



SANTA CLARA COUNTY AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

c/o INDIAN HEALTH CENTER OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY, INC.

1333 MERIDIAN AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CA 95125

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RE: 2009 American Indian Heritage Celebration Donation

Dear Friend,

On Saturday, September 19, 2009, the American Indian Heritage Celebration Planning Committee, an inter-tribal collaboration of American Indian leaders of the Santa Clara Valley, will bring together thousands of people to **Evergreen Valley College** (3095 Yerba Buena Road, San Jose, CA 95135) from **12 pm to 10 pm** for a **daylong event celebrating American Indian heritage, history, language, art, music and community**. **In addition, we will be having an Indian Market, Traditional Big Time and a Powwow.**

Our full day celebration will include a health fair, cultural sharing, language presentations, arts and crafts booths, food booths, dance performances, cultural activities and traditional games. Our program targets all age groups and the program objectives include:

- Promoting wellness and health education to the community, focusing on issues specifically targeting American Indians (i.e. diabetes, heart disease, substance abuse, and mental health) by adjoining traditional American Indian diet and healing practices with modern medical, health and wellness resources.
- Promoting a sense of unity among American Indian peoples and the community through cultural sharing and educational presentations on American Indian history, language and heritage.
- Celebrating “life” and promoting strength, survival and prosperity for American Indians as well as the entire community.

The Planning Committee seeks financial donations as well as donations of food, drinks and related hospitality supplies. We also seek partnerships with hospitals, health care agencies, food distributors, community organizations, and major sponsors interested in participating in the **Fourth Annual Santa Clara County American Indian Heritage Celebration**. Your donation is tax deductible, as the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley, the Planning Committee’s fiscal agent, is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit Corporation.

We will graciously acknowledge all donations/sponsors in our program and media advertisements commemorating the event. Our celebration will be publicized in local newspapers, TV, radio, through internet advertisements, e-mail distributions and community outreach.

The Planning Committee is comprised of leaders from the local indigenous tribe, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as neighboring tribes including the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista and Mission Santa Cruz, and the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation of the Greater Monterey Bay Area. Other Planning Committee members include the American Indian Alliance; Center for Training & Careers; Diabetes Community Advisory Committee; Evergreen Valley College; the Indian Health Center; Many Nations, One People; Native Voice TV; N. CA Apache Council; Registrar of Voters; San Jose State University; US Postal Services; Washoe Native TANF and American Indian community members from Contra Costa County, Alameda County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County, Monterey County, San Benito County, and from other parts of the United States.

For more information please contact Vernon Medicine Cloud at 408-445-3400 x208 or vmcloud@ihcscv.org. Visit our website at www.americanindianheritage.org. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution. Aho!

The 2009 American Indian Heritage Planning Committee