



DIVISION OF
INDIAN WORK

ANNUAL
REPORT

2020



**MIIGWECH,
PIDAYAMA,
PINAGIGI,
THANK YOU!**



LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Boozhoo,

The Covid-19 pandemic has forever changed our definition of normal. As we look back, we are proud of the success stories that show the resiliency of DIW staff, community partners, and supporters through the challenges of a global pandemic.

DIW was committed to serving our community during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. For example, Strengthening Family Circles staff provided remote counseling and parenting services and Youth Leadership Development staff provided virtual distance learning and lessons plans to youth. Both groups pivoted to hybrid and in-person groups when it was safe to do so. Staff also delivered meals to our elders, youth, and families.

At our Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf, not only did we stay open our regular hours Monday through Wednesday, but we also added Fridays. We believed that more than ever access to food was essential for our community.

We would also like to thank everybody from across the world who donated to DIW after the murder of George Floyd and uprising in Minneapolis. Because of your generous contributions, we were able to give out hundreds of pounds of food along with personal hygiene products and personal safety items such as fire extinguishers.

We made it through a tough year and are proud of all the work we've done. We appreciate all of the support that we have received.

With Gratitude,

Louise Matson

Executive Director

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Beautiful New Murals at DIW



Local BIPOC artist collaborative City Mischief Murals painted an amazing mural at the DIW building (see left and below).

The mural represents a Thank You to the American Indian Movement (AIM) and many other community members who helped protect the DIW building and other Native agencies during the unrest on Lake Street after the murder of George Floyd.



Pinigigi (Ho-Chunk) in traditional designs

Miigwech (Ojibwe) in Floral designs

Pidamaya (Dakota) in Geometrical stars



The mural on Lake Street says "Thank You" in Ho-Chunk, Ojibwe, and Dakota languages. They also painted a beautiful mural on our garbage vestibule in front of the building (left).

The unity and culture mural project was funded with micro grants from the In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater in South Minneapolis.

LEAP 2020: Feeding Native Families, Empowering Native Youth



Miigwech to all who participated in our online auction and attended our first virtual LEAP! event on Monday, September 28th, 2020!

We are very grateful to our loyal sponsors, ticket purchasers, table hosts, emcees, and those from the general public that attended and donated.

The evening included a special message from Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, a cooking demo by chef Austin Bartold, and traditional drumming and dancing!

We are happy to report that your generous contributions helped us raise over \$80,000 for our Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf and Youth Leadership Development Program! Miigwech!



Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf Holiday Baskets



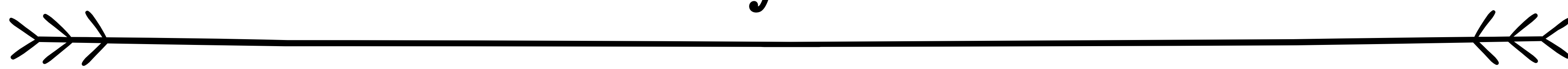
DIW's Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf handed out holiday baskets in November and December to elders and families in our community. In November, over 300 holiday baskets with turkey and sides were distributed and in December, over 280 holiday baskets were distributed and included sides with an option of bison, ham, or turkey.



DIW staff also helped to distribute 200 turkeys and wild rice to Anishinabe Academy, and 50 turkeys with meals from the Vikings and United Health to the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Elders Lodge, and South High All Nations families through MIGIZI Communications.



YLC Youth Speak at Foster Child and Youth Day on the Hill



DIW's Youth Leadership Council (YLC) came together with other statewide foster youth in St. Paul for Foster Child and Youth Day on the Hill (FCYDH) on Monday, March 9th, 2020. The event was an opportunity for foster youth to discuss priority issues with the state representatives at the Capitol and to advocate for passing the priorities in law.

YLC youth helped lead a morning Youth Summit and a march and rally at the Capitol in the afternoon. The rally included speeches from DIW's YLC members, Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, and DFL Assistant Majority Leader of the MN House Mary Kunesh-Podein.

The main priority issues for the YLC and the FCYDH are the Foster Care Bill of Rights (FCBR), and Foster Parent Training. The FCBR informs foster children and youth of their rights within the child welfare system and ensures that they are made aware of these rights. Additionally, it creates "normalcy" for youth in care, by ensuring participation in extracurricular and community activities.



The other priority issue, Training for Foster Parents, addresses the need for foster parents to have additional training. Currently, foster parents are required to take 12 hours of training to get licensed, but this training is limited in many ways. The YLC wants training to include parenting strategies that support positive identity in children and youth, cultural connections, and trauma-informed care. It should also provide education that helps foster parents understand the importance of affirming the diverse identities and experiences of all young people in care.

