A DECADE OF BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES
Dear Neighbors and Partners,

The 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

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.
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.

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
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.

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)

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.

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.
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.

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

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.
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.
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 Conservation Management Education Foundation
Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocates Program
Sacramento Crisis Nursery
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center
Sacramento Habitat for Humanities Organizing Committee
Sacramento Leaves & 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.
Samuel Center
Say Golf
Senior Center of Davis
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center
Short Term Emergency Aid Committee - STEAC
Sierra Center
Sierra Adoption Services
Sierra Service Project
Sister Nena’s Place
Society for Botany
Society for the Blind
Sojourner Truth Multicultural Art Museum
Special Olympics Northern California
SPFERT - Strategic Positive Intent to Restore Native Tradition
St. John’s Academy
St. John’s Shelter Program
Stanford Home for Children / Stanford Family VOICE
Stanford Free Wine
Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center
Stop the Violence Coalition, Inc.
Studies for the Performing Arts
Substance 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 Tree
The Taylor Family Foundation
Tower of Youth
Tree Davis
Tribe: Native Economic and Social Solutions Agency, Inc. - TESSA
Tuolumne
UC Berkeley
UC Davis Childbirth’s Hospital
UC Davis Foundation
UC Davis Medical Center
UC Davis Performing Arts
UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
UC Irvine
UC Regents
United Central Policy of Greater Sacramento
United Children’s 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
Women’s Health Committee
Women’s Center for the Arts
Women’s Friends of the Library
Women’s Healthcare Foundation
Women’s High School
Women’s Participation Gallery
Woman Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE)
Women’s Empowerment
Wonder, Inc.
Woodland Chamber Singers
Woodland Community Care
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 Library 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 All
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 River City
Yolo County 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 Human Building Teachers Support
Yolo Yawpker Center Christian Mission
Youth Development Network
Youth in Focus
Zamora Elementary School, WJUSD

**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
- Health and Wellness
- Native Rights and Tribal Sovereignty
- Art and Culture

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

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,

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,

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

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,

Supporting organizations that nurture the arts as expressions of culture,