January 30, 2017

Dear AIC Pow Wow Supporter,

The American Indian Council (AIC), at Montana State University (MSU), invites you to the 42nd Annual AIC Pow Wow on April 14 & 15, 2017, at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, in Bozeman, Montana. The American Indian Council is a student organization chartered under MSU policies and procedures regulating student groups. The AIC is under the sponsorship of the Department of Native American Studies (NAS). The AIC represents over 600 Native American students at MSU who can be found in every College and Department, discipline, and option.

The annual AIC Pow Wow is the largest college pow wow in the Pacific Northwest and is the only one that does not charge admission to attend. This event attracts hundreds of guests from all of Montana’s Indian reservations and neighboring states. It is the largest celebration of American Indian heritage, culture, and diversity at MSU. Thousands of spectators fill the MSU Brick Breeden Fieldhouse to witness this outstanding two-day cultural event. This is one of the premier events for the City of Bozeman and throughout the region. It has been written up in *Sunset Magazine* and several airline in-flight magazines.

The Department of NAS provides significant funding for this event. However, fundraising efforts by students are necessary to meet the event’s budgetary requirements. The AIC works hard to make this event a success in addition to the time and energy spent on their responsibilities as students.

There are many volunteers from the community and MSU who step forward to assist in many ways before and during the event. However, success also comes down to financial support for the many services necessary to host such an event. Rising costs for rental of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse facilities and related activities (security, parking, clean-up, set-up, and take-down, for example) challenge the AIC to spend more time and effort raising funds.

One of the key ways to support the pow wow is by becoming an event sponsor. Please consider providing a donation to the AIC between the amounts of $25 - $1,500. All individuals and organizations who donate will receive official recognition in the pow wow program.

* Donations from $25 - $499 will be listed in the pow wow program.
* Donations from $500 - $999 will receive a complimentary ½ page full-color ad in the pow wow program.
* Donations from $1,000 and above will receive a complimentary full-page full-color ad in the pow wow program.

Donating to the 42nd Annual AIC Pow Wow is a great opportunity to advertise your services, business, and support for your community. You and/or your business can help ensure that one of the largest cultural events in Montana remains a free admission event. If you choose to donate, please email your name or business ad (1/2 or full page color PDF) by Friday, March 24, 2017, to francine.spangwillis@montana.edu. Please make the check or money order payable to the AMERICAN INDIAN CLUB, and mail it to:

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Thank you for your consideration and support! We look forward to seeing you at our annual celebration. For further questions about donating to the pow wow, please contact any of the AIC co-advisors:

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