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The Potlatch Fund Board and Staff would like to thank the
11 individuals who donated a total of \$2,175 during GiveBIG 2015!
Our hands are raised up to you in appreciation of your support of the mission of Potlatch Fund.

Potlatch Fund Launches Strategic Planning Process



*Dana Arviso and founding Board
Member & current Board
Secretary, Antone Minthorn
(CTUIR Tribe)*

Potlatch Fund board and staff will be convening for a board retreat on May 15 and 16 in Spokane, Washington to kick off an eight month-long strategic planning process. Our current strategic plan, developed in 2008 and updated in 2010, is up for renewal in 2015. We are pleased to report that we have made significant gains on nearly all of our original goals and outcomes and excited to have the opportunity to assess the needs of our Native and Tribal communities that we serve while planning for the next stage of our grant making and capacity building programs.

As we gather data and inspiration for the next 3 to 5 years, we look forward to hearing from our grantees, cohort participants, trainees, LEAD alumni, Tribal leaders from our region, and Native nonprofit, and foundation partners to help us shape the future of our work in the Pacific Northwest.

Many thanks for all of your support and guidance over the past 12 years!

Dana Arviso (*Diné*),
Executive Director

Maqlaqs gee'tkn Potlatch Fund Grantee Spotlight

Maqlaqs gee'tkn is a native-led nonprofit located in Chiloquin,



Girls Youth basketball team with coach Derek Kimbol

The current achievements include the following activities:

- Working on a documentary film to help raise funds for Maqlaqs gee'tkn.
- Supplied 60 reversible Nike youth basketball uniforms.
- Established times for the children to plant the 2-acre garden with the teachers growing vegetable starts in the classroom windows.

Oregon, a small rural community located in the Klamath Basin, on land that was once part of the Klamath Indian Reservation. maqlaqs geetkni pronounced Muck-Lucksh Gaat-ck-knee is an indigenous Klamath/Modoc phrase meaning the place of the people, indicating the ancient ceded territories of the Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin snake Paiute people. Derek Kimbol wears many hats in this organization among them include Executive Director, youth program director and coach for both boys and girls basketball teams. Derek also takes time to participate in the 2015 Nonprofit Management cohort. He strongly believes in the Maqlaqs gee'tkn mission: restore ecosystems through environmental and indigenous cultural education while promoting healthy lifestyles and sustainable communities. Maqlaqs gee'tkn meets its mission by providing three key projects: developing and operating a garden at Chiloquin Elementary school; providing recreational programs for local youth (see picture to the left); and cultural revitalization.

Maqlaqs gee'tkn recognizes that the preservation of language and traditional cultural practices is critical to the vitality of the Klamath/Modoc people and has planned recreational, educational, and cultural activities that will encourage healthy lifestyles, the retention of traditional ecological knowledge, cultural practices and community building. We raise our hands to Derek Kimbol and the community that supports Maqlaqs gee'tkn and its mission.

RedWind Offers Training Opportunity FREE 2-Day Course for Native Entrepreneurs



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RedWind is presenting a small business development course on Thursday, May 28th and Friday, May 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Potlatch Fund Conference Room on the second floor in Seattle at 801 Second Avenue, Suite 200.

The training will provide comprehensive information related to business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving, and marketing a small business.

The event is free to attend and open to the public (pre-registration required). All class materials and refreshments will be provided to participants at no cost. To register, please use this [link](#) to register online or contact Linda Turnbull Lewis directly at: 918.458-9322 or via [email](#).

Native Professionals and Friends Night Spokane and Seattle Events: RSVP Today!

Potlatch Fund recognizes the importance of bringing people



Don't miss out on these opportunities to reconnect!



See the mask that inspired the Seahawks logo ([learn more](#)). Culture and tradition come alive at the [Burke Museum](#). Photo: Courtesy of the Hudson Museum.

together to share our stories and experiences. Our intent is to generate deeper connections and conversations among Native professionals and our extended community.

All are welcome (this event is 21+) to attend and build relationships with the Native communities of Spokane and Seattle.

\$25.00 suggested donation will benefit Potlatch Fund and support the work we undertake in Northwest Indian Country.

SPRING 2015

Co-hosted by Empire Health Foundation
Friday, May 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Philanthropy Center
1020 W. Riverside Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201
[Click here](#) to RSVP for this event.

SUMMER 2015

Co-hosted by Sealaska Corporation
Thursday, June 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
17 Ave NE and NE 45th Street, Seattle, WA 98105
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