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

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Summer 2017 Newsletter

Greetings,

Wow, what a beautiful and busy spring it has been! I'm eager to share our recent activities and successes with you. In addition to this newsletter's highlights, AICAF has been honored to collaborate with many of our amazing partners across the country. We've engaged allies at the National Conference on Tobacco or Health in Texas, the Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health Annual Summit in South Dakota, the 7th Generation Conference in Oklahoma, the Dialogue for Action hosted by the Prevent Cancer Foundation in Washington, DC, the Alaska



AICAF board member Margo Gray and Rep. Paulette Jordan (Idaho State Legislature) join CEO Kris Rhodes at the National Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow to discuss solutions to health challenges across Indian Country.

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Thank you to our 2017 Powwow for Hope sponsors that helped make the event a huge success!

Tobacco Control Alliance Summit in Anchorage, the National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health Rural Cancer Control Meeting in Tennessee, and the National Network of Public Health Institutes in Louisiana. AICAF has also broadened partnerships in Bismark, ND and the Salish Kootenai Reservation, Montana. It has been a marathon of travel, but it's important for us to be at the table to develop new partnerships that bring new resources to address cancer among Native people nationally. I am so grateful for this wonderful team that continues to move our work forward while in the office or away on travel; this support is important to the success of the organization.

We recently held our 6th Annual Powwow for Hope, which had achieved historic success! This event brings out the best in everyone each year. We are so grateful for all of our sponsors, fundraising teams, and donors. Our incredible planning committee and many dedicated volunteers, dancers and drum groups made this event our best yet.

Miigwech to you all,

Kris Rhodes, MPH
(Bad River and Fond du Lac Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa)

Chief Executive Officer

Dancing for life, love & hope

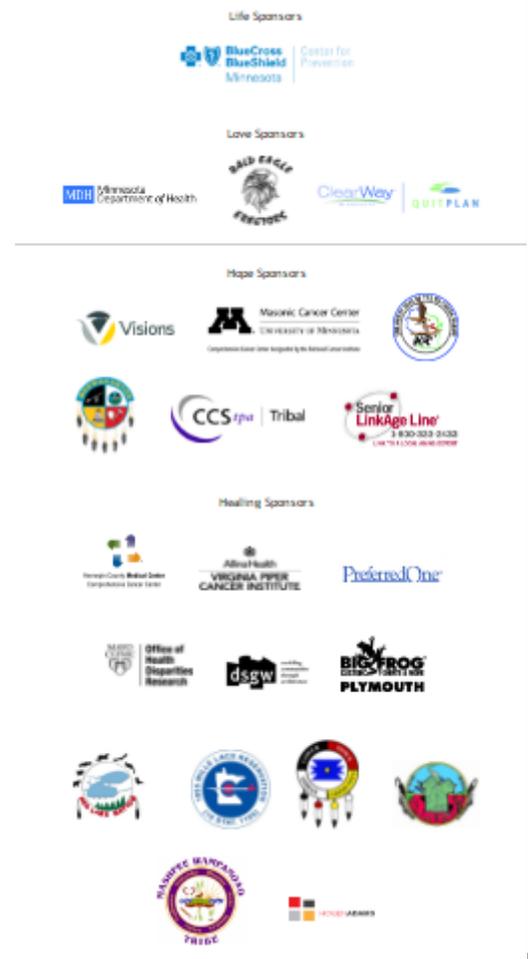
6th Annual Powwow for Hope raised more than \$110,000!



Cancer Survivor Robert DesJarlait presents the AICAF Eagle Staff.
Photo courtesy of Ivy Vainio.

On May 6, AICAF held its 6th Annual Powwow for Hope: Dancing for Life, Love & Hope in Minneapolis. With dedicated volunteers, supportive sponsors, donors and a record 40 fundraising teams, the event was a resounding success as we raised over \$110,000 for the first time ever! We are grateful for their contributions, as well as the dancers and drum groups who honored cancer survivors with their dancing and healing songs. The funds raised support the Foundation's work to provide cancer education and supportive services for American Indians.

2017 Powwow for Hope Sponsors



AMERIND Risk golf fundraiser makes a donation to end cancer in Indian Country



Thank you to AMERIND Risk for including us as one of the event beneficiaries at the 13th Annual Protecting Tribal Families Golf Fundraiser on April 27 in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM. It was nice to meet so many of the event sponsors and golf participants. We distributed the lucky golf ball markers with the reminder "Cancer Screening Saves Lives!"

