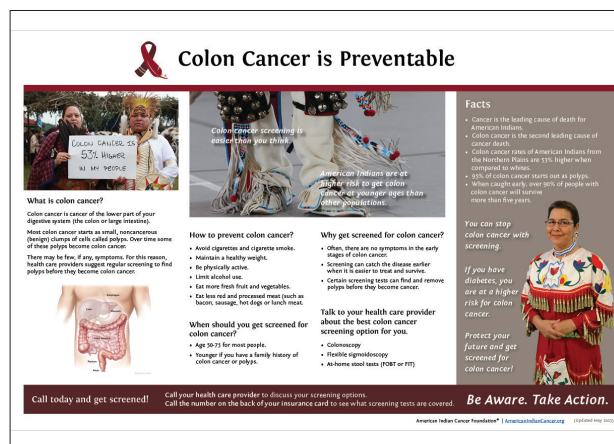
HIDATSA/ASSINIBOINE/CHAMORRO
CLEARWAY MINNESOTA

Strategic priority 2: Advance capacity through training, technical assistance and resources

- Identify prevention and healing approaches based on tribal teachings, sovereignty and self-determination
- Develop and share model frameworks, training and resources for American Indian communities and health systems
 - Community education and outreach
 - Clinical systems innovations
 - Survivor support

Culturally Tailored Materials

Our culturally tailored education and outreach materials make a difference by sharing information that is relevant to American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Educational materials are developed with community expertise in mind. Our cancer education resources and outreach materials are available online and featured in our quarterly e-newsletter.



Technical Assistance on Policy

Policy, systems and environmental change are important means of creating sustainable cancer solutions. The American Indian Cancer Foundation engages with tribal leaders to encourage consideration of health in policy recommendations to take action to prevent cancer. AICAF is leading by example with a wellness policy for the workplace and community events. The policy focuses on healthy eating, physical activity, and rejecting commercial tobacco while respecting traditional tobacco. Policy examples are available on our website.

Technical Assistance for Clinics

We believe that communities possess the wisdom to discover their own effective cancer solutions but are often looking for resources and support. We offer technical assistance to clinics and tribal health programs. This takes the shape of inter-tribal learning networks, webinars, toolkits and targeted resources. These innovative support systems improve capacity of direct service providers to create sustainable solutions that benefit people today and future generations.

Strategic priority 3: Increase availability of reliable American Indian cancer data and solutions

- Host community conversations to identify cancer priorities, barriers and solutions
- Collaborate to plan reality- and community-based research
- Support evaluation of cancer prevention and screening efforts
- Develop and share relevant reports and presentations

There is a lack of data on American Indian and Alaska Native health issues and even less on evidence-based strategies within American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Much of our work is focused on advocacy and efforts to identify and share resources to fill these voids. We have several research and evaluation programs with academic partners to contribute to the evidence base. Before relevant community-centered data and solutions can be developed, the problems must first be addressed through meaningful conversations with Native communities. Examples of this type of



research include the Improving Northern Plains American Indian Colorectal Cancer Screening Project Report and our Working Toward Health Equity report.

Powwow for Hope™

Dancing for Life, Love & Hope

Since 2012, thousands of people have come together on this special day. Powwow for Hope is an annual community fundraising event that honors loved ones who have battled cancer or are fighting cancer and provides an opportunity to learn more about cancer prevention and resources. It is also a time to come together and create a place of healing. This day brings us together to share a healthy feast, model active living, reject commercial tobacco and celebrate spiritual teachings.

For more information, visit: PowwowforHope.org

Many teams and individuals come together to plan, fundraise, dance and volunteer at Powwow for Hope. In 2015, 38 teams with more than 100 people collectively raised \$40K.

