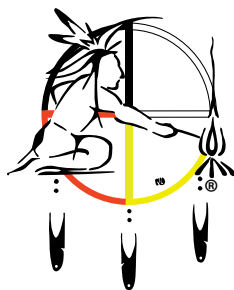


2014

Annual Report



Forest County Potawatomi
FOUNDATION

Our Mission

Guided by the Potawatomi heritage, the mission of the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation is to fight poverty, promote economic opportunity and equality in Milwaukee, strengthen communities and provide an example of responsible citizenship by assisting charitable organizations.

The Foundation remains proactive in aggressively seeking organizations that are best able to partner with the Foundation as it works to make a positive difference.

A Message from the Executive Director

It is with gratitude that we share the Foundation's 2014 annual report. We are humbled by your on-going support which allows us to provide grants for much needed access to health care services for those less fortunate, provide crucial educational experiences for children and adults, and support economic development and the creation of new job opportunities.

Foundation grants awarded also support many Native American programs that connect our Elders and youth to their communities, as well as support critically important Veteran organizations whose unique programs offer training opportunities in workforce preparedness and readiness, shelter for those affected by homelessness, and art therapy that helps veterans deal with grief and/or trauma.

Miigwetch,
Kaye Garcia
Executive Director



From the Chairman

The Potawatomi have called Milwaukee home for hundreds of years. For generations, our people supported our community by hunting, fishing and gathering on these lands. Today, the Forest County Potawatomi continues to support and care for our historic homelands by giving back through the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation.

For over 15 years, the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation has been dedicated to giving back to the Milwaukee-area and Wisconsin. Guided by a strong sense of responsibility and a desire to strengthen our community, the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation provides grants to charitable organizations who uphold the Foundation's mission to fight poverty, promote economic opportunity and equality, and strengthen communities.

These groups support a variety of causes; ranging from arts and culture and veterans and youth programs, to health services and environmental concerns. We are honored to offer charitable organizations the opportunity to continue to strengthen our community.

It is in this spirit of giving that I present to you our Foundation's Annual Report. We are honored to continue to support our community.

