



FUTURES FOR CHILDREN NEWSLETTER • FALL 2008

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40 YEARS OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH

WHAT A FEAST IT WAS...

Futures for Children Celebrates Forty Years.



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In the 40th year of Futures for Children, more than 200 mentors, donors, friends, students and graduates gathered September 26-28, to celebrate academic success for thousands of American Indian students.

The weekend opened with dinner at Gebert Contemporary Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

President & CEO, Jim West, welcomed guests from near and far to hear from mentors and graduates about the impact Futures had upon their lives. Mentor, Jeannine Maxwell; graduate, Olivia Redhorse; and graduate Shana Coriz spoke eloquently about the impact mentorship had, and continues to have, upon their lives.

During the evening, W. Richard West, founding director of the National Museum of the American Indian, was honored for his leadership in establishing the Museum, while guiding so many tribal nations to come together to record their history and envision their future. A video was shown depicting Rick's life and the influences that shaped his future.

The evening was capped by a lively art auction skillfully lead by Paul Margetson, master auctioneer extraordinaire. Special guests for the evening included students and their parents, Futures' graduates, mentors, and native artists who contributed truly fine works of art, the sale of which benefitted Futures' youth leadership programs. The art auction raised \$29,980.

Saturday morning, Moveable Feast gathered at the Museum of Folk Art for a symposium, "The Past Informs our Future". The symposium panel included Dr. David Beaulieu, Rick West, Kevin Gover, and Jim West. Moderator, Harlan McKosato, guided the panel through topics including education, economic

development, sustaining spiritual and cultural traditions in the modern world, Indian rights and court decisions, the American Indian Movement of the 60's and 70's, and much more. The audience found the symposium to be one of the highlights of the weekend, and many asked for more in the future.

The balance of Saturday included tours of museum exhibitions, enjoyment of the New Mexico Authors Book Fair on Museum Hill, and a small reception welcoming students, graduates and mentors.

A private reception was held at Niman Fine Arts by the Namingha family, long-time supporters of Futures for Children. During the reception, surrounded by extraordinary works by the Naminghas, a presentation of the Futures' Pendleton blanket was made to Rick West and Dan Namingha, designer of the limited edition Pendleton blanket honoring Futures for Children. Saturday evening concluded with dinners in the Santa Fe homes of supporters of Futures for Children, giving all guests an opportunity to visit with one another in an intimate setting.

Moveable Feast concluded with Sunday brunch hosted by Blue Rain Gallery. During the brunch, master jewelry designer Larry Vasquez spoke about his

process in creating stunning jewelry accompanied by poems and stories, also created by Larry. It was a fitting end to a full weekend of enjoyment and celebration.

Special thanks go out to the Moveable Feast Committee, Futures' staff, the art galleries—Blue Rain Gallery, Gebert Contemporary Art and Blue Rain Gallery, and countless individuals who contributed to the weekend's success in so many ways.



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"FOUR DIRECTIONS"
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100% Virgin Wool
64" x 80"
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2008 COLLECTIBLE FEATHER ORNAMENT

This year's limited edition ornament, the feather, is a sacred symbol for many American Indian tribes. Each ornament is \$27.95 plus \$7.95 shipping & handling (USPS Priority).

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CURRENT NEEDS

Promise and potential fueled by a little help.

This academic year, more than 1,400 American Indian students—with support from their mentors, their families and Futures—will strive to reach their greatest potential in school. Their academic success propels all we do.

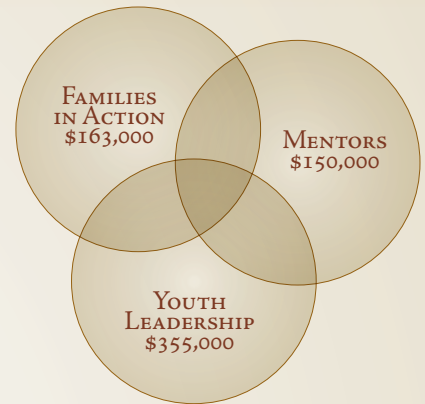
You—Futures' mentors, donors, and friends—make dreams come alive by shaping, molding, guiding and building tomorrow's American Indian leaders. Your personal encouragement and friendship, your financial gifts, and your belief in their promise and potential make their success possible.

These are unsteady financial times, and much diverts our attention. However, if each of us does something, our students' focus on academic achievement will not falter. Their hopes will not fade. Their bright, successful futures will be realized.

Futures' students need your support and attention now. They are counting on each of us.

This year, it will take more than \$2.6 million to make all this success happen. Here are Futures' major financial challenges this year:

Your generosity will make a powerful difference in the lives of American Indian students. Your gift counts. Thank you!



Futures' Programs

1ST CIRCLE: \$150,000 MENTORSHIP
FFC underwriting beyond mentorship fees

2ND CIRCLE: \$355,000 YOUTH LEADERSHIP
programs for 1,100+ students

3RD CIRCLE: \$163,000 FAMILIES IN ACTION
programs for Native American communities

Program Support

TRAINING AND MATERIALS: \$87,000
for community coaches, teachers & volunteers

COLLEGE HORIZONS: \$80,000
post-secondary awareness

TRANSPORTATION \$30,000
expenses for program staff



SPECIAL GIFT DELIVERIES

Mentors... Please take note!

Packages sent to our offices for delivery may not exceed 1' x 2' x 3' in dimension (approximately the size of a boxed personal computer), and may not exceed 30 lbs.

Futures cannot guarantee delivery of any time-sensitive gift/packages from the Futures' office to the community volunteer or student. Deliveries can only be made when Regional Coordinators are traveling to the community for other FFC business. Thank you!



MENTOR AN AMERICAN INDIAN CHILD.

Build a Relationship that Lasts a Lifetime.

Over 200 American Indian students are currently on the mentor waiting list! These are just 15 of those 200 who have submitted their applications to Futures for Children and are awaiting mentors today.

The need for mentors and co-mentors has never been greater. Please consider becoming a mentor. Building a mentorship relationship with your student takes time, effort, and patience.

The Futures' staff is your partner in mentoring your student. Our Mentor Coordinator and Regional Coordinators are ready to assist you at any time. To learn more about becoming a mentor or co-mentor, please contact our mentor coordinator, Janelle Sandoval. If you are already a mentor, please encourage your friends and family to consider helping one of our students achieve academic success.

Call: 1-800-545-6843 ext. 121

Or email: sandovalj@futuresforchildren.org

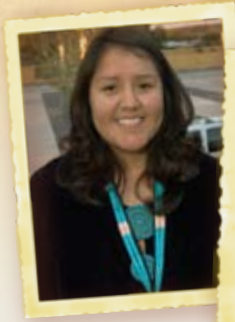
Form a cross-cultural relationship that can last a lifetime. You'll be shaping a promising future for an American Indian student.

Become a mentor today!



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