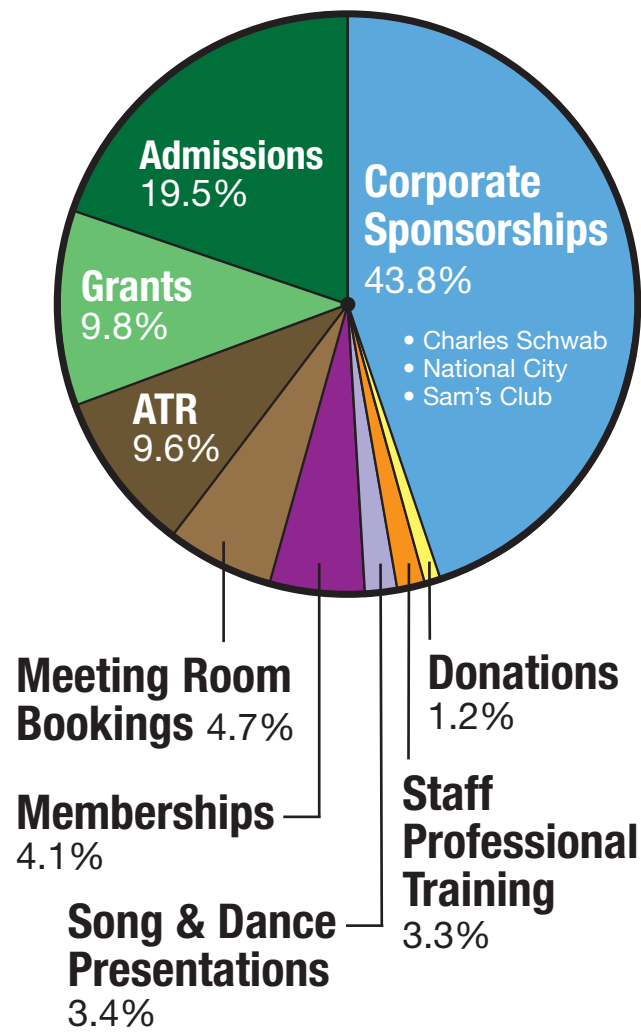


Financials - External Revenue

Total \$162,698.29



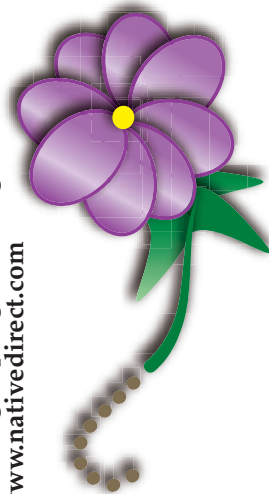
Your Support

Your continued support is very important to us today as it provides:

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

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Annual Report

(October 2008 - September 2009)



"Working Together for our Future"

Our Year

The Board of Directors and staff of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways appreciate your trust, guidance, and support this past year. We hope that you find in this Annual Report a clear demonstration of the dedication exemplified by our entire organization for the mission, work, and growth of the Ziibiwing Center.

Our path took us many places this past year – some familiar and some previously undiscovered.

We continued our focus in providing community-driven opportunities for cultural and artistic capacity strengthening for Tribal youth and adults. We also charted new territory through our efforts in Flint, Michigan and the launch of the Tribe's first e-commerce website, www.nativedirect.com.

We could not have accomplished what we did without your direction, guidance, and generosity. For all of you, we are extremely grateful. Miigwetch for your unwavering support of our important work.

Our Mission

"The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified, and culturally relevant educational experience. This promotes the Center'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."



Our Award

October 2008
Harvard University's Honoring Nations

"A nation's historical archives are critical resources in the strengthening of sovereignty. The dynamic Ziibiwing Center teaches the truth that Native nations can and do protect and tell the story of their own objects better than anyone else."

– Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 15,455 visitors experienced all the center has to offer
- We gave 167 tours to 3,842 guests: 71 college student tours, 49 K-12 tours & 47 adult tours
- Our Research Center served 3,800 patrons
- 8,939 individual contacts were logged by our team
- We submitted 7 federal & private grants – of those we were awarded \$50,234
- We implemented 95 special events and cultural programs for the Tribal community & general public
- NativeFest, our annual 3-day celebration of American Indian culture, attracted 888 people
- We provided 6 unique collection showings for residents of the Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Aging Services
- Our Research Center completed Phase 1 of the Tribal Operations Center Beautification Project – 40 black & white historical photographs were installed in the hallways
- We loaned the E.I. Couse Painting Collection to the Rockwell Museum of Western Art in Corning, New York from September 11, 2008 to February 8, 2009 and to the Saginaw Art Museum in Saginaw, Michigan from February 16, 2009 to June 8, 2009
- Our team assisted Tribal Council and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with two design projects – the Orange County Choppers Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Bike and new culturally-inspired guest room bedding & accessories

- Our team planned and implemented Flint's Stone Street Ancestral Recovery & Reburial Project
- Ancestral disposition cases with Central Michigan University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln were successfully presented at the national NAGPRA Committee Meeting in Seattle, Washington
- Co-coordinated with Behavioral Health the Journey for Forgiveness: Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Day – included a 5-Mile Three Fires Confederacy Walk & Wellbriety Program



The new Naanooshke Gallery at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

- Our team provided cultural and educational services 2-3 times a week for clients of the Tribe's Residential Treatment Center and Access to Recovery Program
- Members of our team participated on 18 various Tribal and/or external committees including the Anishinabemowin Language Revitalization Committee

- We assisted 1,339 people to learn and use Anishinabemowin (Anishinabe language)
- First entity within the Tribe that utilized Facebook, Twitter, and Wordpress (blog) to advance our marketing & promotional efforts
- We redesigned our website making it more aesthetic and user-friendly
- The Commercial Services team launched the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's first e-commerce website, www.nativedirect.com
- The Commercial Services team designed and opened a "new" Naanooshke Gallery site
- Gift shop sales increased by 55% and profits increased by 254.6% from the previous year

(Profitability at the largest 250 retailers in the world fell to 2.4% in 2008. Two-thirds of the 184 retailers who disclosed their bottom-line results saw their net profit margin decline in 2008, with 30 reporting operating at a loss. Source: Domain-b.com 2010)

2010 Calendar of Events

Anishinabemowin Club
(classes meet every 2nd and 4th full-week Wednesdays of the month - club meets one time each in November & December)

Lil' Language Warriors Club
(classes meet every 2nd and 4th full-week Thursdays of the month - club meets one time each in November & December)

January
Performance Circle Sign-Up January 19
(classes meet every Tuesday until May 4)
New Changing Exhibit Opens January 30

February
Collection Showing February 20-27
Quillwork Workshop February 26 & 27

March
Community Cultural Teaching March 13

April
Earth Day/Wild Rice Week April 19-23

May
Performance Circle Graduation May 4
Collection Showing May 15-22

June
Cradleboard Workshop June 14-18
Community Cultural Teaching June 19

July
American Indian Dances July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

August
NativeFest - Car Bingo August 4
NativeFest - Music & Comedy August 5
NativeFest - Collection Showing August 6-14
Changing Exhibition Closes August 7

September
Performance Circle Sign-Up September 7
(classes meet every Tuesday until December 14)
Monarch Butterfly Release September 18
Community Cultural Teaching September 25

October
Eagle Feather Cleansing October 20
Eagle Feather Honoring October 21 & 22
Eagle Feather Feast October 22

November
Spirit Feast November 5
Collection Showing November 13-20

December
Anishinabe Santa December 4 & 11
Perf. Circle Graduation December 14
Community Cultural Teaching December 18



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| Brenda Ballard | Shannon Martin |
| Rick Black Elk | Douglas & Alice Mehlhorn |
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