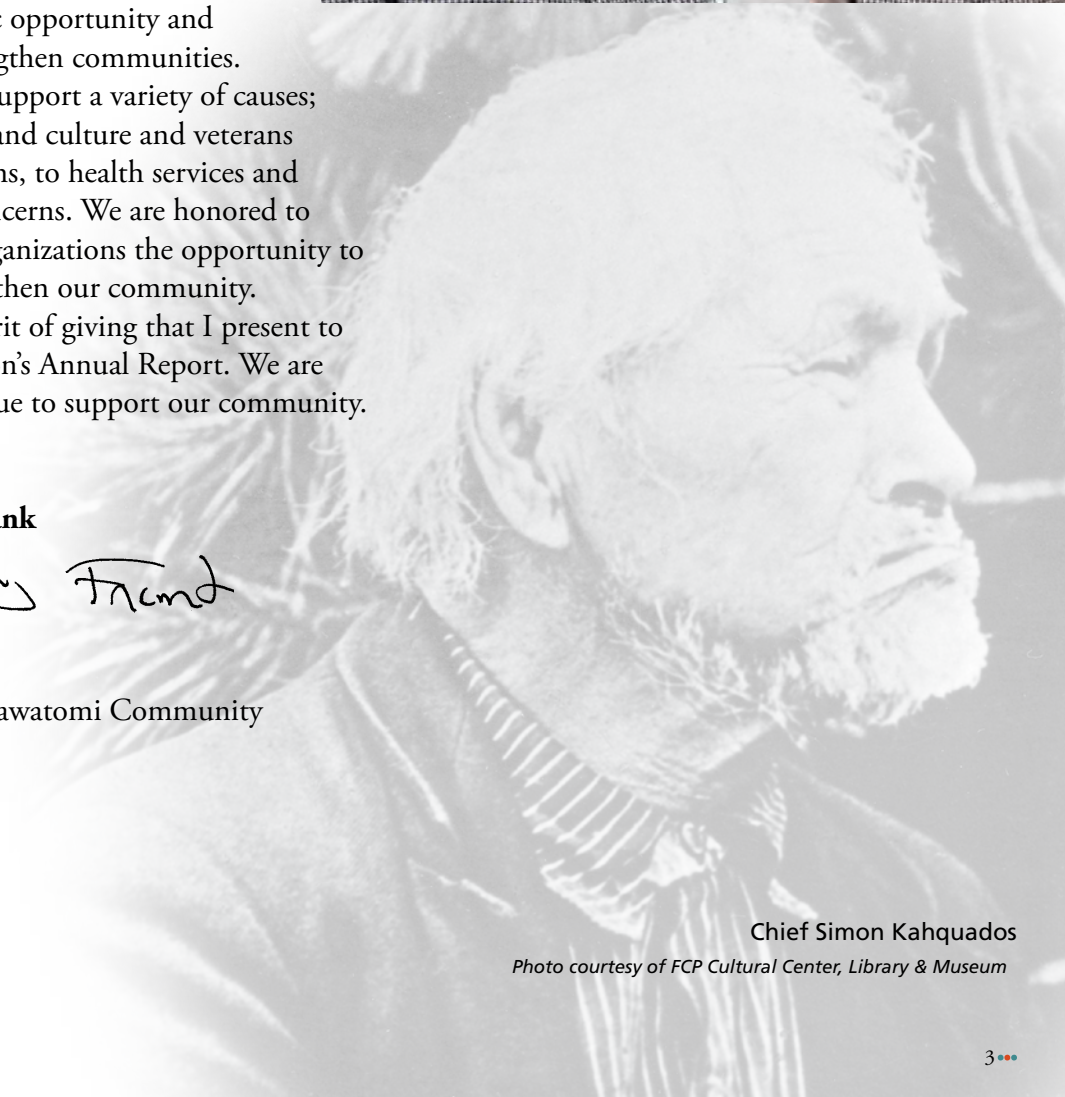
Respectfully,
Harold "Gus" Frank

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold Gus Frank".

Chairman
Forest County Potawatomi Community



Chief Simon Kahquados
Photo courtesy of FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum



Arts & Culture



Photo from Jenn Mazza



Photos from Contessa Cole



Photos from Mychoua Vang

Milwaukee Ballet Company

The Milwaukee Ballet Company provides the finest ballet training in a nurturing environment, and does not turn away children due to their inability to pay. According to the National Dance Education Organization, the benefits of ballet lessons include a positive self-image, discipline, respect (for teachers and peers), and improved performance in school, with deeper comprehension and more visible engagement in the learning process itself. The Foundation's support of their financial aid and scholarship program provides an inclusive environment for those who want to experience the benefits and joy of ballet lessons, but who lack the financial resources.

Tessa's Black Entertainment & Youth Center

Tessa's Black Entertainment & Youth Center strengthens children and young adults through exposure to the arts and opportunities for creative expression. TBEY provides professional arts instruction and hosts performances for the community. In addition, TBEY offers tutoring, mentoring and coaching to help youth excel academically and pursue their interest in the arts.



Photo courtesy of FCP Library, Museum & Cultural Center

Shee Yee of Milwaukee

The Shee Yee of Milwaukee provides family support and community resources to newly-arrived Hmong refugees in the greater Milwaukee area. Shee Yee's programs strive to keep Hmong cultural traditions alive in our community, including music, dance, and teachings of herbal medicines. A major focus is passing these cultural practices to the Hmong children through activities such as teaching qeej (a Hmong windpipe instrument). Shee Yee's mission is to empower Hmong people in the greater Milwaukee area to become productive citizens through cultural preservation, advocacy and educational programs, folk songs, and dance.





Photo from Will Sebern

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors helps to connect elders with the resources and assistance necessary to repair and maintain their homes. With the vast majority of neighborhood housing stock 80-100 years old, properties are inevitably in need of upkeep to maintain their safety and their residents' quality of life.



Photo from Virginia Hart and Barbara Behling

American National Red Cross

In 2014, the American National Red Cross responded to nearly 500 disasters in Southeastern Wisconsin and provided immediate disaster response services to 32 men, women and children in North Central Wisconsin. The Red Cross also teaches children and adults about the importance of disaster preparedness and planning.

