

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Manidoo Ogitigaan



Letter from the Directors

Mii sa go miinawaa nanaakonamawangidwaa igiweg gaa gii wiidanokiitamawiyangidwaanig. Aapichi go naa gi gizhewaadizim miinawaa gi minode'em. Gi maamawi izhichigemin ombigaabawitooyang owe gaa miinigoowiziyang gid inwewininaan miinawaa owe sa anishinaabewaadiziwin. Iwe gosha nigii-dazhiikaamin miinawaa owe gaa izhi nagadamawiyangidwaanig igi gaa getaadiziwaad. Nigii-Anishinaabe ziinzibaakwadokemin naa ge gii wiigwaasi jiimaanikeyaang biinish igo gii bagidasabiyaang imaa nibiikaang. Ke dash gaye ni gagwe wiijii'aanaanig igiwe gaa minochigewaad anooj ayizhichigewaad ozhitoowaad ini wewenizhishingin. Zhaagooj idash gaye nin-dazhiikaamin owe Anishinaabemowin ezhi apiitendaagwak. Ni zhaagoojadoomin aano go zazanakamigak omaa akiikaang. Miigwech miinawaa gii-naadamawiyeg gakina awiya!

Once again we salute the ones who work with us. You all are really kind and you have good hearts. We do this together as we are reviving what we were given spiritually our language and Anishinaabe way of being. Again we are actually working on what was left here by the elders. We made sugar and we built a birch bark canoe we also put our nets in the water. Also we try and help the ones who are making beautiful things. We still do the important language work and we continue our work regardless of the difficulties on this earth. Thank you every one for helping us.



Food Sovereignty

Anishinaabewanjigewin

This year we partnered with the Ponemah Community and Glenda Martin to host a community Sugaring Camp at the Point in Obaashiing on the Red Lake Reservation. Manidoo Ogitigaan planned and managed the Sugar Bush. We hired 3 adult apprentices and 2 youth apprentices. Several families volunteered their time to help out. All of the people who worked and volunteered at the Sugar Bush received a supply of maple sugar and syrup to take home. We hosted the Ponemah School and the Northwest Juvenile Detention Center at our community Sugar Bush, and everyone was able to help out and participate. The Sugar Bush lasted for approximately 6 weeks. We produced a great yield of sugar and syrup that lasted the entire year!



Obaashiing Sugar Bush Iskigamizigan



This summer we experienced a significant drought which affected some of our seasonal food activities. There weren't enough berries to harvest, and the berries that we saw were too small and shriveled to harvest. The rice looked thick and plentiful, but there wasn't enough water in our ricing lakes to harvest the Manoomin. In the late fall and early winter, we were able to set nets for fish and have some activities focused on netting and processing fish. We also set rabbit snares and processed deer.



Art

Anishinaabe ozhichigewin

This year we hosted a weekly beading circle with master beadwork artist Thomas Stillday (Ponemah), regalia making with Andrea Rosebear (Ponemah), birch bark work and canoe building with Laban Smith (Walpole Island) and Rachel Austin.



Community Health

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Weekly Activities

Indenous Mindfulness and Yoga led by Elizabeth Strong- Elders Yoga and yoga at Ponemah School, yoga at the Ponemah Roundhouse

Drum and Dance, Jingle Dress led by Andrea Rosebear

3 Red Lake Community members received training through the Center for Mind Body Medicine.

8 community members had the opportunity to attend the Indigenous Lotus Mindfulness Retreat in Shakopee

We offered seasonal activities and comunity feasts

Community and COVID response- We had 4 workers who help with food shelf and keeping areas clean

Anishinaabemowin



In 2021, we began hosting a weekly Virtual Language Table that evolved into an Advanced/ Intermediate Language Professionals Working Group. We hired three Advanced Language Facilitators who run the group and produce language resources and materials for classrooms and language tables. The project will enter phase 2 in 2022, with some exciting language opportunities for learners and facilitators. We also continued working with first language speakers to record and transcribe Ojibwemowin. In 2022, we will continue hosting our Virtual Online Language Working Group in addition to phase 2 of the project.

