



Potlatch Fund

To inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy within Tribal Nations and in the Northwest



Capacity Building Update



Investing in our people



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Heather is committed to supporting Native American communities in their desires to strengthen their organizations and leadership skills in culturally appropriate ways.

*To schedule a training for your community or group, kindly contact Heather:
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Our mission is not just about projects. It is about our people, empowering emerging leaders and developing the best strategies in nonprofit management. Potlatch Fund helps organizations become model programs, capable of vying for competitive philanthropic resources.

Building the capacity of our communities is our priority. Those we serve seek to gain knowledge and tools that will help to take care of whole communities in every sense.

In response, Potlatch Fund travels extensively throughout the Northwest, training clients in fundraising, financial management, governance, strategic planning and other areas of nonprofit management.

In the same spirit, we nurture promising young Native professionals by providing leadership training. These leaders return to their communities to give back to their communities and to lead these efforts into the 21 st Century.

Capacity Building Training Calendar

View the [current calenda and registration forms](#).

Nonprofit Startup

Nez Perce, ID - March 3 and 4



The Blue Heron Canoe with Mt. Rainier in the background.

2011 InterTribal Canoe Journey
Now accepting [applications](#) for funding.

Nonprofit Startup
Boise, ID - March 5

Salish Language Conference
Spokane, WA - March 10

Journey to Successful Fundraising
Seattle, WA - March 16 and 17

Native Americans In Philanthropy Conference
Tulalip WA - April 4, 5 and 6

More than 100 elders, parents, children uprooted after fire ravages homes on Yakama Indian Nation



By Darla C. Leslie,
Yakama Nation Review

The Yakama Nation is seeking help and support to aid the survivors of a wildfire that destroyed 20 homes, burned parts of several more, and displaced over one hundred people from the small town of White Swan, Wash., in the heart of the reservation in central Washington state. [Read the entire article](#) by Kara Briggs, for Pyramid Communications.

In addition to the agencies, listed in Kara's article, that are collecting donations. You may make a donation to Potlatch Fund and write "Yakama Indian Nation- Fire Relief" in the memo field. We will ensure your complete donation is forwarded to the Tribe on your behalf.

[Letter from the Yakama Nation Chairman \(Feb. 16, 2011\).](#)

[Yakama Nation's state of emergency resolution \(Feb. 13, 2011\).](#)

The Ghosts of Celilo

Winner of 8 Portland Area Musical Theatre Awards
including 'Best Musical'



A mystery... a love story...
a musical like no other!

Based on true events that occurred at Celilo (SUH-LIE'-LOW) Falls in the 1950's when two Indian boys were kidnapped on the Columbia River. Taken to a boarding school, the boys attempt a daring escape with a white girl to catch their ceremonial 'first fish' before the floodgates to the dam close and bury Celilo. Their escape and adventure is 'remembered' by four colorful ghosts stuck at the bottom of the river where the falls once roared. Learn more and [watch a trailer](#). Appropriate for ages 10+.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT: WWW.GHOSTSOFCELILO.COM

March 4th - 12 at The Portland Center for the Performing Arts or call Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000

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.

**Your Support Makes a Difference
It Allows Potlatch Fund to Take Trainings
Directly to Native Communities & Groups**