2015 Fundraising Teams

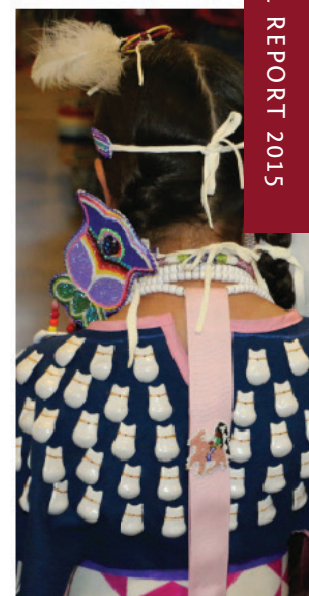
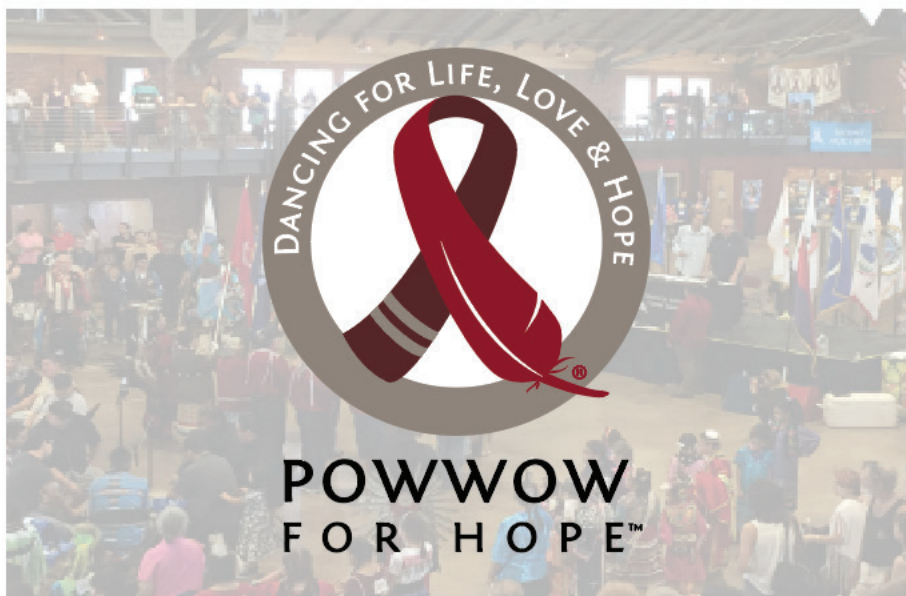
Team Lester Drift
Too Legit To Quit
Cante' Wast'e
Gizigaagin Nokomis
American Indian Magnet School
HCMC Cancer Center
"Giiwedinaash" North Wind
Twisted Balloons
Saint Paul EHD
Team Donna
Round Brown Crew
Team Muriel "Community" Thompson
Team Rivera

Metropolitan State University
Hope Stars
Bois Forte Pink Ribbons
Team Ivy Vainio
Minneapolis American Indian Center
American Indian Family Center
Woman for the Cure
DIW Two Steppers
Team Buckanaga
Takoda Prep
Team Sharing Hope
Indigenous Peoples Task Force
Ta Ta Terrifics

NACC-ians
Team Goze
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
KKWE Niiiji Radio
Dream of Wild Health
U of M - TC Natives
Team Esperanza
Remembering Pat Mellang
Commod Squad
Team Vivian Rosebear
Bdote Learning Center
Nawayee Center School

Thanks to our 2015 sponsors!





“The disheartening fact is that cancer affects us all -- be it personally, or someone close to us. It is encouraging to know that beyond the love and care of family and friends, there are avenues of support through the American Indian Cancer Foundation. This organization is bringing attention to Native cancer burdens with solutions-oriented education and awareness, which helps to improve the lives of all American Indian families.”

ERNEST L. STEVENS, JR.

ONEIDA NATION OF WISCONSIN

CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION

Financials

January 1st-December 31st, 2015

Assets

Cash	\$76,391
Grants receivable	\$258,496
Contracts receivable	\$164,476
Other receivables	\$4,524
Prepaid expenses	\$8,120
Inventory	\$1,841
Total current assets	\$513,848

Grants receivable, long-term	\$294,000
Property and equipment	\$10,158
Security deposit	\$4,775
Total assets	\$822,781

