



Yocha Dehe Community Fund / 2011 Report

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A DECADE OF  
BUILDING  
STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES



# YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION

Yocha Dehe (YO-cha DEE-hee), our Tribe's traditional place-name, means "home by the spring water" and that homeland remains at the heart of our culture and heritage.

As a federally recognized sovereign nation, our Tribe is defining our destiny and governing our own affairs as a partner with the U.S. government and the State of California. We have the responsibility and determination to provide for our people and to work within our own governmental, legal and cultural systems to preserve our independence and strengthen our nation.

Dear Neighbors and Partners,

**T**he Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is committed to working together respectfully as neighbors and partners. Our history of struggle for self-determination and our traditions of sharing inspire us to support our communities through leadership and engaged philanthropy. Supporting families and protecting our natural environment are critical components of the Yocha Dehe culture. As partners, we can build healthier communities.

These are the core values upon which the Yocha Dehe Community Fund was founded more than a decade ago, and they are the core values that guide the Community Fund today. Since its inception, the Fund has provided more than \$18 million to more than 270 diverse organizations. As a nation and as neighbors, we are incredibly proud of the successful partnerships that have been created through the Community Fund and the wonderful work these partnerships have fostered.

In 2010 alone, the Yocha Dehe Community Fund provided grants totaling more than \$2.4 million to 79 organizations. The grants supported work in areas ranging from healthcare to education, child safety to senior nutrition, Native American rights to native plant species protection, and so much more. We applaud the dedication, hard work and the achievement of all of our past and current Community Fund partners.

At the same time, we are looking ahead with great excitement to what we can do next. We see opportunity to build upon the successful relationships that have already been created. We also anticipate developing new partnerships to advance worthy causes in our community and among Native Americans with which we have not yet been involved.

Thank you for allowing us to join you in building stronger communities.

Sincerely,



Marshall McKay  
Tribal Chairman  
Community Fund Chair

# PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY

## About the Community Fund

The paramount goal of the Yocha Dehe Community Fund is to work in partnership with our neighbors and community to help build a better quality of life for Yolo County residents and Native people wherever they live. The Community Fund believes success in helping to create a healthy community requires more than just traditional philanthropy. It requires engagement, deep community knowledge and awareness, and committed leadership. This is what we strive for in creating effective partnerships.

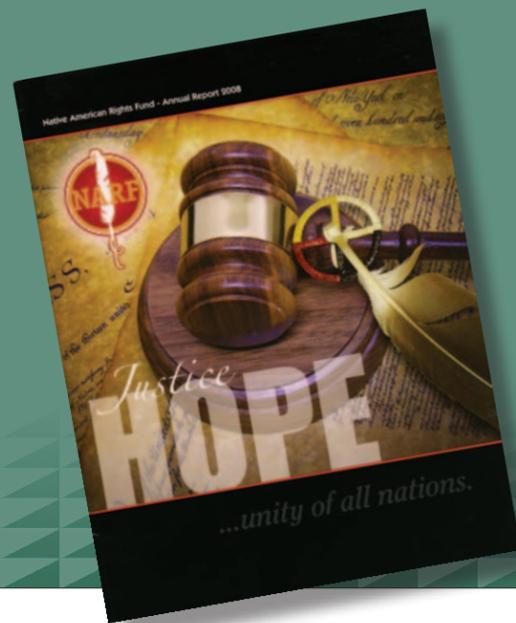
# \$18 Million

More than \$18 million has been awarded by the Community Fund in the past decade.

## CASE STUDY

### Native American Rights Fund

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is committed to protecting and advancing Native rights and preserving tribal sovereignty. That is why the Community Fund is pleased to have sponsored the tireless work of the Native American Rights Fund, a group that has represented more than 250 tribes in 31 states on issues important to tribal nations throughout the country.



## Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE)

WEAVE is a model community organization serving the Sacramento region that Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has proudly supported for nine years.

WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment) - one of the first groups in the nation dedicated to caring for victims of domestic violence - provides shelter, counseling and a fresh start to more than 800 women and children each year. When the organization outgrew its facilities a few years ago, the Community Fund had the opportunity to jumpstart a project to build new housing, and in the process create the second largest domestic violence shelter in the state.

