



**DIVISION OF
INDIAN WORK**

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello All My Relatives,

Another incredibly busy and exciting year for DIW has passed. This year we celebrated seventy-years of service to our community, and so it was very gratifying to return to activity levels not seen since the start of the pandemic. Most programs returned completely back to in-person meetings.

Highlights include partnering with Minneapolis Indian Education and other community-based agencies for a successful year-end school celebration May 18 and the second annual Native Prom held June 18. We added another day for Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid to office at DIW to assist our clients. Our DIW App launched, funded by Casey Family Programs. Please check it out and download it for all the latest information.

We also launched a new program, Grandparents as Caregivers. The coordinator hosts a support group called The Circle of Grandparents that meets twice a month and gives grandparents an opportunity to gain peer support and share their challenges and possible solutions to caring full-time for their grandchildren.

These are just a few examples of what happened at DIW this year as we continue to honor our mission to support and strengthen urban American Indian people through culturally based education, traditional healing approaches, and leadership development. Please sign up for our e-newsletter on our website (diw-mn.org) to receive all the latest information about DIW.

Respectfully,

Louise Matson

White Earth Band of Ojibwe

Executive Director

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf

DIW's Horizons Unlimited (HU) Food Shelf had a fantastic year serving our community. In 2022, HU distributed 255,545 pounds of food! The food shelf also distributed baskets in April, November, and December to elders and families in our community. During the Spring Feast Giveaway HU provided 289 families with food baskets. In November, 329 holiday baskets with turkey and sides were distributed and in December, 282 holiday baskets were distributed.



This year Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf also partnered with a recycling program to have a recycling bin for plastic bags! There are many bags within the food shelf, and the entire DIW building, that can now be taken to be recycled.

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LEAP! 2022

This year we held our seventh annual LEAP! fundraiser in person for the first time since 2019! We had over 300 people attend the fundraiser at The Metropolitan Ballroom in Golden Valley. This year we had the honor of having Senator Mary Kunesh and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan kick-off the night with a welcome message. DIW also received a proclamation honoring our 70th anniversary presented by Peggy Flanagan. Our emcee for the night, Reg Chapman from WCCO, introduced our live fundraising events including six live auction items and our Fund-A-Need campaigns. After a thrilling live auction, the live items raised \$8,700, and at the end of the event once all donations and auction items had been sold, DIW raised \$99,959! Thank you to all who attended, donated, or shared information about LEAP! this year!



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Elevator Project**

During 2022 our building elevator was finally updated! The mechanics of the elevator were reviewed and updated, and the call functions on each floor were improved. Thank you to The Butler Family Foundation, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures for funding this project.

- **Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid**

In early 2022, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid and DIW partnered to open a legal aid clinic on-site at DIW. The clinic provides free legal advice and representation on a wide range of civil legal problems including child custody, eviction defense, and criminal expungement. The clinic offers services to DIW or MIWRC clients who are low income and/or over the age of 60.

- **Grandparents as Caregivers**

DIW added our Grandparents as Caregivers program which provides support and resources to grandparents who have taken on the role of primary caregiver of a grandchild/grandchildren under 18 years of age.

- **STAY / YLC**

2022 was a busy year for our Youth Leadership Council, now a component our STAY (Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth) program. Our YLC and the YMCA YLC joined together to send 3 DIW youth to the conference in Jacksonville, Florida to present on the importance of culture in foster care placement. Our YLC youth also participated in the annual YLC retreat at Camp Lebanon at the end of May. It was the first time the YLC held this retreat since COVID.

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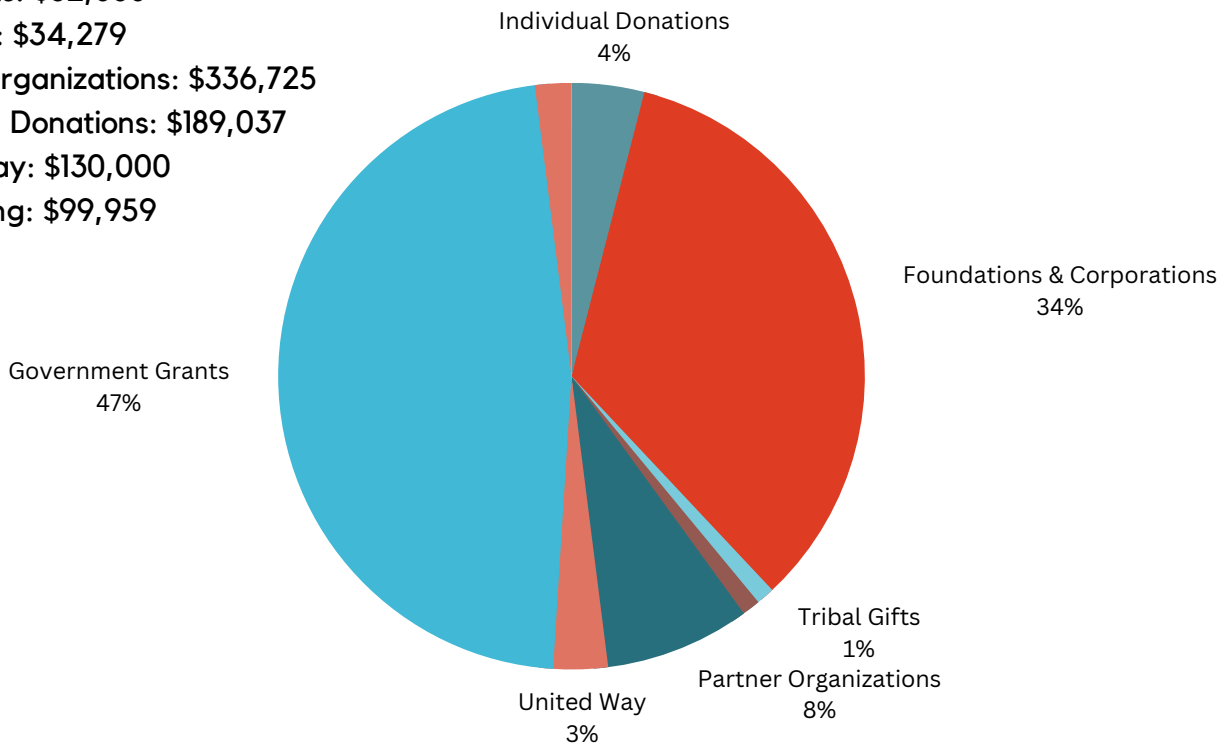


