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# POTLATCH FUND



September 13, 2012



## Program Director Job Opening at Potlatch Fund

[\[Job Description\]](#) - [\[Application Form\]](#) - Closing Date: Monday, September 17, 2012]



*The lens turned on Meredith at the 2012 Final Landing.*

### 2012 – 2013 Board Officers Elected

The Annual Meeting of the Potlatch Fund Board of Directors was held at the Hibulb Cultural Center on Tuesday, September 12. During the meeting Board Officers were elected as follows:

*President - Meredith Parker*

*Vice President -Charlotte Coté*

*Secretary -Antone Minthorn*

*Treasurer -Tim Otani*

*Compliance Officer -Heather Johnson-Jock*

Upon her election as Board President Meredith Parker commented "I am deeply honored to have been voted in as President to Potlatch Fund today. I will do my very best and know that with the high caliber board and talented staff that together we will work toward a successful year ahead." Additional information, about the Potlatch Fund Board, may be found on our [website](#).

### 10 Years of Giving at Potlatch Fund



At the GALA (November 3 - Tulalip Resort), Potlatch Fund will celebrate ten years of giving in Northwest Indian Country. During the evening we will be sharing what Potlatch Fund means to the greater community. If you want to let others know what Potlatch Fund means to you, your family and your community kindly complete [this short form](#)! Thank you.

Selected responses will appear in our eNewsletter, 2012 Gala Program, 2012 Gala Slideshow, and 2012 Gala Narrative.

**2012 Leadership Honoring Awardee**  
**The Fran James Cultural Preservation Award**



**Chief Delvis Heath, Sr.** was born September 26, 1938, in Simnasho Oregon, Warm Springs, where he grew up in a Traditional family practicing the Washut religion on a daily basis. He travelled to the mountains gathering traditional foods according to season. He also excelled at ranching including domesticating wild horses and herding cattle. His dad served as Warm Springs Chief from 1954 – 1969 and he has served since 1982 following the passing of Chief Simtustus. The boarding school experience was a period in his life where he did not speak the Tribal language; and after a lecture from his mother in the language, he was able to begin the healing process. Witnessing the impacts of many broken promises to the Tribal people, Chief Delvis has sought to strengthen Tribal communities in his role permanently serving on Tribal Council. In addition to his work as the traditional leader of the Warm Springs people, he is a bowler, golfer and horse rider.

The complete list of 2012 Leadership Honoring Awardees may be found on our [website](#).

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**A \$680,000 Blessing and a \$44,000 Challenge**



Potlatch Fund is excited to announce that one of its fiscal sponsor organizations just received their 501(c)(3) status AND received a federal multi-year grant!

Salish School of Spokane (SSOS) has been awarded a three-year \$680,000.00 language grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). The ANA grant will fund the development of Salish language books and curriculum materials as well as language fluency training for five teachers. Salish School of Spokane is a Salish immersion school serving students aged 3 to 7 in the City of Spokane. We learn and teach N̓səlxcin, Colville-Okanagan Salish, and to the best of our knowledge, we are the only full-time, off-reservation Native immersion school in the lower 48 United States. Our mission is to revitalize Interior Salish language and our vision is to one day be able to provide birth to twelfth grade Salish education to our children and families.



SSOS is a grassroots organization funded by the families whose children we serve, by individual donors, and by grants from local tribes and organizations. In order to receive the new ANA funding, Salish School of Spokane must independently raise matching funds equal to 20% of the grant award. To that end, our 2012 Fundraising Campaign runs through September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Our goal is to raise \$30,000.00 from individual donors in amounts ranging from \$300.00 to \$4000.00.** As of September 10<sup>th</sup>, we have pledges for 59% of the funds. With the support of generous donors, we will match the grant, meet our operating expenses, and continue to



*Images courtesy of the Salish School of Spokane.*

provide academically excellent and culturally relevant education for our children and families.

Donations to the Salish School of Spokane are tax deductible and may be made by following the donation button found on their [homepage](#).



*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.*

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### **Your Opportunity to Make a Difference**

You can help Potlatch Fund strengthen Tribal communities and Native organizations through contributions of your time, talent and treasure. Learn more about our mission and how to get involved on our website, or call: 206.624.6076.

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

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