



## Fertile Ground: Planting The Seeds for Native American Nutrition and Health Funders Roundtable



### Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: Welcome Reception and Dinner

*The Marquette Hotel, IDS Building, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor*

*710 S Marquette Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55402*

- **4:30-8:30pm: Registration.** Greeters will be stationed in The Marquette Hotel Lobby to direct guests to registration and the reception and dinner on the 50<sup>th</sup> floor of the IDS building which is adjacent to the Marquette Hotel.
- **5-8pm: Welcome Networking Reception and Dinner, “Windows on Minnesota” Pre-Function and Planets Rooms, 50<sup>th</sup> floor of the IDS Building**
  - **5-6:30pm Networking Reception:** Meet and greet with local, regional, tribal and national food systems, nutrition and health funders.
  - **6:30-8pm Dinner:** Blessing and dinner featuring an interactive Native foods cooking demonstration with Ben Jacobs and Matt Chandra, owners of Tocabe Indian Eatery.

### Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: Fertile Ground Funders Roundtable

*The Marquette Hotel, Mississippi Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

*710 S Marquette Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55402*

- **7:30-8:30am: Breakfast & Registration**

- **8:30-9:00am: Blessing, introductions and overview of partnership and goals for the convening by Shakopee and American Heart Association Leadership**
  - Blessing by Leonard Wabasha, Director, Cultural Resources, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
  - Chairman Charlie Vig and Secretary Treasurer Lori Watso, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
  - Eduardo Sanchez, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, American Heart Association
  
- **9:00-9:30am: Video Feeding Ourselves: Food access, health disparities and the pathways to healthy Native communities.**
  - *Video (5 minutes) will provide a high level framing of the history, interconnections, disparities and critical needs within Native food systems, tribal economies, nutrition and health.*
  - *Small group discussions will be organized at tables.*
  
- **9:30-11am Food Systems, Tribal Economies, Nutrition & Health: Priorities, Innovation and Opportunities for Impact, Moderated Panel and Q & A**

**PANELISTS**

- Mike Roberts, First Nations Development Institute (Food sovereignty, economic development and culture)
  - Zach Ducheneaux, Intertribal Agriculture Council (Food production, agriculture technical assistance and policy)
  - Janie Hipp, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative (Governance and Policy)
  - Justin Hueneman, NB3 Foundation (Obesity and Diabetes Prevention)
  - Judith Le Blanc, Native Organizers Alliance (Grassroots Food and Health Advocacy)
  - *Moderator: Wilson Pipestem, Pipestem Law*
- *Panelists will each provide brief overviews of their organization's work and how it relates to work addressing challenges regarding food systems, tribal economies, nutrition and/or health issues in Indian Country. There will be a moderated discussion between panelists about the interconnections of their respective work, opportunities and challenges, the roles of Native intermediary funders, as well as recommendations for funders who are already working in these fields and/or who have an interest.*
  - *Large group Q & A*

- **11am–12:15pm: Break/Networking Lunch**
  - *Brief Remarks by Keith Anderson, Vice Chairman, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community*

*Morning panelists will serve as table captains during lunch to facilitate networking and reflection among participants on a variety of topics.*

- **12:15-1:30pm: Moderated Funders Panel, Reflections and Lessons Learned from Investing and Partnerships in Indian Country**

#### **PANELISTS**

- Jasmine Hall Ratliff, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  - John Fetzer, Northwest Area Foundation
  - Alison Babb, Center for Prevention, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
  - Jill Birnbaum, Voices for Healthy Kids/American Heart Association
  - Secretary/Treasurer Lori Watso, Shakopee Seeds of Native Health
  - *Moderator: Wilson Pipestem, Pipestem Law*
- *Funders will provide brief overviews of their respective organizations and experience in funding and working within Indian Country. Each panelist will be asked to share one success story within their work in Indian Country and the strategies that supported success. Panelists will also be asked to discuss their perspectives on both the opportunities and challenges to deepen and expand work, partnership and investments in Indian Country.*
  - Q & A
- **1:30-1:40pm: Break**
  - **1:40-3:10pm: Small Group Funders Roundtables**  
**Roundtable Breakout Rooms TBA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, The Marquette Hotel**
    - *Funders will pre-select one of the roundtable topics listed below that they would like to participate in. Based on preferences indicated, similar topic areas may be combined to ensure adequate group size.*
    - *Small group roundtables will allow for funder dialogue on specific areas of interest and discussion. Topics will include: opportunities to invest in impact, promising projects, and capacity building; challenges; opportunities for funder collaboration and strategic partnerships with tribes and Native nonprofits; and what action steps might look like to increase opportunities for education, relationship building, collaboration and/or investment in Indian Country.*
    - **Roundtable Topics**

- **Food Sovereignty, Community Development and Empowerment**
  - **Agriculture & Economic Development**
  - **Traditional Foods & Cultural Preservation**
  - **Nutrition, Healthy Weight & Diabetes Prevention**
  - **Healthy Food Access/Food Security**
  - **Grassroots/Tribal Policy Change to Improve Food Systems, Nutrition and Health**
  - **Urban Native Populations & Food, Nutrition and Health**
- *Each roundtable will be asked to brainstorm and document 1-2 “big ideas” to help support follow up and increased education, relationship building, collaboration between funders and/or investment in Native food systems, nutrition and health.*
- *Ideas will be placed on main wall in general session area at the conclusion of their roundtable session so they can be viewed and shared with peers.*
- **3:15-3:40pm: Reconvene General Session.**
  - Brief gallery walk of posted “big ideas.”
  - Processing and reflections in large group.
- **3:40-4pm Closing: Shakopee and American Heart Association Final Remarks**
- **4pm Guest Departures**