Events/campaigns

Some of the highlights on this beautiful day include: the Creator's game (lacrosse) happened outside, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Mobile Mammography Unit provided free tours and cancer screening information, rock climbing wall, healthy food demos and our biggest silent auction yet. US senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken stopped by to share their support of improving the health of Native communities. Minnesota state reps. of the Native Women's Caucus, Peggy Flanagan, Susan Allen and Mary Kunesh-Podein, were there to discuss the importance of Native voices in government. AICAF was honored to receive an Eagle Staff handcrafted by cancer survivor and Red Lake Anishinaabe elder Robert DesJarlait and his wife Nan. Robert, an ongoing AICAF supporter, presented the staff at Powwow for Hope, sharing that the staff is "a fulfillment of a vision. It is a vision that embraces and honors those we have lost, those who have survived, and the caregivers who help us on our cancer journey." We are grateful for your gift, Robert.

AICAF acknowledges and appreciates all teams and individuals who dedicated their time, goods and services toward making Powwow for Hope another great success this year! With gratitude, we would like to extend a special acknowledgement to our top team and individual fundraisers this year:

2017 Team Awards

Individual Team - Team Oklahoma Natives- Margo Gray \$10,800
 Family Team - Team Rivera Honoring Tio Alberto \$4,840
 School Team - American Indian Magnet School \$1,870
 Community Team - Too Legit to Quit \$3,820

2017 Top 10 Team Fundraisers:

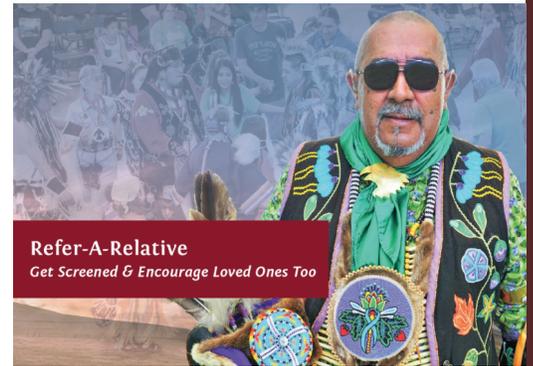
1. Team Oklahoma Natives \$10,800
2. Team Rivera Honoring Tio Alberto \$4,840
3. Too Legit to Quit \$3,820
4. Gizahgan Nokomis \$3,320
5. Straight Outta Grayhorse \$2,473
6. Giiwaydinashiban \$2,353
7. Mni Sota Warrior Women's Lax Team \$2,300
8. American Indian Magnet School \$1,870
9. Paul Allis \$1,785
10. Mahnomen Youth Warriors \$1,163

A total of 40 Teams (including 150 individual fundraisers) raised a total of \$49,415! These donations make a difference in the work we do at AICAF. The funds support community education, cancer screening, survivor support services and much more. See all team totals at powwowforhope.org/teams.

Health Matters Summit 2017

CEO Kris Rhodes speaks on panel at Clinton Foundation summit

Refer-A-Relative



"Refer-A-Relative," is a new AICAF initiative in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health and Get Your Rear In Gear Colon Cancer Coalition. Refer-A-Relative encourages American Indians in the Twin Cities metro area to complete their screening and refer up to five American Indian relatives, ages 50 and above for colon cancer screening. Patients will receive a \$20 gift card for completing colon cancer screening AND they will receive \$10 for each relative that completes screening. The relatives each receive a \$20 gift card and can refer more people. Follow AICAF on social media for more colon cancer information on prevention, risk factors and early detection. NOTE: This is a pilot program that we hope to expand to other areas of the country.

Shop AICAF



Limited quantities of our 2017 Powwow for Hope T-shirt featuring the Powwow for Hope Life, Love & Hope eagle staff are now available on our online store! Get yours before they're gone!

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Kris Rhodes speaks on the Community Led Solutions to Healthcare Access Gaps panel

On April 10, AICAF CEO Kris Rhodes participated in the opening panel of the Clinton Foundation's 2017 Health Matters Annual Activation Summit. The panel topic was Community Led Solutions to Healthcare Access Gaps: Innovations In Health Improvement. Joining her on the panel moderated by Pres. Bill Clinton was Dr. Dan W. Rahn, chancellor, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences; Dr. Raul Ruiz, US representative (California's 36th District); and Dr. Leana Wen, Baltimore City Health Commissioner. President Clinton moderated the discussion on how we can work together for healthier communities. Rhodes highlighted the importance of addressing upstream issues with a focus on improving health across Indian Country. "Everyone has a role to play. The answers are in equitable access to education, economic development and safe communities," she said. AICAF is excited about our new partnership with the Clinton Foundation.

Tribes for Hope

Engaging tribal nations with honorary Tribes for Hope designation



The Tribes for Hope map is updated with tribes that have committed to partnering to end cancer.

