



Potlatch Fund

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



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By Darla C. Leslie,
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Potlatch Fund Board of Directors Issues an emergency grant to the Yakama Nation

On February 24, 2011 the Potlatch Fund Board issued an emergency grant, in the amount of \$5,000 to aid the Yakama Nation as they work to rebuild part of the White Swan community that was destroyed by a wildfire. Our call to individuals was also answered with an additional \$1,100 which was re-granted, in full, to the Tribe.

"When natural disasters strike our communities, it is important for all of us to stand up and provide relief. The funds from our grant and donors will be pooled with monies from other Tribes and organizations, and together the people of White Swan will rebuild their community," said Heather Miller, Program Coordinator.

Tribal Support for Potlatch Fund Continues to Grow in 2011

Potlatch Fund staff raise their hands to the following Tribes and Foundations for providing support in January and February 2011:

Wildhorse Foundation \$5,000 for capacity building trainings in Oregon Native communities. This grant will be matched by the Meyer Memorial Trust at a rate of 2 to 1 - effectively turning \$5,000 into \$15,000!

Forest County Patawatomí Foundation \$10,000 for capacity building trainings throughout our service area of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Snoqualmie Tribe \$25,000 for general operations and support of our 2011 Gala at the Thunderbird level.



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Hugh & Jane Ferguson Foundation \$10,000 for our Cedar Tree Fund, which purchases old growth trees for cultural purposes.

**InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant Cycle
Paddle to Swinomish 2011
Cycle Closes Friday: March 18**



Since its inception, the InterTribal Canoe Journey has evolved into a dynamic agent for social change. It has sparked a cultural renaissance with Native youth learning traditional languages, songs and protocols so that they might welcome each other to their shores, carving skills so that they might create paddles and canoes, and weaving expertise so that they might craft hats, vests and gifts for use in the various Potlatch ceremonies. Most importantly, the InterTribal Canoe Journey mandates: all participants to have healthy sober lifestyles so that they are physically, mentally, and spiritually prepared for this intense undertaking.

[Download the 2011 Application](#)

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2011 marks the seventh year that Potlatch Fund will support Canoe Families participating in the InterTribal Canoe Journey.

Canoe families and Tribes participating in the 2011 are reminded that Potlatch Fund's InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant Cycle will close Friday, March 18. Applications must be emailed, or postmarked, to Kelly prior to midnight Friday, March 18 to be considered for funding. Kindly see the left side bar for details.

**Then and Now
Totems for Tourists**



1939 totem by
Master Carver Jimmie John
Ballard Locks, Seattle WA

The September 23, 2007, issue of [Home and Garden](#) shows the Haida House Curio Shop as it looked when it opened in 1939 (see left) and how it stands today as the Totem House. The building is located on the Ballard side of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks at 3058 NorthWest 54th Street.

According to the article the totem was carved by Jimmie John (Nuu-Chah-Nulth). We have been able to learn very little about this particular totem or Jimmie John and are asking for your assistance. Kindly email [Lawrence](#) with any information you may have, and we will compile a report for future publication.

Serving Needs

To serve the needs of our Native communities, Potlatch Fund endeavors to build the capacity of Tribal institutions and leadership, to bring new philanthropic resources to these communities, and to



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to bring new philanthropic resources to these communities, and to administer direct grantmaking programs to benefit our people.

Despite the vast cultural wealth held by Native Americans, our communities continue to be under-resourced and under-served at all levels, from education to the arts, from social services to basic community infrastructure.

In other communities, the philanthropic sector—with its many private, corporate, family and community foundations—serves the invaluable role of using its resources to address such disparities.

These resources have yet to reach Indian Country. Research has found that of every one hundred dollars granted by the largest philanthropic foundations, less than three cents goes to Indian Country.

Potlatch works to change these trends. [Become a supporter of Potlatch Fund today, and make a difference for generations to come.](#)

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