Liabilities

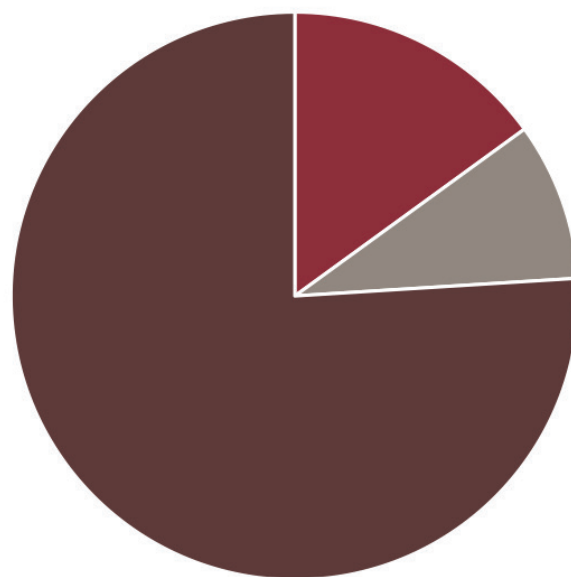
Accounts payable	\$5,846
Accrued expenses	\$31,236
Total current liabilities	\$37,082

Net assets

Unrestricted	\$246,390
Temporarily restricted	\$539,309
Total net assets	\$785,699
Total liabilities & net assets	\$822,781

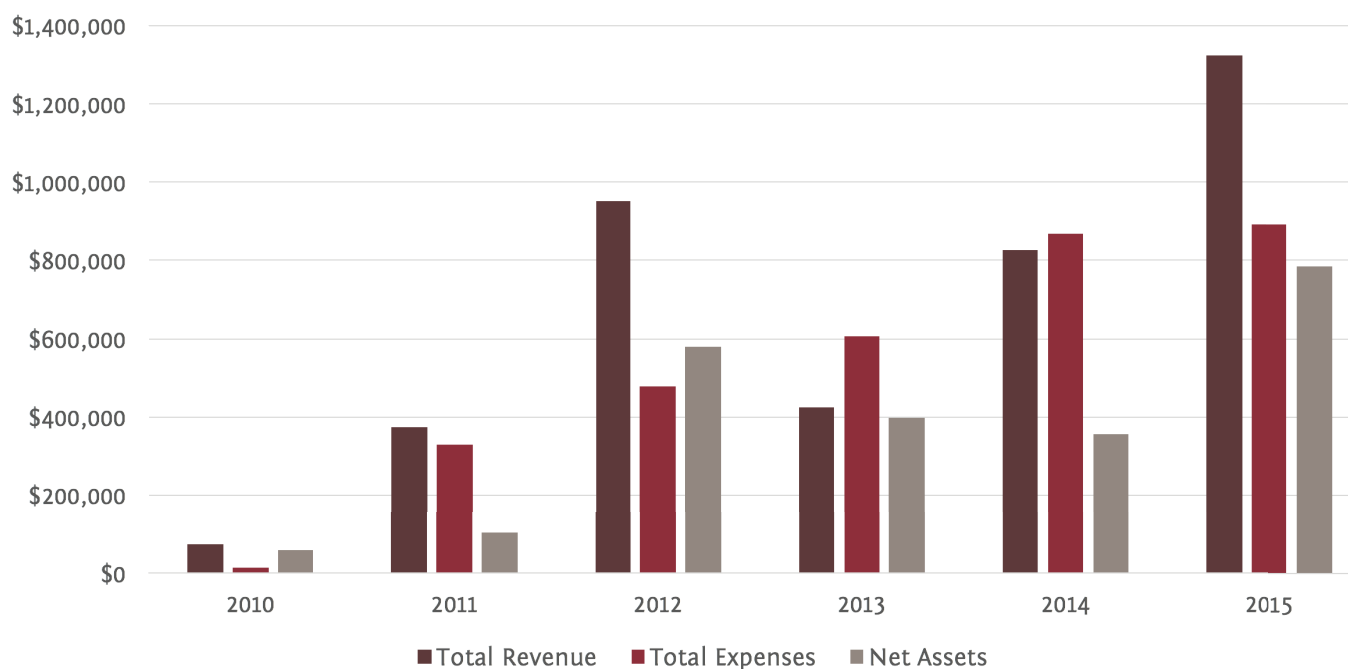
Functional expenses

Program services	\$639,359 (76%)
Operating	\$129,023 (15%)
Fundraising	\$70,409 (9%)



■ Program Services ■ Operating ■ Fundraising

History of AICAF annual income & expenses (2010-2015)



2015 Volunteers and donors

With much gratitude, we thank everyone who has donated their time, energy or funds to our cause.

