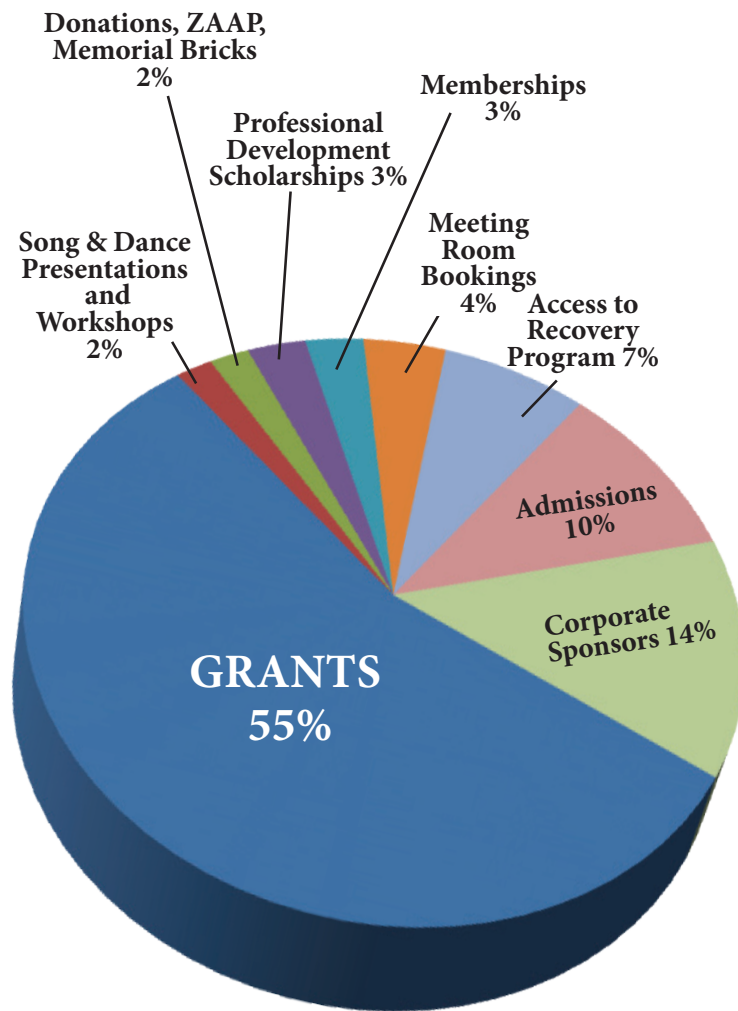


## Financials - External Revenue

**\$290,722**



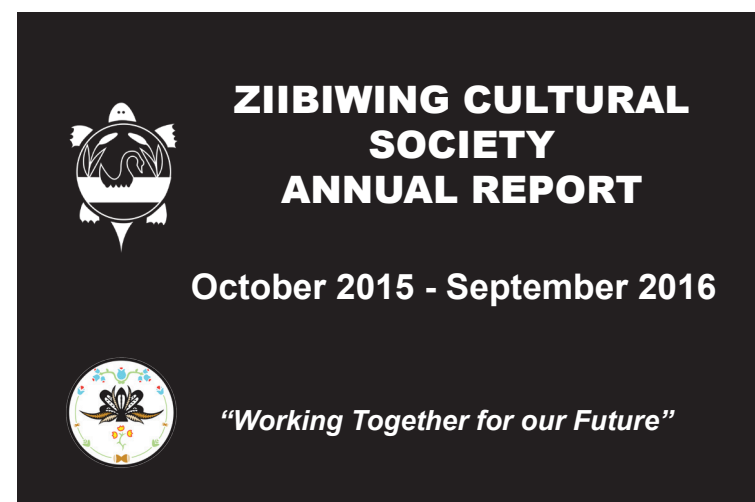
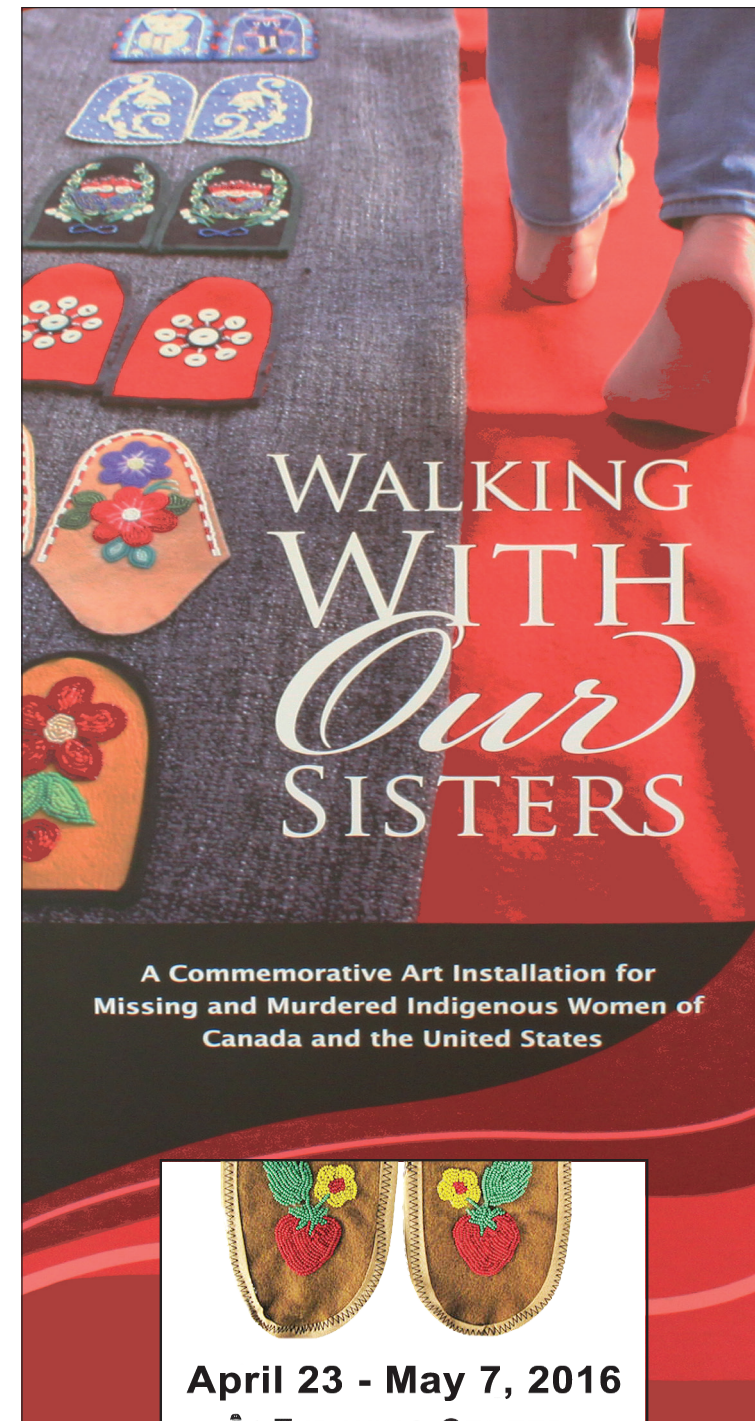
## YOUR SUPPORT

Your continued support is vital to us as it provides essential funding for:

- Free admission to Ziiwiwing Center exhibits for members of all North American Indian Tribes
- Discounted admission to military personnel, school children, college students, and educators
- Funding for outreach programs which take our teachings and collections into schools throughout Michigan
- Preservation of our artifacts and collections, ensuring that our culture will be preserved for future generations
- Maintenance and promotion of our exhibits so that our heritage and culture can be enjoyed by everyone