Tribes for Hope is an exciting new initiative showcasing our commitment to partner with tribal leadership to end cancer burdens in Indian Country. Working together, we can pursue improved health among American Indians and Alaska Natives

Did you know?

June is Cancer Survivor Month



Photo courtesy of Ivy Vainio.

June is Cancer Survivor Month with a focus on the importance of a balanced and healthy lifestyle of avoiding commercial tobacco, active living and healthy eating. As a part of our Healthy Native Foods Initiative, we have created an [Indigenous Foods for Cancer Prevention media toolkit](#). This toolkit provides nutritional facts, information and awesome recipes on what one can do to sustain a healthy lifestyle around cancer survivorship.

Staff updates



Tina Murphy joins AICAF staff as Administrative Coordinator

AICAF welcomes Tina Murphy (Chamorro Descent, Familian Betang and Tali Clans from the Pacific Island of Guam) as Administrative Coordinator. Tina manages the support of AICAF office, employees, programs, and daily business operations, always with her holistic and positive energy. She is an alum of the LAAMPP (Leadership and Advocacy Institute to Advance Minnesota's Parity for Priority Populations) Fellowship and brings a

through tribally driven, evidence based and sustainable cancer solutions. Several tribal partners have already made the commitment. Please encourage your tribal leaders to join Tribes for Hope by visiting: aicaf.org/tribes-for-hope

With Tribes for Hope, AICAF is striving to create partnerships to work together to support and engage communities. Recently, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a Tribes for Hope partner, hosted AICAF's first Indigenous Women's Health Forum for clinic staff from tribes throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. Tribes for Hope will create opportunities to collaborate with tribes nationwide to create the network we need to end cancer in Indian Country.

diverse set of strong leadership, policy, and advocacy skills to the AICAF team. She is grateful to do the good work around health disparities, especially around sacred tobacco and commercial tobacco prevention.



AICAF says farewell to Jessica Harjo and Grace Jaworski

This summer, AICAF bids farewell to two integral members of our communications team: Marketing & Design Manager Jessica Harjo and Communications Specialist Grace Jaworski. After three years at AICAF, Jessica will be returning to her home state of Oklahoma upon completion of her PhD in Design from the University of Minnesota. After completing her year of AmeriCorps VISTA service, Grace will be moving to attend the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for her Masters in Public Health. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to AICAF's mission.

New resources

iQuits webinar series for health care providers

Two recent iQuits webinars for health care providers highlighted two important topics: Medications and NRT for Treating Tobacco Dependence in Clinical Practice and E-cigarettes. iQuits is a clinical system change project that focuses on using evidence-based methods to address tobacco dependence in American Indian Health Care Systems. The webinars are presented by Dr. Anne Joseph, MD, MPH, University of Minnesota. Dr. Joseph, one of our iQuits co-investigator, research interests are in tobacco control and her work has focused on smoking cessation and smoking reduction interventions for special populations of smokers that experience unique barriers to delivery of tobacco treatment.

Nicotine Replacement Therapy and Cessation Medication:

An update on efficacy and safety

Topic: Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and other cessation medications.



Nicotine Replacement Therapy and Cessation Medication: An update on efficacy and safety

Delilah Robb, BS, Project Coordinator

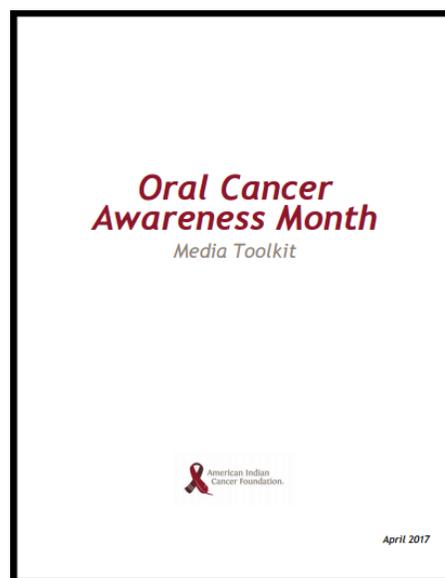
E-Cigarettes: Risks and Benefits

Topic: Safety behind the use of e-cigarettes.



Oral Cancer Awareness Month Media Kit

Our American Indian Oral Cancer Prevention Project created [this media toolkit](#). It includes a sample press release, our Prevent Oral Cancer in Indian Country resource and Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts. The content can be easily copied and pasted into the social media platform of your choice. Please feel free to personalize these posts with pictures and information about your own community.



We would like to hear from you!

If you would like additional information about the content of this newsletter or if there are news topics that you would like to see included in our upcoming issues, please email communications@aicaf.org.



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