11

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Volunteers

General

Andrew Adams III**
Bret Benally Thompson**
Jason Braveheart**
Glen Dopp
Mary Fairbanks**
Mark Fox**
Margo Gray**
Brian Heart
Maria Hurni
Joe McDonald**
Samuel A. Moose**
Kalina Newmark**
Pelagie "Mike" Snesrud**

Music for Hope

Carly Hare
Kelly Jackson
Jessica Metcalfe
Sam Olbekson
Jim Ruel
Loris Taylor

Powwow for Hope

Sohail Akhavein
Brian Arthur
Jennifer Arthur
Laeli Baker-DeKrey
Alexandria Balster
Frank Barto
Charissa Blue*
Richard Boswell
Brandie Buckless*
Aaron Burnette
Steve Campos
Yasmine Campos
Daanis Chosa*
Donald Clark
Ethan Clark
Kathy Clark
Troy Clark
Alicia Connor
Karen Connor
James Cross
Miziway Desjarlait
Rich Downs
Amanda Dionne*
Mary Beth Elhardt
Karlee Fellner
DeAnna Finifrock
Jean Forster
Elysia Gallo
Scott Gallus
Mike Goze
Elizabeth Graves
Stephanie Graves
Kathryn Guimaraes
Jessica Harjo*
Russell Harjo
Carol Hill-Kennedy
Wendell Hoaglund
Denise Houle
David Isham
Robert Jones
Chandra Joyner
George Kennedy
Shana King
Val LaFave*
Dave Larsen
Maggie Lorenz
Tina Murphy
Kalina Newmark**
Sandra Newton
Peggy O'Halloran*
Melanie Plucinski*

Dawn Plumer*
Mariah Quincy
Lucas Reynolds
Joey Reynolds
Kris Rhodes*
Jason Rhodes
Tyler Rhodes
Cathy Rivas Carballo
Joy Rivera*
Jason Roe
Marilee Rose
Lind Rogers
Samira Rosenthal
Joshua Sabin
Herb Sam
John Sand
Angela Scarborough
Joanne Shopteese
Emily Smith
Shiloe Smith
Jason Snyder
Kaylee Snyder
Larissa Snyder
Marcus Snyder
Neely Snyder*
Jo-Anne Stately
Linda Tibbetts-Barto
Ivy Vainio
CoCo Villaluz
Anne Walaszek*
Rita Walaszek
Ellie Wilson
Jacque Wilson
Aaron Wittnebel
Chelsea Wong
Ringing Shield Drum Group
ADYC Singers Drum Group

Donors

Andrew Adams III**
Pilar Agoyo
Cherene Ahlstrom
Michele Allen
LaRaye Anderson
Kristi Anderson
Jeanne Ayers
Lisa Baethke
Julie Baker
Mary Al Balber
Janelle Barney
Lois & John Barron
Mary Barron-Traut
Amber Bauer
Erma Beaulieu
Nanibaa Beck
Donavan Begay
LaVonne Bellanger
Lisa Bellanger
Bret Benally Thompson**
David Bice
Evonne Bilotta-Burke
Susan Bishop
MaRia Bird
Charissa Blue*
Lynn & Laura Blue
Raymond Boyle
Jason Bresette
Mary Britt
Roy Brown
Beverly Brownfield
Brandie Buckless*
John Bunce
Jason & Maria Burnett
Kathleen Call
Amber Cardinal*
Monica Carley
Shawn Carr

Suki Cham
Babette Chatman
Daanis Chosa*
Georgette Christensen
Rachel Collis
Delvin Cree
Tyler Crise
Brandi Cron Kamermans
Laura Czaplewski
Pauline Danforth
Merry Davin
Christine Davis
Raul De Leon
Nicole Delfino Jansen
Danielle DeLong
Melyssa, Tim & Elsie Dempsey-Rice
Kathy Denman-Wilke
Carolyn Deters
Emily Smith
Jacqueline Dionne
Kristen Dorsey
Robert Doxtator
Michael Drouillard
Linda Dunaiski
Matt Edens
Alano Edzerza
Lizzie Ehrenhalt
Ivy Vainio
CoCo Villaluz
David Espey
Etkie
Tressa Evans
Clarence Everson
Mary Fairbanks**
Slates Fairbanks
Tio Felix
Courtney Fields
DeAnna Finifrock
Maureen Finn-Gallatin
Dana Fischer
Erica Fishman
Hannah Forney
Rebekah Forrest
Jean Forster
Lori Foss
Jenn Fronk
Ellie Fuller
Charles Furey
Michele Gellerman
Arthur General
Ben Gessner
Allen Gislason
Tammy and Rayna Goggleye
Helen Goldberg
Nelda Goodman
Leon Goodsky
Kathy & Brad Gossard
Bev Gouge
Katie Graves
Stephanie Graves
Erin Griffin
Calvin Grinnell
Rick & Denise Growe
Ray & Wendy Guimont
Caleb, Brayden, Dawson
& Tanner Guimont
Steve Gustafson
Michael Haag
Candace Halcro
Elyse Hale
Tawny Hale
Mohammad Hammad
Albert Hardy
Carly Hare
Jessica Harjo*
Marlene & Harvey Helgemo
J Hellum
Ramona Allard Hendren
Becky Henricks