Benedict Center

The Benedict Center provides community-based treatment alternatives to incarceration for women. The Benedict Center also advocates for changes to the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on restorative community alternatives to imprisonment for women and their families.

Photo from Cindy Nicholson



Photo from Michael Gosman

ACTS Community Development

ACTS reclaims and rehabilitates foreclosed homes in blighted neighborhoods of Milwaukee's northwest side. Families served by ACTS typically earn less than 50% of the County's median income and have two children. ACTS' goal is to provide home buying counseling, real estate brokerage and representation for hard working families purchasing foreclosed inner city properties. ACTS works tirelessly to turn renters to owners, houses to homes, and blocks to communities.



Photo from Michelle St. Clair

Safe & Sound

Safe & Sound, Inc. advances a unique integrated strategy to improve the quality of life in high crime, low-income neighborhoods through youth development, community organizing and partnerships with law enforcement. Safe & Sound targets its resources to the 21 most distressed neighborhoods in the city of Milwaukee in order to promote community resiliency, self-reliance, and improvements to public safety.

Centro Legal Por Derechos Humanos

Centro Legal serves a critical role in the community by providing low cost and free legal services to low income families in Milwaukee. Each year, Centro Legal provides professional legal representation and advocacy to over 1,200 people and their families.

Photo from Heather Ramirez



Economic Development



Photo from Jennifer Weber



Photos from Gary Davis

Legacy Redevelopment Corporation

Unemployment among low income men and women, specifically minorities, exists at a staggering rate in the city of Milwaukee. LRC is committed to lowering unemployment by providing tangible work skill training to enable small business owners to retain and create jobs.



Photo courtesy of FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum



National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

NCAIED is the only national non-profit organization solely dedicated to developing American Indian economic self-sufficiency through business ownership. The RES Conference Summits offer valuable programming in areas of business development, networking and teaming opportunities, showcasing an American Indian procurement expo and a business tradeshow.

Education



Photo from Sam Mott



Photo from Jim Farrell



Photo from Anne Brown



Photos from Thomas Mitchell

College Possible

College Possible helps provide low-income students the resources and guidance needed to access higher education in order to help them break the cycle of poverty. Through intensive curriculum and coaching support, College Possible is dedicated to encouraging students to pursue higher education. Since 2008, 95% of seniors enrolled in the program have been accepted to college.

Hope House of Milwaukee

Hope House's Shining Stars program serves children and youth experiencing poverty and homelessness to help prevent academic problems. Last year, young people attended more than 3,400 hours of tutoring through the program.



Photo courtesy of FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum

La Causa

La Causa serves 7,000 children and families per year in areas of education, human services, and abuse prevention. La Causa's programs aid Milwaukee's neediest and most vulnerable individuals through four divisions: its Early Education and Care Center, La Causa Charter School, the Crisis Nursery and Respite Center and its Social Services division. La Causa's families represent a diverse ethnic background of 38% African American, 36% Hispanic/Latino, and 20% White/Caucasian. The majority of families served live near or below the poverty line.

Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship

The Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship is committed to supporting academic excellence by awarding scholarships to children from Milwaukee schools, particularly to children from historically "at-risk" geographic neighborhoods. The Dr. TNT Scholarship has valued higher education as a "bootstrap" for overcoming many stereotypical descriptions associated with youngsters from minority, lower income communities.

Elderly



Photo from Kathy Gale



Photos from Jennifer Steiner

Interfaith Senior Programs

Interfaith Senior Programs helps elders, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers live engaged lives in the community. They support elders with their Holiday Gift Basket program, and coordinating Folk Art Fairs with schools to connect elders' traditions to the next generation of young people.



Photos from Tara Clark

JFS Housing

Jewish Family Services Housing fills a vital, unmet need in Milwaukee for affordable housing with support services for vulnerable individuals and families at low and moderate income levels. JFS provides housing for older adults and people with disabilities, meeting the needs of JFS clients and the broader community. Residents are encouraged to remain in their own apartment and community as long as possible, and are provided services based on their unique needs. A nutritious meal program is one of the services offered to residents to ensure they are provided three healthy meals a day.

