



Indian Land Tenure
FOUNDATION.



Annual Report 2009



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

For charitable organizations across the U.S., 2008 and early 2009 saw dramatically reduced revenue streams and drastic budget cuts as a result of the nationwide economic crisis and its ripple effects on the nonprofit sector. According to a 2010 Foundation Center survey of the nation's 75,000 grantmaking foundations, overall foundation giving decreased by 10 percent in 2009 and was expected to fall further through 2010. While foundation assets are slowly starting to rebound, they are still well below their 2007 peak, and funders are proceeding with caution.

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation was hard hit by these factors as well. From September 2008 to February 2009, ILTF's assets dropped by 15 percent and prospects for new funding were scarce. Facing an uncertain future, the Foundation stopped accepting proposals in the majority of its program areas, closing seven out of eight existing RFPs. While we were able to honor our prior funding commitments, we made only three new grants in 2009 totaling \$57,368—our smallest grantmaking year since inception in 2002. The ILTF board of directors also made the difficult decision to eliminate five staff positions and reduce one full-time position to part-time.

Yet, despite the challenges we faced in 2009, there were several bright moments. On the funding side, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians awarded ILTF with a \$450,000 multi-year grant to support the implementation of *Lessons of Our Land*, a Head Start and K-12 curriculum, in Southern California. Also, in late 2009, the National Rural Funders Collaborative (NRFC) decided to extend its initial \$600,000 multi-year grant to ILTF with a new three-year commitment of \$300,000. As part of its NRFC grant, ILTF will continue its collaboration with the Native American Community Development Corporation to assist reservation communities in the Northern Great Plains with strategic planning and economic development projects. Needless to say, we are deeply grateful for the timely support we received from these two sources.

On the program side, ILTF continued to work in partnership with the Indian Law Resource Center (ILRC) on the Native Land Law Project, an effort to develop a new set of legal principles to guide U.S. laws relating to Native lands and natural resources. In July 2009, ILTF and ILRC held their first joint meeting with tribal leaders and legal staff to gather input on the draft principles. Since that time, several more regional meetings have been held and the project has rapidly been gaining the support of many tribal leaders as a new paradigm of U.S. law related to Indian lands. Our curriculum projects also continued to advance in Montana, Idaho, South Dakota and Minnesota, with school districts in those states taking the lead on ensuring that students at all educational levels are taught the history, culture and land tenure issues of the Native people in their regions.

Going forward into 2010, our financial position is getting stronger and we anticipate resuming some amount of grantmaking. We are poised to build upon past accomplishments (see "Program Highlights: 2002 - 2009" on the following page) and continue the important work of assisting Indian nations and Indian people in the recovery of their rightful homelands. We welcome your ongoing support of this worthy endeavor.



Cris Stainbrook
President



Virgil Dupuis
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*On staff as of May 2010.

As a result of ILTF's programs . . .

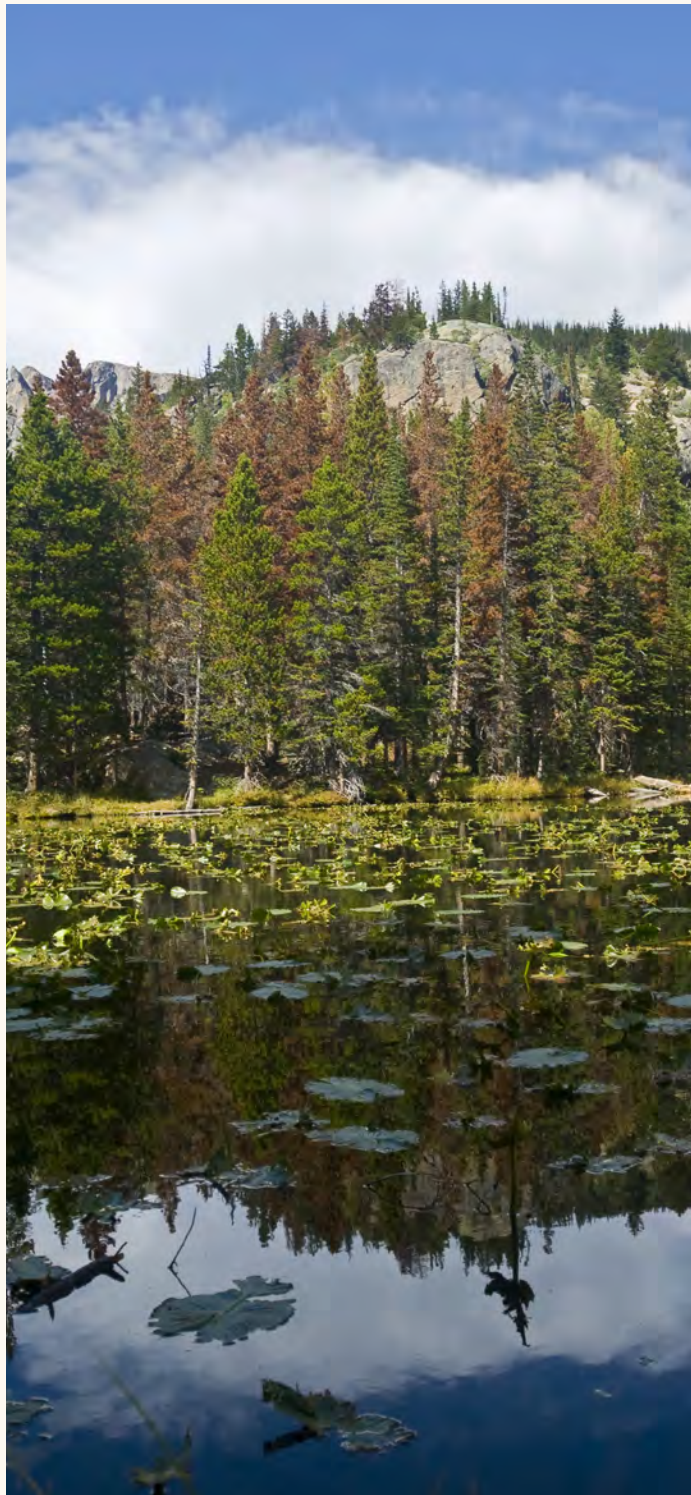
- ▶ More than **3,000 landowners** received direct legal service and will writing assistance
- ▶ **15 strategic land planning workshops** were held for Indian landowners and their families
- ▶ Indian nations purchased **25,000 acres of land** with financing from the Indian Land Capital Company, an ILTF affiliate
- ▶ More than **50,000 educational publications** on Indian land tenure were distributed to individuals, tribes and government agencies
- ▶ **1,310 land consolidations** were processed, reducing fractionated ownership and increasing opportunities for homeownership, business development and farming
- ▶ Indian history, culture and land tenure were taught in **58 public schools, 40 tribal schools, 4 tribal colleges and 8 universities**
- ▶ **20 Indian nations** published tribal land histories to educate their tribal members and the general public
- ▶ Up to **1,600 sacred and cultural sites** have been protected