*"The independence, self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Yocha Dehe people are qualities we work to instill in the women who stay in the Safehouse that the Community Fund helped to build. WEAVE is so grateful to have collaborated with the Yocha Dehe Community Fund to bring this home to life!"*

Beth Hassett, Executive Director  
WEAVE

## CASE STUDY



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## Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

In January 2011, the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation was struck by severe winter storms. Thousands of tribal members were left without electricity, heat and running water. Without these vital services, residents were suffering through wind chill factors below zero. In this time of great need, the Community Fund was proud to be able to lend support to the Cheyenne River Sioux tribal members.



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## Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc. (RISE)

The Community Fund is committed to helping our Capay Valley neighbors. One way we achieve this goal is to partner with exemplary community groups like RISE (Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc.).

Since 1987, in response to individual needs, RISE has connected residents with appropriate services such as food and clothing banks, assistance with employment and housing issues, educational needs and so much more. We are proud to support RISE.

*"The quality of life for people in the Capay Valley Region is protected and enhanced through the community's relationship with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Children, families in need, and the general community well-being - in human terms - are sustaining through the Tribe's commitment to its neighbors."*

Cathie Wicks, Executive Director  
Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc. (RISE)



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## Woodland Joint Unified School District

The Woodland Joint Unified School District promotes academic excellence and ethical and responsible citizenship for all of its students in a safe, supportive and enriched learning environment. Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and the Community Fund believe the education and nurturing of our children is of the highest priority.

*"On behalf of the Woodland Prairie Elementary School community, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous donation to support our Sixth Grade Students' trip to Sly Park. Organizations like yours stand out for their willingness to help us educate and maintain quality educational experiences for our students."*

Irene Oropeza-Enriquez, Principal  
Prairie Elementary School

## Who Can Become a Community Fund Partner

The Community Fund partners with both public entities and nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Unfortunately, private foundations as defined under Section 509(a) are not eligible to apply.

Community Fund partners are required to have at least three years of operating history. Priority for selection is based on the perceived overall benefit to the identified communities.

An organization may apply only once a year, regardless of what action is taken.