United Community Center

UCC is dedicated to providing programs to elders and near south side residents of all ages in the areas of education, human services, senior services, cultural arts, recreation and community development. Their innovative model combines subsidized senior housing with elderly services such as their nutrition program, which is a model that is unique in Wisconsin and leads to high rates of success. 76% of participants in the program reported that they were able to improve their eating habits and 96% reported they were able to socialize and make new friends due to their participation in Center activities.



Shwinibina and wife, Taken near Stone Lake, WI in 1925 by Huron H. Smith, Potawatomi Tribe

Photo from Milwaukee Public Museum

Environmental



Photo from Kate Kirbie

Eco-Justice Center

The Eco-Justice Center is dedicated to environmental education and care of our Mother Earth in the context of community, creativity, contemplation and cultivation. They provide Season of the Sun Celebrations, Edible and Medicinal Plant Workshops, and Ecology Camps at the Farm to educate people of all ages on the importance of caring for the Earth.



Photos from Mario Sinclair and Alysse Gear

Victory Garden Initiative

Victory Garden Initiative strives to bring small-scale farming to urban communities to solve issues related to food insecurity. Urban gardens are utilized to solve problems related to food insecurity while also providing a safe community space for people to gather and take part in growing their own food. VGI educates young people, volunteers and international community leaders about the benefits of tending native plants, planting fruit and nut-bearing trees, harvesting rainwater and using healthy composting techniques.



Photos from Kimberly Gleffe

River Revitalization

The River Revitalization maintains the only urban rivers land trust in Wisconsin, protecting our rivers. By working to restore the shoreline along the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic rivers, River Revitalization protects wildlife, helps to increase biodiversity and encourages community members to experience Mother Earth's rivers firsthand.



Photo from Rick Zamore

Student Conservation Association

The SCA engages young people in hands-on service to the land. The Milwaukee Conservation Leadership program hires young people from urban areas of Milwaukee and provides them with the training and hands-on experience necessary to pursue careers in conservation and environmental stewardship. SCA also offers expense paid internships in all disciplines related to conservation to college-age and older students who are exploring careers in environmental education, land and resource management.



Health & Human Services



Photo from Kathleen Miller



Photo from Barbara Horner-Ibler



Photo from Andrew Liss



Photos from Linda Garcia Barnard

My Home, Your Home

Through the Lissy's Place program, My Home, Your Home provides independent living programs and support services to young women who "age out" of foster care, helping them become independent. The program helps these young women establish and work on goals for employment, education and improving their overall happiness and confidence.

Bread of Healing Clinic

Believing that good health is a human right and not a commodity, Bread of Healing offers uninsured people access to regular health care, medications and support for chronic conditions. Bread of Healing is expanding, hiring more volunteer healthcare professionals and providing low or no-cost medications to 25 free clinics.

Our Safe Place

Our Safe Place is a transitional residential living facility that provides a safe place for men who have completed a drug and/or alcohol dependency program and are committed to remain clean and sober. It is a place where residents demonstrate a readiness and willingness to return to work or school, under the care of trained professionals and supportive peers.

9 to 5 National Association of Working Women

9 to 5 engages low-wage workers with valuable information regarding access to free or low-cost medical attention and healthcare exams. In all program activities, they aim to help working women and families earning less than \$22,000 thrive!



Jim Tahwa & family

Photo courtesy of FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum

Native American



Photos from
Renee LaFleur



Photo from Michael Carlow Jr.



Photo from Brian Jackson



Photo from Micah Dewing



Tusweca Tiyospaye

The mission of Tusweca Tiyospaye is to develop a strong, healthy, and prosperous environment in which Lakota children and their families can learn and incorporate the Lakota language into their daily lives. Last year's Lakota Dakota Nakota Language Summit united 38 different tribes and 1600 people from around the world in efforts to keep Native languages from being lost.

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council

The American Indian Science Scholars Program introduces Native high-school students from across Wisconsin to Milwaukee college campuses and gives them the opportunity to participate in hands-on scientific activities related to the health professions, as well as educating them regarding college requirements and application processes.

Midwest Indian Mission

The Midwest Indian Mission provides shelter and access to a food pantry to people transitioning from treatment centers, or who may be in-between work or homeless. 60% of shelter residents are from Forest County, and the food pantry has served over 184 Native American families since 2012.

