

NEWSLETTER

For generations to come...

The Intertribal Friendship House is more than an organization. It is the heart of a vibrant tribal community -- Wilma Mankiller

In February of this year we learned IFH was being put up for auction by the County of Alameda due to back property taxes. The House was contacted by developers who were scouting the neighborhood for properties.

In response to this threat, community members organized through a series of meetings and raised over \$50,000 to Save the Legacy! This newsletter is an effort to keep the community updated on the progress. Our current status is continually shifting and moving forward. There is much work to be done.

The IFH board has recently drafted our first year budget. Due to the community's generous response to the request for donations, our fundraising events and our grant making efforts we have secure funds to operate the house for one year as a volunteer organization.

In the early summer our non profit status was suspended due to failure to file State & Federal taxes for 2005 and 2006. This was an unexpected blow but has not stopped our momentum. In response to this news the IFH Board hired a CPA firm and is moving forward in an effort to complete these taxes by the November deadline and regain our non profit status. In the interim, we have applied for a two year fiscal sponsor ship with the Community Initiative Fund of the S.F. Foundation. Our application for this fiscal sponsorship is currently under review and we should have an answer by mid October.

The fiscal sponsorship will serve two purposes: (1) to allow IFH to continue to raise funds through individual donations & grants; (2) to provide the infrastructure the House has lacked for several years while focusing on training our new board to build and operate a sustainable organization.

Once our fiscal sponsorship is in place we will direct our fund development toward writing a capacity building grants to acquire the funds for board training, board consultants and seed staff to help keep the doors open. Most recently we are working with the Oakland Fire Dept to pass our Fire Inspection and as of this month acquired building insurance for the House. Our goal is to finish the upstairs offices so we can bring in a monthly income by renting space. This offers several challenges which include replacing out dated windows and phone wiring among many others we continue to discover on a daily basis.

The renovations to the kitchen and dance room still remain high on our list and we will begin to tackle these once we have some of the foundation pieces in place to keep the House open and thriving. We have a new phone number for the house and will publish it once we have the phone wiring in place. Until then please direct all inquires for use of the House to Morning Star Gali mstargali@gmail.com

Please join us on October 18, 2007 for our Annual Membership Meeting. Thank you for your trust and ongoing support

Introducing our Board of Directors

In June 2007 we elected a new board of directors to reestablish IFH as the heart of our community. We recognize and honor these individuals for answering the call of the native community with their time, skills and commitment.

Board Officers:

Morning Star Gali - Chair
(Pit River, Chiricahua Apache, Yaqui)

George Galvis - Vice Chair
(Quechua/Chibcha)

Jaynie Lara - Treasurer
(Yaqui)

Maya Orozco - Secretary
(Tiahuicas, Xican Indigena)

Directors:

Donny Adolf (Seneca)
Gilbert Blacksmith (Sicangu Lakota)

Deja Gould (Ohlone/Arapaho/Choctaw)

Jessica Le Pak (Oneida/Stockbridge-Munsee)

Damian Willson (Seneca/Lakota)

Alternates:

Teresa Lee (Cherokee)
Allen Waters (Lakota)

Ongoing Events at IFH:

www.myspace.com/urbanreservation

Tuesday 6-9pm. Beading Class with Don Anderson

Wednesday 7-9 p.m. Cuauhtonal Aztec Danza

Cauhtonal@hotmail.com

Thursday Beginning Drum Practice with Michael Ballenger
6:30-7 p.m.

Thursday 7-9 p.m.

Medicine Warriors/All Nation Drum Practice

gilbert_blacksmith@hotmail.com

Girls and All Ages Women's Dance Class

Friday 6-8 p.m.

Mark your Calendars! IFH Events for the month of October

13th Benefit for DQ Univ. 5 pm

www.myspace/DQuniversity.com

18th IFH Board Meeting 6:30 pm

18th IFH Annual Meeting 8 pm

23rd IFH Benefit Film Screening @ El Rio

Alcatraz is Not an Island and Sa'ah

DVD copies of Alcatraz is not an Island will be available

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