**276**  
The Community Fund has made contributions to 276 partners since 2000.

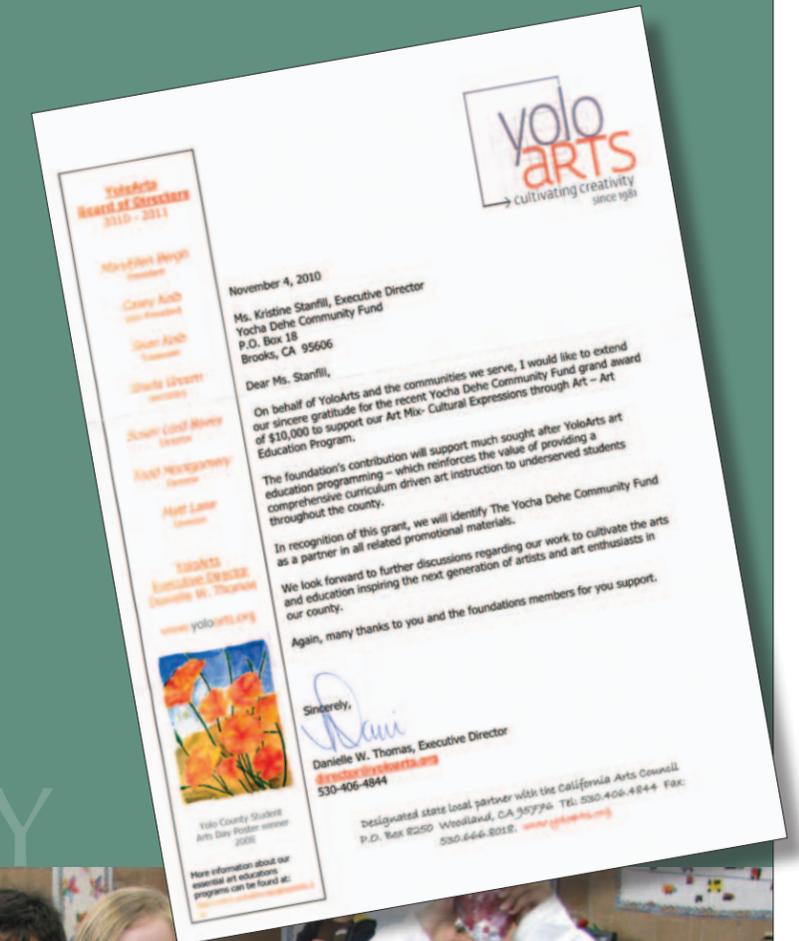
## Madison Fire Protection District

Madison Town Hall, built in the 1930s, has served the community well as a venue for dances, weddings, celebrations of life, town meetings, voting and even as an evacuation center. Over time, the building's condition has deteriorated and the firefighters who are responsible for the building committed to make the long-needed repairs. The Yocha Dehe Community Fund is proud to partner with the Madison Fire Protection District in making the necessary repairs to a building that holds fond memories for many residents of Western Yolo County.



## Yolo Arts

Yolo Arts' accomplishments, providing arts education in local schools and throughout Yolo County, are something the Community Fund is honored to support. Using its 2010 Community Fund grant, Yolo Arts will be furthering the Art Mix Program, which encourages cultural expression through art.



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## How to Apply

Applying to become a Community Fund partner is a two-step process. First, applicants must submit a Letter of Inquiry to the Yocha Dehe Community Fund Board of Directors. Then, if selected, the prospective partner will be asked to submit a formal application.

Visit our website to learn more about the Community Fund, [www.yochadehe.org](http://www.yochadehe.org).



## Summer House

Founded in 1973, Summer House is an independent nonprofit organization that supports Yolo County adults with developmental disabilities. Summer House programs specifically empower, enrich and support the lives of people with disabilities and ensure a lifetime of support. Currently, these programs sustain more than 75 low-income individuals with developmental disabilities. The Community Fund is proud to be a supporting partner.

*"We wish to thank you for your support of the mission of Summer House. Without community resources such as the Yocha Dehe Community Fund, our organization would not be able to support the outstanding level of quality care that it does for our community of adults with developmental disabilities."*

Erin Plank-Ryan, Executive Director  
Summer House



## CASE STUDY

### Center for Land-Based Learning

Education about responsible land stewardship is critical for students today because of the impact it can have on our environment for generations tomorrow. The Center for Land-Based Learning is in the forefront of land stewardship education. By providing students an opportunity to work on real world projects, they gain valuable experience and are exposed to professionals in both the private and public sectors and the important stewardship challenges we face.

We have contributed funds on everything from education and the environment to art and healthcare.

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## 2010 Holiday Drive

The holidays are a time for families and friends to come together for celebration, fellowship and to share great meals. The Community Fund is proud to have sponsored the 2010 Holiday Drive in Yolo County in helping more than 600 families put a turkey and other food on their tables.

We were honored to partner with 21 local agencies to distribute these food baskets. The Community Fund is committed to providing assistance to our neighbors in need throughout the year.

*"The grants from the Yocha Dehe Community Fund to our group and the Yolo Wayfarer Center made it possible for us to team up to provide these holiday baskets. It is truly heartwarming how so many people came together to make this happen. We cannot thank them enough."*

Jose Martinez, Executive Director  
Food Bank of Yolo County

## Community Fund Recipients 2000-2010

A Touch of Understanding, Inc.  
Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival  
African American Prostate Cancer Initiative  
Agency for Hearing  
AISES - American Indian Science & Engineering Society, UC Davis  
ALS Association  
American Indian Film Institute  
Ark Preschool  
Arthritis Foundation of NE California  
Arts Exchange  
Asian Pacific Rim Foundation  
Assistance League of Sacramento  
Association of California Symphony Orchestras  
Audubon California  
Auntry National Center  
Backpacks for Kids  
Beamer Elementary School, WJUSD  
Best of Broadway  
Beyond the Proscenium  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Sacramento Area  
Blood Source  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Sacramento  
Bread of Life Center  
Cache Creek Conservancy  
Cache Creek High School  
Cache Creek Lodge  
California Consultancy for Arts Education, Inc.  
California Fire Exploring Scholarship Fund  
California Health Collaborative  
California Indian Basket Weavers  
California Lawyers for the Arts  
California Military Museum  
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation  
California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CalStar)  
California State Library Foundation  
California State University of Sacramento  
California State University, Dr. Hankins Research  
California Waterfowl  
Capay Valley - American Youth Soccer Organization  
Capay Valley Vision  
C.E. Dingle Elementary School, WJUSD  
Center for Fathers and Families  
Center for Land-Based Learning  
Center for Youth Citizenship  
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Children's Receiving Home  
Citizens Who Care  
City of Winters  
Clean and Sober  
Community Action Substance Abuse Center  
Communicare Health Centers  
Cortina Environmental Protection Agency  
Cristo Rey High School  
Crocker Art Museum  
Davis Art Center  
Davis Bridge Education Foundation  
Davis Community Meals  
Davis Farm to School Connection  
Davis Farmers Market  
Davis Musical Theater Company  
Davis Odd Fellows-Haiti Disaster Relief  
Davis Police Department  
Diabetes Society of Solano County  
Diogenes Youth Services  
Disabled Sports USA Far West  
Dunnigan Fire Protection District  
Eagle Vision Educational Network

