



# INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

# POTLATCH FUND



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## 2012 Philanthropist of the Year Award

### THE PAUL G. ALLEN FAMILY FOUNDATION

At our Gala, Potlatch Fund honors the Native tradition of giving by recognizing outstanding philanthropists within Indian Country. This year we recognize The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, whose mission is "transforming lives and strengthening communities by fostering innovation, creating knowledge and promoting social progress".



Throughout the Pacific Northwest, exceptional nonprofit groups are strengthening Native communities. Some provide much-needed loans to Native entrepreneurs and free technical training to Tribal leaders, while others focus on preserving and celebrating the rich Native heritage and cultures that are deeply rooted throughout the region. These groups fill a crucial gap by serving populations that often have limited access to traditional funding and other resources. The Foundation is working to make these groups stronger and even more effective.

Follow this [link](#) to learn how The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation is *Partnering with Native Communities*.

## 2012 Leadership Honoring Awardee The Pearl Capoeman-Baller Civic Participation Award



**Julie Johnson, Sa'Leit'Sa** (Lummi), is President of JJ Inc. and has over 25 years of experience working for 42 Tribes and Indian organizations at the regional and national level. She is married to Ron Johnson (Makah) and has two sons and six grandchildren. Julie holds two B.A. Degrees in Education Counseling and Social and Health Administration. She was appointed by two Governors to the Peninsula College Board of Trustees and served two 5 year terms, with four as Chair. She has also served on the Northwest Indian College Board of Trustees. With the help of many wonderful



Indian Women Leaders in the past 16 years, Julie has volunteered to organize the National Indian Women “Supporting Each Other” Honoring Luncheon during the National Congress of American Indians Conference in Washington, D.C. In recognition of her leadership, the Native tradition of giving is truly embodied by Julie and deserving of recognition.

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### Cedar Tree Fund



The Hugh & Jane Ferguson Foundation together with another family foundation have provided Potlatch Fund with grants specific to the purchase of cedar trees for cultural purposes. In 2010 an old growth cedar was harvested on behalf of the Makah Tribe. In 2011 a cedar log was purchased for the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, and this past Friday another tree was harvested.



*John Mullen, Master Carver  
Snoqualmie Tribe*

John Mullen, Snoqualmie Tribal Member and Master Carver, has been looking for an old growth cedar tree to transform into a canoe for the better part of a year. John’s found more than one tree that he felt suitable, but it was not until this past Friday that John found the right tree. Once he found the tree at High Point (Issaquah, WA), things moved quickly. The tree was blessed on Saturday then dropped the same day. The tree should be delivered to the Tribe this Friday, and then the process of curing the log will begin. We look forward to watching the John, and others, transform the log into a river canoe, cedar hats, and more.

Follow this [link](#) for more photos.

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### Your Opportunity to Make a Difference



*Quickly schedule monthly donations with [Network for Good](#) that fit your budget.*

*Your support of Potlatch Fund will provide support to Native projects making a difference in Northwest Indian Country.*

Even if you cannot attend our Tenth Annual Gala, you may still lend us your support and have a positive impact on the work Potlatch Fund undertakes in Northwest Indian Country. You can help Potlatch Fund strengthen Tribal communities and Native organizations through:

1. making an [online donation](#) and putting 2012 GALA in the dedication field.
2. checking out the [Third Silent Auction](#) and bidding on an item prior to the evening.
3. calling the office and signing up to be a regular volunteer in our Seattle office 206.624.6076 x 10 (Mary Kummer, Makah, Office Manager).
4. learning about other [ways to donate](#) to Potlatch Fund.

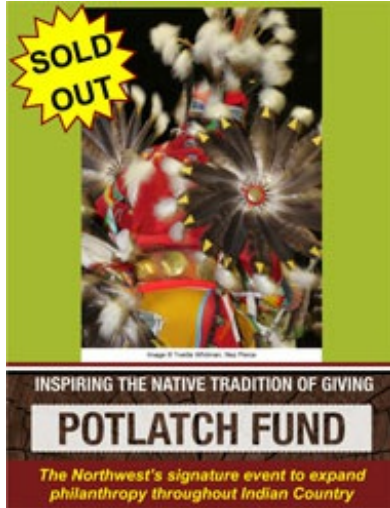
*All donations to Potlatch Fund are tax deductible: EIN 73-1712905.*

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### 2012 GALA Supporters

The Potlatch Fund Board and Staff raise their hands up to all the

supporters of our the 2012 GALA.



2012 Gala image courtesy:  
Yvette D. Whitman, Nez Perce



[Items from the  
Third Silent Auction](#)

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