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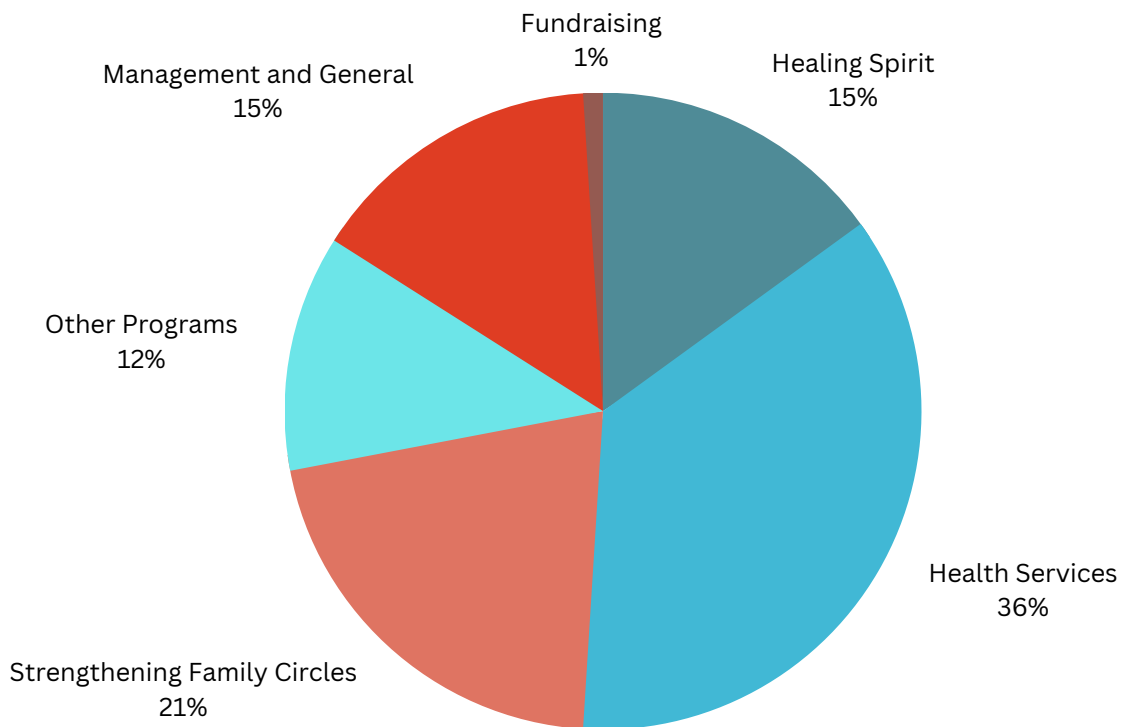


Government Grants: \$2,019,910
 Foundations & Corporations: \$1,457,274
 Tribal Gifts: \$32,080
 Churches: \$34,279
 Partner Organizations: \$336,725
 Individual Donations: \$189,037
 United Way: \$130,000
 Fundraising: \$99,959

Revenue 2022



Expenses 2022



Expenses 2022 Program Breakdown

Healing Spirit: \$532,359

Healing Spirit Boys House
STAY In The Community

Health Services: \$1,285,845

Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf
Grandparents as Caregivers
Elders Resource Program
Live It!
Nandagikenim Program
Ninde Doulas
Minozekwedaa Traditional Foods Program
Parenting Capacity Services
Women of Traditional Birthing

Strengthening Family Circles: \$751,570

Domestic Violence & Anger Management Groups
Domestic Abuse Service Center Advocate
Family Spirit
Parent Support Outreach Program
Strong Families

Other Programs: \$424,870

Be@School
Youth Leadership Development Program

A full description of each program can be found on our website at:
www.diw-mn.org/all-programs

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