Michelle Heredia
Rachel Hernandez
Carol Hernandez
Linda Herrera
Megan Hicks
Sandy Hicks
Charlene Holy Bear
Maria Hurni
Sun Rose Iron Shell
Bonnie Isackson
Shonna Isham
Jared Isham
Jonah Isham
Robin Isham
Anthony Jack
Mallory Jackson
Julia Jacobson*
Lisa Jacobson
Deborah Jensen
Jessica Jensen
Jane Johnson
Barb Jones
Anne Joseph
Angela Kappenman
Kerry Kennedy
Heather Kent
Linda Kim
Gail Klosterman
Dianne Kocourek Ploetz
Marcia Koefod
Suzanne Koepplinger
Jane Korn
Lauren Kramer
Maria Krisch
Catherine Kruta
David Kvamme
Val LaFave*
Matt LaFave
Elise Lagarde
Dean Lake
Genelle Lamont
Joseph LaMott
Amy Langenfeld
Jason Lanick
Allison J. LaPointe
Eileen Lardy
David Larsen
Michael Laverdure
Michelle LeBeau
Amy Leslie
Shawn & Socia Love-Thurman
Bradley Lovelace
Michelle Lowden
Rocky Luftman
Stephen Luzar
Toanh Ly
Maureen Mahoney
Aisha Masakella
Louise Matson
Tim Matson
Chris Matter
Jessica Metcalfe
Meggan McCann*
Geni McDaniel
Joe McDonald**
Dick McMullen
Annie McWilliams-Dallas
Tai Mendenhall
Randy Miranda
Patricia Michaels
Maggie Montgomery
Dana & Joe Montgomery
Warren Montoya
Terry Mason Moore
Ted Moore Jr.
Naomi Munzner
Patti Neiman
Candi Nelson

Mareena Nephew
Deb Nordgren
Christine Obel
Sheila Oehrhlein
Peggy O'Halloran*
Virgil Ortiz
Elizabeth Otteson
Jeannie Otteson
Lori Paquette
Dawn Paro
Joseph Paul
Shirley Paul
David Perdue
Summer Peters
Wesley Petersen
Melanie Plucinski*
Dawn Plumer*
Marit Pollei
John Poupart
Stephanie Propson
Yvette Pye
Kevin Horace Quannie
Alison Reddig
Joseph Reynolds
Kris Rhodes*
Jason Rhodes
Jerome Rice
Gay Lynn Richards
Shannon Rivera
Loretta Rivera
Joy Rivera*
Melissa Rivera
Stephen Rivera
Dean Robbins
Laura Roberts*
Leslie Roberts
Martha Roberts
Winona Roberts-Spaulding
Leah Rynders
Meg Sarazine
Keyana Scales
Tracy Schirmers
Kris Schmitz
Scott Schulze
Anjanette Schussler
Lydia Self
Ann Shaffer
Suzanne Shatila
Ann Sheldon
Joanne Shopteese
John T. Shopteese Family
Timothy Siefert
Rosy Simas
Penny Singer
David Sloan
Sue Smith
Parker Smith
Brittany Smith
Diane Smokeyday
Pelagie "Mike" Snesrud**
Neely Snyder*
Greg Snyder
Virgil Sohm
Sandra Solis-Comona
Matthew Sorenson
Kathleen Spencer
Topah Spoonhunter
Jessica St. Clair
Jo-Anne Stately
Ramona Stonechild
Deb Stout
Michelle Strangis
Vera Straw
Cassandra Stepan
Tony & Kathie Swader
Jody Taylor
Mike Temali
Gabriela Theis

