The American Indian Community Development Corporation’s mission is to provide culturally unique initiatives, housing and entrepreneurial programs that will strengthen American Indian communities.

Since 1992 the American Indian Community Development Corporation has been providing housing and services focusing on the lives and livelihoods of the Urban Twin Cities American Indian population. Understanding the special needs of the American Indian community and seeking to create unique programs, projects and opportunities that prepare the community for growth and success.

The American Indian Community Development Corporation continues to expand the programs that AICDC offers making sure that they are geared toward self-sufficiency, family stability, entrepreneurial skills, and building a better community for our present and future generations. The 2011 Annual Report is presented to share our accomplishments and our vision for the future.

Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi (Come in. Rest)

In 2010 AICDC asked the Inter-tribal Services Elders group if they would support AICDC’s efforts in developing a seniors residence in the South Minneapolis area. They responded with a motion to support and assist the development of such a project. Their first task was to name the project, and Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi (Come in. Rest) was born. AICDC partnered with CommonBond Communities to make the dream a reality. The project is a scattered-site, 47-1 bedroom unit development for Elders 62 years of age and older. Ground breaking was held on November 14th and attended by Staff from Senators Klobuchar’s and Franken’s office as well as Rep. Keith Ellison’s with remarks by State Representative Karen Clark, City Council members Gary Schiff and Robert Lilligren and representatives of the Community and funders. Construction commenced immediately afterwards. The project will be completed in late 2012.
Anishinabe Wakiagun “The Peoples Home”

In 2011 Anishinabe Wakiagun celebrated 15 years of successful operations. Anishinabe Wakiagun is a “Housing First, Harm Reduction” model which has been replicated across the country and provides permanent supportive housing that encourages long-term residency to maximize stability in the individual’s life. The philosophy of Anishinabe Wakiagun is to reduce the public cost of providing services while at the same time providing a more stable living environment for its’ residents.

Goals and Objectives:
- Support spiritual activities, residents are encouraged to participate in traditional spiritual and other religious activities.
- Provide recreational activities including weight lifting, game nights for table games, music nights and camping trips.
- To reduce the number of times residents use emergency services such as ambulance service, Detox and emergency room visits.
- Provide an in-house clinic program. To meet the medical needs of the residents.

Hennepin County’s findings on residents of Anishinabe January 2011 through December 2011

Wakiagun Residents’ Detox Pre-Admission and Post-Admission in Hennepin County

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MAICC “EAGLE” Award For Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi

AICDC and ComondBond 2012

Barb McCormick of PPL and Mike Goze of AICDC accepting the “Champion” Award

Clifford “Skeets” Goggleye Dining Room

Anishinabe Wakiagun Does make a difference!

2011 “Champion” Award by the Corporation for Supportive Housing.
KOLA ("Friend" in Lakota)

KOLA’s mission is to provide culturally specific supportive services to chronically inebriated homeless American Indians. KOLA provides case management, healthcare outreach, daytime activities, health screening and referral services to many of the homeless American Indians who are chronic late stage inebriates. Dr Ken McMillan and his team of volunteers maintains the philosophy that KOLA helps the clients help themselves. KOLA provides first-aid, urgent, and some emergency medical care. KOLA provides health screenings for hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and depression. KOLA provides education regarding HIV, Hepatitis C, and Tuberculosis. KOLA helps the client access existing programs and services. KOLA provides basic needs such as showers, blankets, and clothing. KOLA encourages sober activities. KOLA offers telephones, computers and other information-based technologies. Participants are able to access these resources during program hours. Over the last two years the KOLA program has suffered major budget cuts from Hennepin County making the need for reduced staffing, KOLA clients have stepped up to volunteer so that the program can continue. In addition AICDC has maintained services at its own cost.

AICDC is committed to all of our American Indian people and will do it’s best to provide these services.

In 2012 AICDC is seeking sustainable funding for this important service to our communities most vulnerable people.

Goals and Objectives of KOLA

- Reduce the number of deaths on the street due to chronic alcoholism or homelessness.
- Provide a safe and welcoming place for clients.
- Provide temporary shelter from the weather.
- Encourages periods of sobriety.
- Restore Dignity and self-respect through goal setting, relationships and honesty. Provide a holistic approach to life change (physical, social, emotional and spiritual).
- Provide medical access to the homeless
- The KOLA program makes 1150 medical client contacts in 2011 and over 4500 in total service contacts. Over 95% of our clients are American Indian.

Many Rivers

Located on East Franklin Avenue between the Minneapolis Public Library (Franklin Branch) and the Minneapolis American Indian Center, AICDC continues to operate 78 units of affordable housing in these two buildings. Many Rivers buildings feature three floors of housing and one story of commercial space and underground heated parking. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has partnered with AICDC to provide affordable housing to some of its urban members through a master lease of a number of units. Mille Lacs Band Urban Office and TANF Program are also located in the commercial space. AICDC is pleased to be a partner with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Project Features and Amenities:

- Efficiency, One, two and three-bedroom units.
- Universal design accommodates wheel chairs
- Outdoor play areas
- Strong experienced property management firm
- Public library across the street
- Gymnasium/cultural center next door
- Super Market, Drug Store, café, coffeehouse and retail across the street
- Bus, taxi, and Light Rail station very close by
- Underground parking

A view of Many Rivers West, located at 14th and Franklin Avenue.
1414 East Franklin

In 2011 AICDC, in partnership with NACDI, completed the rehabilitation of 1414 East Franklin Avenue. The building houses “All My Relations Art Gallery, Pow Wow Grounds Coffee House, and offices of NACDI and AICDC. This project strengthens the footprint of the American Indian presence in south Minneapolis and will be a site for future development of retail/office/housing to fit the needs of the growing American Indian Community.

Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund

In 2011 AICDC organized the Bii Gii Wiin CDLF as a separate entity to pursue the development of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that will create community based access to Federal Dollars to provide housing loans and services. Bii Gii Wiin CDLF currently provides Homebuyer education classes, Homebuyer counseling, and Individual Development Accounts (IDA’S) and will be adding credit repair loans in the near future.

About Our Organization…

AICDC continues to develop and provide culturally creative programs, support and educational services designed to strengthen American Indian Communities by offering opportunities for a better quality of life. AICDC has over 12,000 contacts through all of its programs with 61% of all contacts being with American Indian community members. AICDC is honored to be a vital part of the American Indian Community.

Our Supporters

Without their financial help AICDC could not provide the support and services.

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