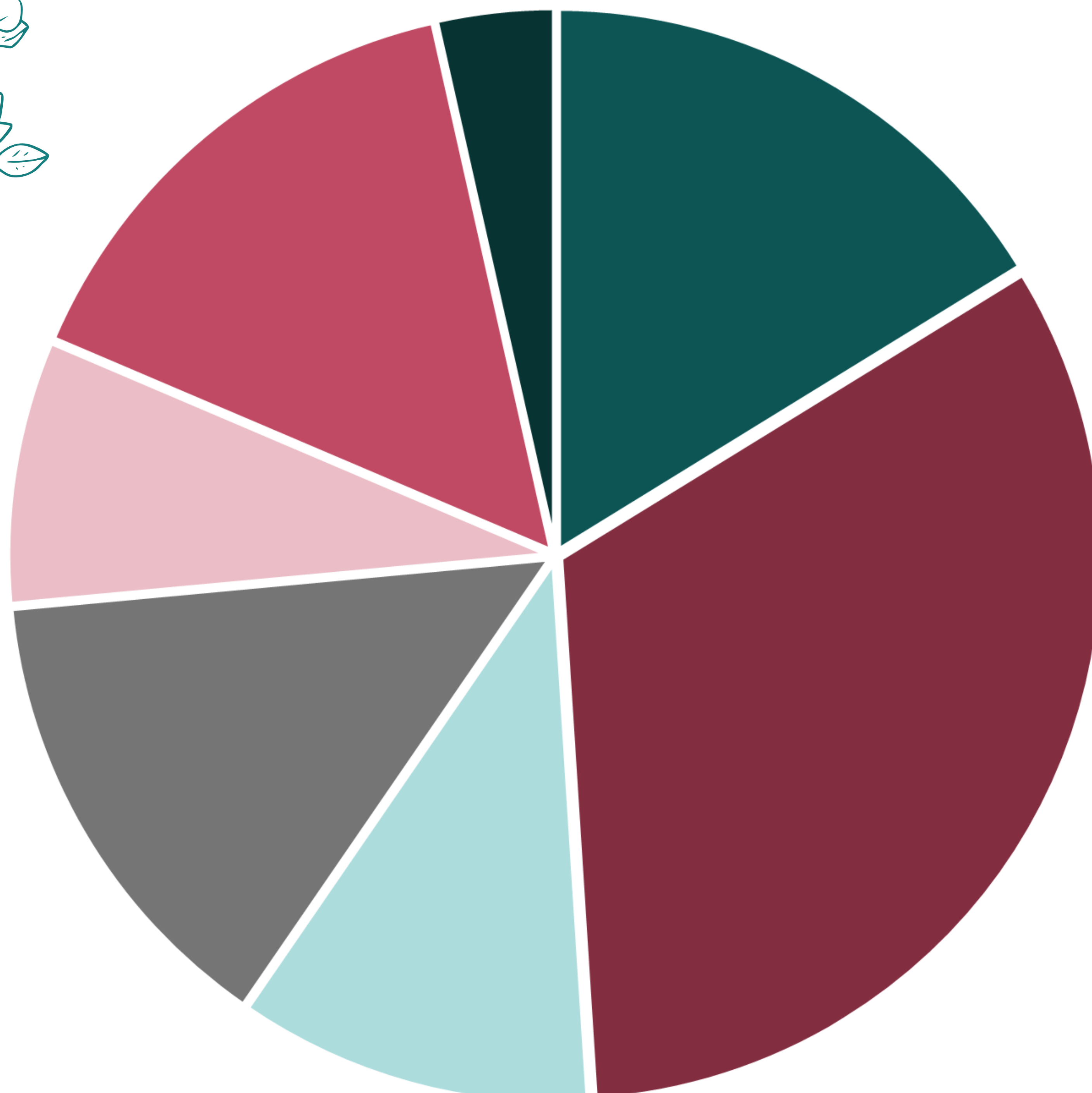
Revenue

- Individual Donations
\$511,726
- Foundations & Corporations
\$957,997
- Tribal Gifts
\$60
- Churches
\$24,110
- Partner Organizations
\$149,100
- United Way
\$219,813
- Government
\$1,440,777
- Sponsorship
\$45,500
- Miscellaneous
\$432,698



Expenses

- Healing Spirit
\$519,698
- Health Services
\$1,049,296
- Youth Leadership Development Program
\$339,556
- Strengthening Family Circles
\$446,670
- Other Programs
\$252,314
- Management & General
\$482,698
- Fundraising
\$112,843



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