LEAP!

Feeding Native Families, Empowering Native Youth

2020 SPONSORSHIP PACKET

Monday, March 16, 2020

5:00 pm – 8:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Ballroom
5418 Wayzata Boulevard
Golden Valley, MN 55416
Letter from the Executive Director and LEAP Committee Co-Chairs:

For 67+ years, the Division of Indian Work (DIW) has served our Twin Cities American Indian community with programs that have helped stabilize families and work toward establishing lives that are productive and contribute to our small, close-knit community.

Over the years, DIW has garnered many supporters for our work. We are fortunate to have caring and generous people who believe in us and our efforts to improve the lives of our families.

We are proud of the work we do and strive to continually improve and expand our programs to make sure that our community members have access to services that meet their needs effectively and barrier-free. Yet some basic needs continue to require our attention—such as making sure our families have adequate and nutritious food. And the needs of our young people are also a priority for us—such as making sure they have support to do well in school. We are always grateful for any assistance we get to help our community members improve their lives.

How can you get involved? It’s as easy as becoming a sponsor of our 5th Annual LEAP! Event. Then join us for a fun evening of Native American entertainment, silent and live auctions, and delicious food from D’Amico’s! And who could pass up a chance to challenge friends and colleagues to outbid you on a much-coveted silent or live auction item?

Last year we raised over $75,000 for our food shelf and youth programs! We invite you to be part of an amazing event filled with laughter, friendly bidding competitions, camaraderie with old and new friends, and a common purpose—improving the lives of the Twin Cities’ Native Americans.

With thanks and warm regards,

Louise Matson                Cathy Bogolub                Janis Hardy
Executive Director          LEAP Committee Co-Chair          LEAP Committee Co-Chair
DIW in Brief

Since 1952, DIW has been serving the needs of our Twin Cities Native American community. We are proud to provide our programming in the beautiful building that was designed by award-winning Arapaho architect Dennis Sun Rhodes and completed in 1996.

DIW’s mission: empower American Indian people with culturally-based education, counseling, advocacy and leadership development. We achieve our mission through a cadre of programs that work to nurture and guide youth; foster healthy families; support our elders; end family violence; provide affordable housing to young, single moms; offer supportive housing to long-term foster care boys; help foster care youth engage in issues that affect them; and address hunger issues.

In 2018, Horizons Unlimited distributed close to 156,000 pounds of food to 1,137 families (3,155 individuals). Also in 2018, 95 youth participated in the Youth Leadership Development Program including: homework help and tutoring; alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention instruction; and cultural and recreational activities.

Our programs help us move our program participants and clients closer toward our DIW vision to realize a community that builds upon its strengths and creates safe, healthy and nurturing homes in which everyone thrives.

Event Details

Event: LEAP!: Feeding Native Families, Empowering Native Youth
What: Fundraiser for Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf and Youth Leadership Development Program
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020
Where: Metropolitan Ballroom - 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, Golden Valley, MN 55416

Tickets and Information:
www.diw-mn.org/leap
Sponsors

All sponsorship levels will receive media exposure, acknowledgement and praise, including:
- Logo or name on website and promotional materials
- Facebook accolades and links
- Logo or name on signage and screen at the fundraiser
- Verbal recognition from the podium

Sponsorship Levels

Sustaining Supporter Sponsor | $1,000 +
Additional exposure and acknowledgement includes:
- 1 VIP table at the event (total of 10 tickets)

Helping Hands Sponsor | $500 - $999
Additional exposure and acknowledgement includes:
- 5 tickets to the event

Table Hosts

An additional important element in the success of any benefit is the Table Host. A Table Host reserves a table for ten and is responsible for filling it with ten paying guests. Invite friends, relatives, colleagues—anyone you think might be interested in learning about DIW’s Horizons Unlimited food shelf and its Youth Leadership Development Program and contributing to our work.

BECOME A SPONSOR AND/OR TABLE HOST

Contact Ardie Medina at 612-279-6325 or email amedina@diw-mn.org

PLEASE NOTE: DIW reserves the right to limit sponsorship, determine the suitability of sponsorship, and allocate the use of funds and donated items. Sponsorship payments are due prior to the event unless other arrangements have been made. Payment can be made via check or credit card. Please let us know if your sponsorship payment requires an invoice. Thank you!
LEAP 2019

On February 25, 2019, the Division of Indian Work hosted its Fourth Annual LEAP Event to benefit the Horizons Unlimited food shelf and our Youth Leadership Development Programs.

Held at the International Market Square, the evening was emceed by WCCO’s Reggie Chapman. Peggy Flanagan, Minnesota’s first Native American Lt. Governor and White Earth Ojibwe Band member, stopped by to share a few words with attendees. Entertainment included Native drumming and singing as well as the return of the popular Native American Hoop Dancers Samoche and Mikka Sampson. Professional auctioneer Sara Knox kept the crowd outbidding each other during the Live Auction portion of the evening, calling for bids on items like vacation stays in locales such as New Mexico, an in-home catered meal, and a 4-course dinner for 6 with a helicopter ride!

Supporters also bid on silent auction items like a handmade star quilt, Native American jewelry, various original artworks and prints, dinner certificates, performance tickets, stays at local casinos, and much more. Over 300 people attended, helping DIW raise over $75,000!

Whether you were a sponsor, table host, auction item donor, member of the LEAP Committee, volunteer for the day of, spent the evening with us, or couldn’t make it but donated anyway—each of you were instrumental in the evening’s success and we are extremely grateful to and for you! Miigwech/Pidamaya/Pinagigi/Thank you!!