



INDIAN CENTER INC.

ANNUAL DINNER

December 10, 2019
6:00pm

What We've Done

- Over the past nine months, the Indian Center Board of Directors and the center's many volunteers have accomplished some really great things, including:
 - Educational & Cultural Programs
 - Hosted "Roots of Injustice; Seeds of Change" workshops and provided space for a Ponca youth program; and co-hosted the Indian Club's annual Powwow.
 - Fundraising
 - Hosted monthly taco sales; did Husker volleyball and football parking; hosted community fundraisers, including a craft fair; raised money through Giving Tuesday; hosted a Toy Drive.
 - Public Relations & Rebranding
 - Communicated with the community about fundraising and events through social media and our website.
 - Pow Wow & 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - Hosted a successful celebration of our 50 years in existence that included hoop dancers, a drum group, tipi raising, a fire truck and community presentations.

Challenges Facing Us Today

- Amount of past debt and back taxes owed
- Loss of indirect cost rate / lack of operational support
- Mismanagement of past grants
- Reluctant funders
- Loss of trust from our community
- Cost of daily operations exceeds our current income

How You Can Help

- We need to ask YOU, our COMMUNITY, to help us in reaching these goals:
 - Applying for Grants
 - Developing a new funding model
 - Finding a qualified Native board member, preferably with accounting, legal and/or grant-writing experience
 - Weatherizing the building
 - Paying off existing debts
 - Developing a new strategic plan
 - Finding community volunteers to help with fundraisers, including taco sales
 - Helping us identify ways we can improve the lives of local Native people
 - Spreading the good word about the Indian Center's needs and accomplishments!

Our Commitment to You:

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Action

Why This is Important

- Nearly 3,200 Natives live in Lancaster County
- 22% of Nebraska Natives over 24 didn't graduate high school and 11% hold bachelor's degrees
- Median income for Nebraska Native households is \$27,000, or \$28,000 less than white households
- Catastrophic rates of unemployment (12.9%), diabetes (4X higher than whites), homicide (5X higher than whites) and the lowest high school graduation rate in Lincoln



Positive Momentum:

- Since most of the new board took office in March, the Board and the center's volunteers have done the following:
 - Nearly completed last year's accounting meeting minutes to create transparency
 - Continued to employ a new accounting system
 - All ICI housing is under management and is self-sustaining
 - Hosted a new Hispanic AA group
 - Updated website to reflect bylaws and
 - Held monthly taco sales
 - Did Husker game day parking
 - Hosted a 50th anniversary celebration
 - Working with local and federal investigators to ensure wrongdoers are held accountable
 - Continuing to serve the community!

Questions?