American Indian Council on Alcoholism

AICA adult and youth programs offer substance abuse counseling, education and preventative activities to reduce the incidence of alcohol and substance abuse among the Milwaukee Native American community. A variety of cultural and inter-tribal activities are incorporated into programming to promote a positive cultural identity.



Charlie "Musco" Tecumseh, Manyan and Mskwankwet (Mary Wensaut)

Photo from Milwaukee Public Museum; info from Potawatomi Cultural Center, Library & Museum

Veterans



Photos from Bill Christofferson



Photos from Tim Mayer



Freddie, Verol and Clara Ritchie, 1925
Photo courtesy of Norman Tribbett



Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

The Homeless Veterans Home Support program helps homeless and at-risk veterans to reach and maintain their highest levels of independence. MHVI's outreach program finds homeless veterans on the streets and at shelters and meal sites, winning their trust so they can help them obtain benefits, health care, food, clothing, toiletries, housing and other needs to help them reintegrate into society.

Artists for the Humanities

Artists for the Humanities offers free group sessions and expressive art therapy to veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injuries and substance abuse problems. Art sessions are therapeutic and help our veterans overcome chronic traumatic symptoms, feeling more open to seek emotional support and increasing the effectiveness of other forms of mental health counseling.



Youth Development



Photo from Frank Porter

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee

The Year of the Girl program encourages young women in Milwaukee to be active in their community through networking events with Milwaukee business leaders, and presentations from talented executive women.

Malaika Early Learning Center

Malaika's Cultural Arts Family Night program brings activities designed to teach empathetic understanding and acceptance of other cultures. It also connects Malaika families and surrounding community members to the many cultural activities taking place year-round in Milwaukee.



Photo from Megan Sunderland

Ace Boxing

Ace Boxing Club is dedicated to providing youth a healthy and safe alternative to negative behavior through mentorship, amateur boxing training and competition opportunities. The Operation KO program is aimed to encourage youth to improve their academic performance, make positive choices and increase their physical fitness.



Photo from Brenda Rodriguez

Casa Romero

Casa Romero Renewal Center's IGNITE program connects young people to personal and leadership formation workshops, then introduces them to community service practicums to build those skills. In 2014, IGNITE participants provided the community with 2,600 hours of service.

Photo from Jerel Ballard



Photo from Wanda DeVries

Major League Baseball Players Alumni Assoc.

The Legends for Youth Baseball Clinics combine former Major Leaguers and youth participants on the diamond, giving children an opportunity to acquire life skills and baseball fundamentals.



Photo from Tamara Johnson

Lead2Change

Lead2Change offers many programs designed to prepare young people for college and careers, engage them in their communities and build their leadership skills and self-esteem. The DreamBig! program gives two \$5,000 grants to community-focused youth organizations selected through an application process managed by Lead2Change members, who also take on the task of advertising DreamBig! and managing the public awarding event.

2014 Charities

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 Ace Boxing Club
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 American Indian Center
 American Indian Chamber of Wisconsin
 American Indian Council on Alcoholism
 American Indian Institute
 American Lung Association
 American National Red Cross
 Artists for the Humanities
 Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement
 Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
 Benedict Center
 Bizstarts Milwaukee
 Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
 Bread of Healing Clinic
 Brewers Community Foundation
 Casa Romero Renewal Center
 Cathedral Center
 Center for Communication, Hearing and Deafness
 Centro Legal por Derechos Humanos
 College Possible
 Columbia St. Mary's Foundation
 Congregation of the Great Spirit
 CORE El Centro
 Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Program for the Elderly
 Daystar

Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship
 Eco-Justice Center
 Encampment for Citizenship
 English Language Partners of Wisconsin
 Express Yourself Milwaukee
 Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin
 Film Green Bay
 Franciscan Peacemakers
 Fresh Coast Classic
 Friendship Circle
 Froedtert Hospital Foundation
 Gerald Ignace Indian Health Center
 Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin
 Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
 Great Lakes Lifeways Institute
 Groundwork Milwaukee
 Growing Power
 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin
 Hmong American Friendship Association
 Holton Street Clinic
 Hope House of Milwaukee
 Hope Street Ministry
 Housing Resources
 Indian Council of the Elderly
 Indian Summer
 Indian Youth of America
 Interfaith Senior Programs
 Jewish Family Services
 JFS Housing
 King Advisory
 La Causa
 Lakeside Scholars Athletic Academy
 Layton Boulevard West Neighbors
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 Lutheran Special School and Education Services
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 Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
 Milwaukee Riverkeeper
 Milwaukee Urban League
 Milwaukee Youth Theatre
 Mount Mary University
 My Father's House
 My Home, Your Home
 National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
 National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
 Neighborhood House of Milwaukee
 New Beginnings Are Possible
 New Horizon Center
 NewThreads of Hope
 Nia Imani Family
 Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise
 Notre Dame Middle School
 Operation DREAM

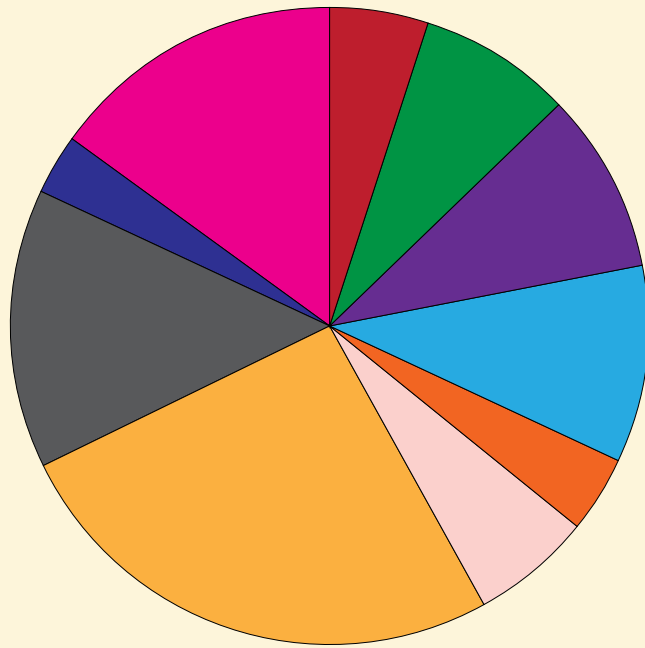
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 Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency
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 Repairers of the Breach
 River Revitalization
 Riverworks Development
 Running Rebels
 Safe & Sound
 Salvation Army Services
 Serenity Inns
 SET Ministry
 Sharing Center
 Shee Yee of Milwaukee
 Silver Spring Neighborhood Center
 Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
 Social Development Foundation
 Spotted Eagle
 St. Catherine Residence
 St. Charles Borromeo
 St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
 St. Marcus School
 St. Norbert College

St. Paul Area Council of Churches
 St. Vincent De Paul Society
 Student Conservation Association
 Summit Educational Association
 Tessa's Black Entertainment & Youth Center
 Tippecanoe
 True Skool
 Tusweca Tiospaye
 UEC/MVP Project
 United Community Center
 United Indians of Milwaukee
 Urban Economic Development Association
 USO of Wisconsin SE Region
 Veterans Employment Alliance
 Victory Garden Initiative
 White Earth Land Recovery Project
 Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
 Wisconsin FACETS
 Wiscraft Inc. - Wisconsin Enterprises for the Blind
 Women's Center
 Youth and Family Project
 Youth Development Boot Camp
 YWCA of Greater Milwaukee



Shopodock Indian House,
 Town of Dupont, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, 1940
 Photo courtesy of FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum

2014 Areas of Giving



Arts & Culture	5%	Environmental	6%
Civic & Community	5%	Health & Human Services	22%
Economic Development	9%	Native American	16%
Education	12%	Veterans	3%
Eldery	5%	Youth Development	5%

Supported Areas of Wisconsin



FCP Executive Council



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The Advisory Committee of the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation provides advice and counsel on matters important to help the Foundation meet its mission by assisting in the evaluation of grant requests to help determine those requests that appear to most merit support and assist in developing the standard for grants. Members of the Advisory Committee have attained prominence in their respective careers and were chosen because of their value in providing sound advice and counsel.

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