



# TIWAHE FOUNDATION

Renewing Individuals, Family, Community



HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY

Strengthening leadership, culture, values and vision

Annual Report 2011

# DEAR FRIENDS

## AND SUPPORTERS OF TIWAHE FOUNDATION

Many of you have followed us on our long journey toward independence. Over the past decade, our financial supporters the Grotto Foundation, the Marbrook Foundation and the Westcliff Foundation have provided the necessary support to undertake the research and planning to become an independent foundation.

It is fitting that American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund (AIFEP) grantee Joseph Erler and his drum group, Red Tree, were chosen to be featured in our 2011 annual report. The drum is the heartbeat of our nation. The drum circle helps us to listen to our inner self, connect with nature and bring the community together for prayer, honoring and celebration.

We hope to represent the healthy heartbeat of the American Indian community as we create our vision for the future; 2011 was a foundational year for the Tiwahe Foundation's own future. We accomplished many tasks necessary to be a stand-alone foundation.

- ★ *We raised over \$100,000 from individuals, most of whom are American Indian.*
- ★ *We received an Endowment Challenge matching grant of \$200,000 from the Saint Paul and F.R. Bigelow Foundations.*
- ★ *We obtained more than \$130,000 in operating support from the F.R. Bigelow, Saint Paul and Minneapolis Foundations.*
- ★ *We developed key relationships with Northwest Area Foundation, Blandin Foundation, Bush Foundation, Headwaters Foundation and Native Americans in Philanthropy to support our leadership initiatives.*
- ★ *Tiwahe Foundation implemented our brand and web site, which connects us to our culture, relationship with nature and our mission to be a resource for giving and strengthening American Indian communities by building capacity through leadership, culture, values and vision.*

As you will see by reviewing our financial statement on page 3, the base we built for the Tiwahe Foundation in 2011 is strong. We are grateful to our board members and endowment committee members who have provided essential leadership during the past few formative years.

With 2012 almost behind us, we look forward to sharing with you additional successes that have been instrumental in our growth and path toward independence.



KELLY DRUMMER ★ VALERIE LARSEN

Kelly Drummer  
*Tiwahe President*

Valerie Larsen  
*2011 Tiwahe Board Chair*

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#### **(since Tiwahe's inception in 2009-2011)**

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### **Foundation and Tribal Support (2008-2011)**

F.R. Bigelow Foundation

Grotto Foundation

Marbrook Foundation

The Minneapolis Foundation

Northwest Area Foundation Match-  
ing Grant Program

The Saint Paul Foundation

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Sioux Community

Sundance Family Foundation

Westcliff Foundation



## DRUM GROUPS ARE PART OF OUR WAY OF LIFE

American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund (AIFEP) recipient Joseph Erler tells his story about making a request for an AIFEP grant to fund a CD of music created by his drum group: “Producing a CD is something we’ve always wanted to do. This was a good learning experience.

“Our drum group is our way of life. We sing at Sun Dances. I currently live in Redwood Falls. Our band gets the Lower Sioux Community’s name out, which they appreciate. They also like having a drum group for funerals, graduations, ceremonies for the tribal council and so on. It brings pride to the community.

“Tiwahe has helped us a lot. Our CD has served more than one purpose. It’s a way to share our music, and the sales of the CD have paid for food and gas to get to powwows and other performances. The CD also features memorial songs for buddies of ours who passed away. We gave CDs to their families. It’s healing medicine.”

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— Joseph Erler —

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## 2011 AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

Forty-four grants were made during 2011 to American Indian people working on initiatives supporting our three focus areas below. Grants were made to purchase computers, pay for tuition, finance ceremonies, assist with transportation, etc. These small grants made big differences in the lives of these American Indian people and their families.

### Goal 1: Cultural Reconnections (9)

Dominique Marie Cavanaugh – *Spirit Lake Nation*  
 Aurora Conley – *Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe*  
 Rosemary Mountain – *Red Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Sheldon Noel – *Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (Canada)*  
 George Spears – *Red Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Sylvia Spence – *White Earth Band of Ojibwe*  
 Deanna Standing Cloud – *Red Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 James Vukelich – *Confederated Salish and Kootenai*  
 Kara Gordon – *Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe*

### Goal 2: Educational Achievement (25)

Anthony Aanenson – *White Earth Band of Ojibwe*  
 Mika Barrett – *Red Lake Band of Ojibwe & Lac Courte Oreilles*  
 John Boyd – *Red Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Dureen Burnette – *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Anthony Ceballos – *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe*  
 Jennifer Cross – *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Kassie Benjamin-Ficken – *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe*  
 Nichelle DeCora – *Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*  
 Rene Ann Goodrich – *Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe*  
 Jasmine Grika – *Cheyenne River Sioux*  
 Julie Kurschner – *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Kelly Lemieux – *St. Croix Ojibwe of Wisconsin*

Scott Lumbar – *White Earth Band of Ojibwe*  
 Erica Lussier – *Standing Rock Sioux*  
 Gerard Mauthe – *Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe*  
 Amy Norberg – *Norway House Cree Nation (Canada)*  
 Rose Nordin – *Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe*  
 Angelena Rogers – *St. Croix Ojibwe of Wisconsin*  
 Shelby Sabatke – *Boise Forte Band of Ojibwe*  
 Brianne Stately – *White Earth Band of Ojibwe*  
 Ramona Kitto Stately – *Santee Sioux Nation*  
 Shane Thompson – *Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians*  
 Kaylee Trottier – *Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe*  
 Patricia Vazquez – *Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe*  
 Deidre Whiteman – *Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe/ Meskwaki/Dakota*

### Goal 3: Economic Self-Sufficiency (10)

Joseph Erler – *Red Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Daryl Alkire – *Standing Rock Sioux*  
 Charlotte Blue – *Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe*  
 William Crawford – *Standing Rock Sioux*  
 Naida Medicine Crow – *Crow Creek Sioux*  
 Frederick Fisher – *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Sven Olson – *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
 Carl Pankow – *White Earth Band of Ojibwe*  
 Kateri Tuttle – *Santee Sioux Nation*  
 ❖ Leslie Walking Elk – *Oglala Lakota/Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin*

❖ deceased

### 2011 Financial Information

| Assets               | 2011       | 2010 unaudited | Liabilities And Net Assets       |                       |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Current Assets       |            |                | Current Liabilities              |                       |
| Cash                 | \$ 218,581 | \$ 176,323     | Accrued Payroll Expenses         | \$ 1,422 \$ –         |
| Pledges Receivable   | 219,115    | –              | Total Current Liabilities        | 1,422 –               |
| Total Current Assets | 437,696    | 176,323        | Net Assets                       |                       |
| Investments          | 180,000    | –              | Unrestricted                     | 273,259 176,323       |
| Total Assets         | \$ 617,696 | \$ 176,323     | Temporarily Restricted           | 115,000 –             |
|                      |            |                | Permanently Restricted           | 228,015 –             |
|                      |            |                | Total Net Assets                 | 616,274 176,323       |
|                      |            |                | Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 617,696 \$ 176,323 |

The audited financial statements are available upon request.



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