Einstein Education School  
Elderly Nutrition Program  
Esparto District Chamber of Commerce  
Esparto Elementary School  
Esparto Future Farmers of America  
Esparto High School  
Esparto Jr. Spartans  
Esparto Parent Teacher Association  
Esparto Volunteer Fire Department  
Explorit Science Center  
Families First, Inc.  
Families in Self Help, Inc.  
Firefighters Burn Institute  
First 5 Yolo County  
Folklorico Latino de Woodland  
Food Bank of Yolo County  
Francis House  
Friends of Ecos - Environmental Council of Sacramento  
Friends of Esparto Regional Library  
Friends of NAACP Sacramento  
Friends of the Mission  
Friends of Yolo Adult Day Health Care  
Get a Brick Foundation  
Girl Scouts of Tierra del Oro  
Gold Rush Park Foundation  
Goodwill Industries  
Grafton Elementary School, WJUSD  
Habitat for Humanity  
Heidrick Ag History Center  
Heyday Books  
Hoes Down Harvest Festival  
Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.  
Institute for Advancing Unity  
International Indian Treaty Council  
Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame  
Junior Achievement of Sacramento, Inc.  
Juvenile Diabetes  
Karuk Tribe  
Kiwanis Family House  
Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods  
Knight's Landing Children's Center  
KVIE Public Television  
Land Trust of Napa County  
La Raza Galleria Posada  
Lee Middle School, WJUSD  
LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
Linkage to Education  
Los Rios Community College  
Los Rios Foundation  
Madison Community Service District  
Madison Fire Protection District  
Make A Wish Foundation  
Maxwell Elementary School, WJUSD  
McClatchy Music  
McClellan Aviation Museum  
Mercy Perinatal Recovery Network  
My Sister's House  
Native American College Motivation Day  
Native American Rights Fund  
Native Arts and Cultures Foundation  
Nevada Urban Indians, Inc.  
Northern California Children's Therapy Center  
Nonprofit Resource Center  
Norcal Center On Deafness  
Oak Park Preschool  
Para Transit  
Pence Art Gallery  
People Reaching Out, Inc.  
Pinoleville Pomo Nation  
Plainfield Elementary School, WJUSD

Planned Parenthood  
 Prairie Elementary School, WJUSD  
 Progress Ranch  
 Putah Creek Council  
 Rebuilding Together  
 Resources for Indian Student Education, Inc.  
 River City Community Service  
 River Delta Unified School District  
 River Oak Center for Children  
 Roberts Family Development  
 Ronald McDonald House Charities  
 Rudolph Steiner College  
 Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc. (RISE)  
 Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center  
 Sacramento Ballet  
 Sacramento Children's Home  
 Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center  
 Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra  
 Sacramento Construction Management Education Foundation  
 Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocates Program  
 Sacramento Crisis Nursery  
 Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services  
 Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center  
 Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee  
 Sacramento Loaves & Fishes  
 Sacramento Native American Health Center, Inc.  
 Sacramento News & Review  
 Sacramento Opera  
 Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra  
 Sacramento Theater Company  
 Sacramento Tree Foundation  
 Sacramento Urban Indian Health, Inc.  
 Sacramento Youth Symphony  
 Sacramento Zoo  
 Safety Center, Inc.  
 Samaritan Center  
 Say Golf  
 Senior Center of Davis  
 Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center  
 Short Term Emergency Aid Committee - STEAC  
 Sierra 2 Center  
 Sierra Adoption Services  
 Sierra Service Project  
 Sister Nora's Place  
 Society for Ethnobiology  
 Society for the Blind  
 Sojourner Truth Multicultural Art Museum  
 Special Olympics Northern California  
 SPIRIT - Strategic Positive Intent to Restore Native Tradition  
 St. Hope Academy  
 St. John's Shelter Program  
 Stanford Home for Children / Stanford Family V.O.I.C.E.  
 Stanford Pow Wow  
 Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center  
 Stop the Violence Coalition, Inc.  
 Studios for the Performing Arts  
 Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County  
 Summer Bridge  
 Summer House  
 Supported Life Institute  
 Sutter Medical Center Foundation  
 The California Museum  
 The Effort, Inc.  
 The First Tee  
 The Taylor Family Foundation  
 Tower of Youth  
 Tree Davis  
 Tribal Economic and Social Solutions Agency, Inc. - TESSA  
 Tuleyome  
 UC Berkeley  
 UC Davis Children's Hospital  
 UC Davis Foundation