Kate Theisz
Christina Thill
Chris Tholkes
Hattie Thorn-Black
Sheila Thorstenson
Kimberly Tiger
Chanelle Torres
Uyenthi Tran Myhre
Kyle Tran Myhre
Shawna Turner
Theresa Turner
Katie Turner
Arne & Ivy Vainio
Howard Valandra
Felecity Vara-Clara
Angela & Ted Vig
Sierra Villebrun
Anne Walaszek*
Jennifer Walaszek
John Walaszek
Rita Walaszek
Nathalie Waldman
Adrian Wall
Chip Watterson
Gail Watterson
Rachel Widome
Frankie Welch
Sue Westmark
Dakota Wicohan
Stef Wilenchek
Lori-Anne Williams
Laura & Lloyd Wittstock
Stacy Woodhouse
Noya Woodrich
Crystal Worl
Richard Wright
Jared Yazzie
Bethany Yellowtail
Jeffrey & Pamela York
Dan Young
American Indian Magnet School
Benihana
Birchbark Books and Native Arts
Calhoun Beach Framing
Great Lake Indian Fish and Wildlife
Growing Blue Flowers
Haskells, Inc.
Isham Family
Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Lili Salon Spa
Mall of America
Midtown Global Market
Migizi Ikwewag
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Historical Society Press
Minnesota Lynx
Minnesota Timberwolves
Minnesota Twins Baseball
Minnesota Vikings
Mystic Lake Casino
National Indian Health Board
Navayee Center School
Northland Visions
Pilgrim Drycleaners, Inc
Prairie's Edge Casino
The Raptor Center
Red Stag Supperclub
Red Thunderbird Natural Foods
Seward Co-op
Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown
Shooting Star Casino
Tanka Bars
Wine and Canvas Minneapolis
Wooley's Restaurant
& Numerous Anonymous Donors!

*Staff **Board Member

We couldn't have done it without you!

We apologize if we've missed you! Please contact us for any mistakes or omissions and we'll correct it!

2017 AICAF Staff

Kristine Rhodes, MPH, Chief Executive Officer
Fond du Lac and Bad River Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa

Amber Cardinal, MPH, Project Coordinator
Arikara, Hidatsa, Ojibwa

Daanis Chosa, Community Outreach Specialist
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Amanda Dionne, BA, Project Coordinator
Lame Deer Northern Cheyenne/Turtle Mountain Ojibwe

Jessica Harjo, MA, Marketing & Design Manager
Otoe-Missouria, Osage, Pawnee, Sac & Fox

Grace Jaworski, BA, Communications Specialist

Chris Johnson, MA, Project Coordinator
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Meggan McCann, MPH, Research Programs Coordinator

Melanie Plucinski, MPH, Policy Programs Manager
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Joy Rivera, CHW, Community Education Specialist
Haudenosaunee

Delilah Robb, BS, Project Coordinator
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

Laura Sioux Roberts, BA, Health Programs Specialist
Anishinaabe

Sambridhi Shrestha, MPH, Public Health Associate

Neely Snyder, BS, Operations Manager
St. Croix Chippewa, Mille Lacs & Red Lake

Anne Walaszek, MPH, Health Programs Manager
White Earth Ojibwe

2017 Board of Directors

Chairperson

Bret R. Benally Thompson, MD
White Earth Ojibwe

Vice Chairperson

Gary Ferguson, ND
Aleut/Unangan

Secretary

Deana Jackson
Navajo

Treasurer

Samuel A. Moose, MTAG
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Shawna Cooper
Northern Cheyenne

Mary Fairbanks, DNP
White Earth Ojibwe

Mark Fox, JD
Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nations

Margo Gray
Osage Nation

Kalina Newmark
Sahtu Dene First Nations

Jessica Pakootas, JD
Colville

Melanie Peterson Hickey, PhD
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa

Pelagie (Mike) Snesrud, PHN
Dakota

American Indian Cancer Foundation

615 First Avenue NE, Ste. 125
Minneapolis, MN 55413
Phone: 612.314.4848



@AMERICANINDIANCANCER



/AMERICANINDIANCANCER



@AICAF_ORG



AmericanIndianCancer.org