YOUR SUPPORT

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

- Free admission to Ziibiwing Center exhibits for members of all North American Indian Tribes
- Discounted admission for 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
- Repatriation and reverential reinterment of Anishinaabek ancestors and their belongings

FINANCIALS - EXTERNAL REVENUES

$305,381

- Admissions, 3.7%
- Donations, ZAAP, Memorial Bricks & Fundraising, 1.3%
- Meetings, 2.7%
- Song & Dance Presentations & Workshops, 1.8%
- Meeting Room Bookings, 0.9%
- Grants, 89.5%
Accomplishments

- 6,544 visitors experienced all the Center has to offer: 196 people were provided educational services at 5 offsite bookings by our staff.
- Implemented 113 special events and cultural programs for the Tribal community and general public.
- Provided 50 tours for 1,581 guests: 17 K-12 tours and 33 adult tours, including complimentary SCIT, Migizi, SECR and Retail Employees’ Orientation tours.
- The ZCS maintains 8 Tribal Cemeteries including Baseline Cemetery (Isabella & Union Townships, Isabella County), Maloney Road Cemetery (Pinconning Township, Bay County), Mission Creek Cemetery (Union Township, Isabella County), Nibokaan Cemetery (Chippewa Township, Isabella County), Nipipinsing Cemetery (Isabella Township, Isabella County), Nottawa Cemetery (Nottawa Township, Isabella County), Saganing Cemetery (Standish Township, Arenac County), Swartz Creek Cemetery (Gaines Township, Genesee County) in addition to the Ziibiwing Center’s 3-acre lawn. (14.41 acres per week)
- Repatriated and reburied the physical remains of the following Native American individuals and funerary belongings: 38 ancestors and 116 associated funerary belongings from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and 1,031 ancestors and 2,050 associated funerary belongings from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. The ancestors and their belongings were repatriated on Federal land in West Virginia on October 23, 2019 by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Nsansemnd Indian Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and United Keetowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.
- Ziibiwing conducted NAGPRA consultations with Ball State University, City of St. Ignace, City of Traverse City, Indiana University, Mannix & Smith (Toledo Metro Parks), Michigan History Center, Michigan State Police-Lansing Post, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.
- Cultural Resource Management team and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer completed 319 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.
- 784,475 individual contacts were logged by our team, including physical visits, phone calls, E-Noodaagaan newsletters, email and social media interaction via Facebook.
- Research Center served 1,295 patrons.
- Ziibiwing employees serve on many local and national boards, committees and councils:
  - Anita Heard (Research Center Coordinator) serves on the Saginaw Chippewa Data Governance Board and belongs to the Society of American Archivists.
  - William Johnson (Curator) serves on the Michigan Anishinaabe Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA), serving his third consecutive 4-year term as Chairman, the National Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Revisions Committee, and the University of Michigan’s Advisory Committee on Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains under NAGPRA (since 2011).
  - Ziibiwing Commercial Services transitioned into the ZCC Gift Shop, retaining 1.5 staff. Completed a physical inventory for Ziibiwing’s Meshtoonigewinoong Gift Shop, new floor design, and an onsite inventory storage area with the assistance of the Ziibiwing Center team. New Point of Sale (POS) system was installed and initiated.
  - Ziibiwing Center hosted and mentored 2 permanent part-time Youth Workers as part of our Visitor Services Team.

Our Year

The Board of Directors for the Ziibiwing Cultural Society/Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is proud to recognize the many accomplishments of this organization and its staff within our Annual Report. Despite experiencing an unprecedented global pandemic that took place during a large part of this fiscal year, Ziibiwing was able to adapt and perform ways to accomplish the goals of its mission statement and maintain its relationships with the Tribal community through online presentations, curbside pick-up offerings and social media connections. Although the events that the community has come to love could not safely take place this year, such as the NativeFest, Indian Car Bingo, the Ziibiwing Birthday Sale, and Honoring, Healing and Remembering at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, the Ziibiwing Cultural Society continues to strive to be a vital and progressive organization for the Tribe. As we express condolences to the many families who suffered personal losses this year, we also express our continuing gratitude to those who support us in our very important work. Chi miigwetch!