UC Davis Medical Center  
 UC Davis Performing Arts  
 UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine  
 UC Irvine  
 UC Regents  
 United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Sacramento  
 United Christian Center  
 University Advancement  
 Valley Vision  
 Volunteer Center of Sacramento  
 Volunteer Connection  
 Volunteers of America  
 VSA Arts of California  
 Water Environmental Protection Agency  
 Whitehead Elementary School, WJUSD  
 Williams Fire Protection Authority  
 Wind Youth Services  
 Winters Center for the Arts  
 Winters Friends of the Library  
 Winters Healthcare Foundation  
 Winters High School  
 Winters Participation Gallery  
 Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE)  
 Women's Empowerment  
 Wonder, Inc.  
 Woodland Chamber Singers  
 Woodland Community Care Car  
 Woodland Healthcare Foundation  
 Woodland High Healthy Start  
 Woodland High School, WJUSD  
 Woodland Joint Unified School District  
 Woodland Literacy Council  
 Woodland Little League  
 Woodland Opera House  
 Woodland Parent Teacher Association  
 Woodland Professional Police Employees Association  
 Woodland Public Library Literacy Service  
 Woodland Recreation Foundation  
 Woodland Senior Center Computer Club  
 Woodland Toy Library  
 Woodland Volunteer Food Closet  
 Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization  
 Yolo Adult Day Health Care  
 Yolo Ag Futures Alliance  
 Yolo Arts  
 Yolo Basin Foundation  
 Yolo Children's Fund  
 Yolo Community Care  
 Yolo Connections  
 Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA  
 Yolo County Historical Museum  
 Yolo County American Red Cross  
 Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
 Yolo County Retired Peace Officers Association  
 Yolo County Veterans Coalition  
 Yolo County YMCA  
 Yolo Crisis Nursery  
 Yolo Employment Services  
 Yolo Family Resource Center  
 Yolo Family Service Agency  
 Yolo Hospice Children's Bereavement Program  
 Yolo Volano Building Teachers Support  
 Yolo Wayfarer Center Christian Mission  
 Youth Development Network  
 Youth in Focus  
 Zamora Elementary School, WJUSD

# 2011 PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

## TAHTIMIHN AWARD Center For Land-Based Learning

## HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES AWARD Woodland Volunteer Food Closet

## EDUCATION AWARD Cristo Rey High School

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS AWARD Firefighters Burn Institute

## NATIVE RIGHTS AND TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AWARD Native American Rights Fund

## STEWARD THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AWARD Cache Creek Conservancy

## ART AND CULTURE AWARD California Indian Basketweavers Association

*Program Categories Supported by the Yocha Dehe Community Fund*

### Education

Supporting organizations that improve the quality of learning and increase community access to education

### Helping People Help Themselves

Supporting organizations helping people make a difference in their own lives, whether it takes the form of job skills training, temporary economic assistance, or facilitating access to information services

### Health and Wellness

Supporting organizations working to improve health, especially in the areas of diabetes, obesity and stroke, including the promotion of improved nutrition and access to healthy food options

### Native Rights and Tribal Sovereignty

Supporting organizations that allow tribes to exercise their inherent right to maintain their distinct identity, traditions, law and human rights

### Steward the Natural Environment

Supporting efforts to promote better environmental stewardship, the reduced and more effective use of natural resources, and environmental and resource planning focused on the interests of future generations

### Art and Culture

Supporting organizations that nurture the arts as expressions of culture



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