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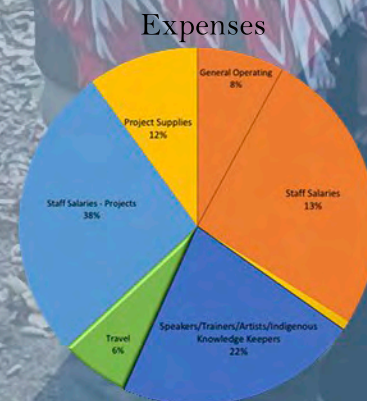
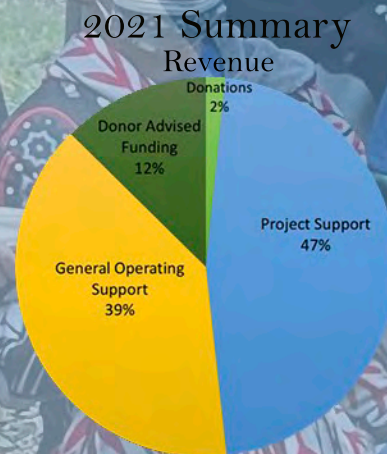
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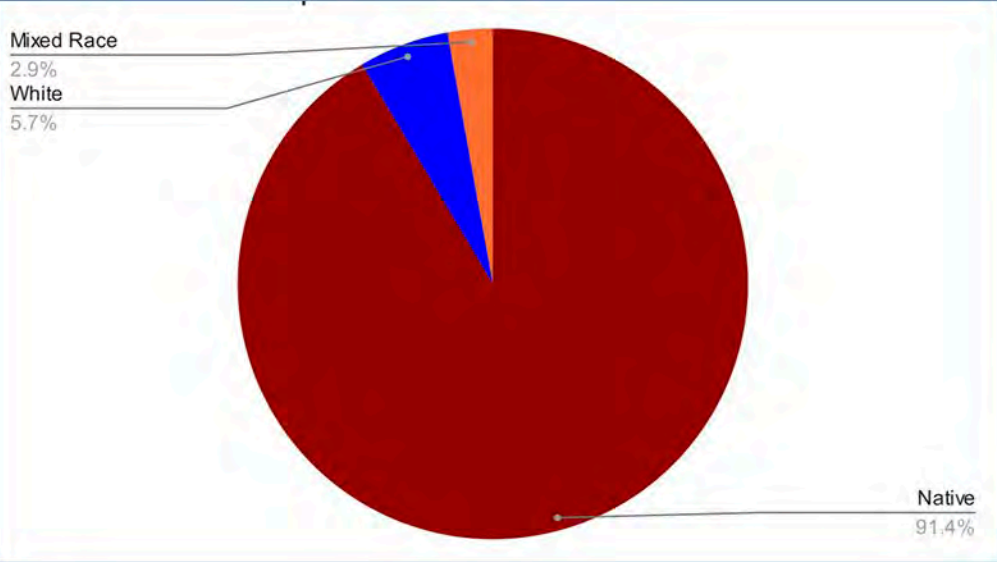
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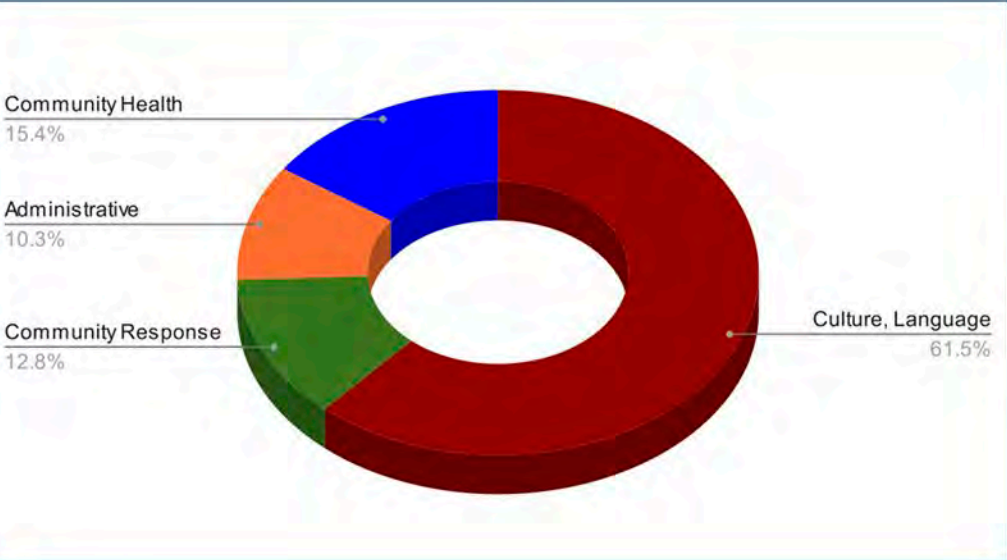
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Contractor Demographics



Type of Contractor Work



Miigwech! We love our Elders, Knowledge-Keepers, volunteers, and contractors who work with us. Thank you to the Ponemah community, Red Lake Nation, and Glenda Martin for partnering with us and supporting our community led work. We are grateful to you.

Thank you to our COVID and community response worker, Corey Whitefeather, who has worked since the onset of the pandemic to help the Ponemah Community. We also want to acknowledge the Rosebears and Rob and Victoria Fineday for all they do.

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