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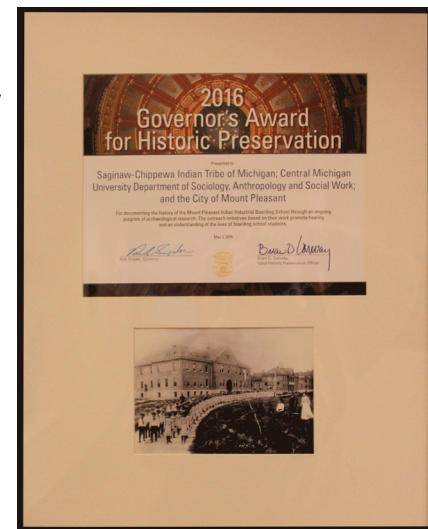


## OUR YEAR

The Board of Directors for the Ziiwiwing Cultural Society/Ziiwiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is proud to recognize the organization's many accomplishments and its staff within this Annual Report.

From guided tours for school children, Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School archaeological Field Schools, Artist-in-Residence Programs and ancestral repatriations to fun family events like NativeFest, the Ziiwiwing Cultural Society continues to be a vital and progressive organization for the Tribe.

On May 3, 2016, State of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and State Historic Preservation Officer Brian D. Conway recognized the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Central Michigan University and the City of Mt. Pleasant with a 2016 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. This award was given for documenting the history of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School through an ongoing program of archaeological research and outreach initiatives that promotes healing and understanding of the lives of boarding school students.



*We hope that you find in this Annual Report a clear demonstration of the dedication and respect exemplified by our entire organization for the mission, work and growth of the Ziiwiwing Cultural Society.*

*We are extremely grateful for your continued support and trust in our very important work.*



# Accomplishments

- 26,084 visitors experienced all the Center has to offer - an additional 7,635 were provided educational services offsite by the Ziibiwing Center staff.
- Implemented 182 special events and cultural programs for the Tribal community and general public.
- Research Center served 2,375 patrons.
- Maintained 8 Tribal cemeteries, in addition to the Ziibiwing Center's 3-acre lawn (14.41 acres per week).
- Provided 189 tours for 4,157 guests, 44 K-12 tours and 145 adult tours, including complimentary SCIT, Migizi, SECR and Retail Employees' Orientation tours.
- NativeFest, our annual 3-day celebration of American Indian culture, attracted 629 people.
- Continued to provide cultural and educational services 2-3 times per week to clients of the Tribe's Residential Treatment Center and Access to Recovery Program.
- ZC Commercial Services product shipments for 2016 totaled 43,264 - up 15,659 from 2015.
- ZC Commercial Services online sales up \$400,000 from 2015.
- \$7.8 million (estimate) in total sales for Ziibiwing Commercial Services—up \$476,211 from fiscal year 2015.
- Members of our team participated on 22 various Tribal and external boards/committees to support our strategic goal of Ensuring Organizational Sustainability.
- Awarded 3 of the 3 Federal grants submitted: NAGPRA Repatriation Grant, Historic Preservation Fund, and Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant for a total of \$110,260 in federal funding.
- Awarded the Cultural Resource Fund Phase 1 and 2 Grants for a total of \$50,000 in funding from the Tides Foundation.
- Selected as a Finalist for the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, chosen in the top 50 out of 301 applicants.
- Repatriated and reburied the physical remains of 29 Native American individuals and 15 associated funerary objects from Bay, Clinton, Genesee, Macomb, Saginaw, St. Clair, and Tuscola Counties from University of Michigan on November 24, 2015 and 2 Native American individuals and 3 associated funerary objects from the historic Keetchewaundaugnink Reservation near Byron, Michigan from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology on June 29, 2016. The ancestors from the Keetchewaundaugnink Reservation are culturally affiliated to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.
- ZC Commercial Services continued to operate at 100% self-sufficiency and is currently subsidizing the wages of 5 Ziibiwing Center staff positions.

- 71 items were accepted for the Tribal Permanent Collection in 2016 (books, photographs, baskets, beaded items, 1- Boarding School drum, AIM items, wood carvings, 1-war club, 1-painting, 1-dance stick, etc.).
- The Ziibiwing Center hosted and mentored 5 Summer Youth Workers.
- Cultural Resource Management team completed 355 cultural resource reviews – these reviews are required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and protect the cultural resources/traditional cultural properties of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.
- 103,979 individual contacts were logged by our team, including physical visits, phone, email, and newly logging E-Noodaagan newsletter and social media, such as Facebook.
- ZC Commercial Services E-commerce sales broke 1 million dollars this fiscal year.
- Tribal Council approved ZC Commercial Services to build a new building next to the current warehouse in an effort to continue E-commerce growth.



**Tribal youth attended the Sundance Youth Filmmaking Workshop, led by Film Directors, Sydney Freeland and Sterlin Harjo. A short film entitled "The Choking" was created by attendees. N. Bird Runningwater, Sundance Institute's Director of the Native American and Indigenous Program, also attended and assisted.**

- ZC Commercial Services worked on various software programs and upgrades to improve Amazon selling and enter into new selling channels - examples are Ship Gear and Channel Advisor.
- ZC Commercial Services completed the Tower Project, which provides High-Speed Connectivity for greater efficiency.
- ZC Commercial Services replaced the POS System with the RMS system.
- ZC Commercial services implemented new software (GP, E-Bridge, and Panatruk) to improve various Commercial Services processes.

## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Event	Date
January	Family Storytelling	January 28
	Performance Circle Sign-Up & Class (Classes every Tuesday until May 9 except Spring Break)	January 31
February	Collection Showing	February 4-11
	Anishinabe Authors' Gathering & Book Fair	February 25
March	Baby Swing and Moss Bag Workshop	March 20-24
	Vendor Workshop	March 22
<b>Performance Circle Spring Break: No Classes April 3-7</b>		
April	New Changing Exhibit Opens	April 22
	Mother Earth Week	April 24-28
	Sacred Water Symposium	April 29
May	Ziibiwing's 13 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Sale	May 4 & 5
	Performance Circle Graduation	May 9
	Bird Day Celebration	May 13
	Collection Showing	May 13-20
	Blue Star Museum	May 29-Sept 4
June	MIIBS* "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" (at the MIIBS)	June 6
	Community Cultural Teaching (at Sanilac Petroglyphs)	June 24
July	American Indian Dance	July 1, 8, 15, 22
	NativeFest - Collection Showing	July 24-29
	NativeFest - Car Bingo	July 25
	NativeFest - Music & Comedy Night	July 26
	Cradleboard Workshop	July 31-August 4
August	World Indigenous People's Day	August 9
	**THPO Cultural Workshop	August 14-18
September	Blue Star Museum ends	September 4
	Performance Circle Sign-Up & Class (Classes every Tuesday until Dec.12 except Oct. 31)	September 5
	Grandparent's Day	September 9
	Monarch Butterfly Celebration	September 16
	Michigan Indian Day	September 22
	Museum Day Live!	September 23
	Changing Exhibit Closes	September 30
	Heritage Special (September thru November)	(Call for Details)
October	Indigenous People's Day	October 9
	Eagle Feather Cleansing	October 18
	Eagle Feather Honoring	October 19 & 20
	Eagle Feather Feast	October 20
	Convening Great Lakes Culture Keepers Institute	October 23-27
<b>Performance Circle - No Class October 31</b>		
Heritage Special (September thru November)		
November	Spirit Feast	November 3
	Veteran's Day	November 11
	Collection Showing	November 11-18
	Vendor Workshop	November 16
	Circle of Indigenous Arts	November 16-18
	Heritage Special (September thru November)	(Call for Details)
December	Annual Appreciation Dinner (by invitation)	December 7
	Performance Circle Graduation	December 12
	Community Cultural Teaching	December 16

\* Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School  
 \*\* Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
 • All events subject to change or cancellation.  
 • Visit [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing) or call 989.775.4750 for current info

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Meskill, Deborah	

## Ziibiwing Cultural Society Mission

**The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified, and culturally relevant educational experience, which promotes the Society's belief that the culture, diversity, and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.**