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Lac Vieux Desert Indian Reservation Watersmeet, Michigan - \$10,868

to conduct a market study, development plan, financing strategies and tribal capacity building to purchase and manage 91,000 acres of timberland property as part of a partnership with the Conservation Fund and a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



EDUCATION

Curriculum Implementation

Oshki Ogimaag Charter School Grand Portage, Minnesota - \$2,500

to adapt and implement ILTF's curriculum, *Lessons of Our Land*, for K-6 at a new charter school located on the Grand Portage Ojibwe Reservation. Once adapted, the curriculum will incorporate the local history, current events, culture and language of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, drawing upon local resources to connect students with the land, culture and community.

Idaho State Department of Education Boise, Idaho - \$44,000

to support a statewide effort in Idaho to implement a Native American curriculum that meets new state standards, to make these materials available to teachers online, to develop and implement teacher preparation, and to build Idaho tribal consensus around the curriculum's learning objectives and lesson plans, with an emphasis on indigenous educational approaches.



"Rooted in the Grand Portage Anishinaabe culture and language . . . we will prepare students through innovative experiential learning and service projects to become life-long learners that: reach their personal and academic potential; preserve the Grand Portage Anishinaabe language and culture; and, contribute to the wellness of future generations."

*Mission Statement
Oshki Ogimaag Charter School*

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FUNDERS

American Indian College Fund

\$11,956 for the Adam Beach Endowment.

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

\$15,000 for an estate planning and will writing services summer internship.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation

\$15,000 for an estate planning and will writing services summer internship.

Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs

\$4,333 for a 2009 summer internship position at Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

Margaret A. Cargill Foundation

\$50,000 to support the well-being of children and families.

Minneapolis Foundation

\$65,000 for general operating expenses (final year of a three-year, \$195,000 grant).

National Rural Funders Collaborative

\$300,000 over three years to work in collaboration with the Native American Community Development Corporation to assist targeted reservation communities of the Northern Great Plains.

Otto Bremer Foundation

\$66,667 for general operating expenses (final year of a three-year, \$200,000 grant).

Paul G. Allen Foundation

\$110,000 for estate planning and will writing (final year of a three-year, \$350,000 grant).

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

\$150,000 for curriculum adaptation and implementation in California (first year of a three-year, \$450,000 grant).

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

ILTF raised \$5,833 from its participation in the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign, the annual workplace fundraising drive conducted by federal employees and military personnel. This year, ILTF also developed a video, "Our Vision," for the CFC Video Speaker's Bureau website: www.cfcvideospeakersbureau.org.

GIVEMN.ORG

In late 2009, ILTF participated in an online giving opportunity through a new Minnesota-based fundraising website, GiveMN.org. On November 17th, the site hosted "Give to the Max Day," a 24-hour fundraising campaign which drew 45,000 donations to more than 3,400 charities and raised more than \$14 million. On "Give to the Max Day," ILTF raised \$5,430 through GiveMN.org.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Red Ink Opening Night Celebration at Mixed Blood Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation was proud to have provided partial funding, in 2008, for the Mixed Blood Theatre's production of *Red Ink: A Play within a Pow-Wow*.

The play, which opened on April 24, 2009, included an all-Native cast and explored topics such as sovereignty, gaming, racism and Indian land tenure through stories, music and dance. More than \$2,000 was raised for ILTF programs through ticket sales and donations on opening night.



The cast and creators of *Red Ink* on opening night.

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	635,719
Investments	13,578,021
Investment in Limited Liability Company	250,000
Accounts Receivable	5,062
Grants Receivable	585,000
Interest Receivable	128,702
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	1,017
Notes Receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible notes of \$206,750 and \$110,000	3,810,144
Property and Equipment, net	864,315
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Total Assets	\$19,857,980

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AND MINORITY INTEREST

Accounts Payable	13,951
Grants Payable	316,739
Accrued Payroll Expenses	30,882
Accrued Interest	25,000
Notes Payable	3,700,000
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Total Liabilities	\$4,086,572

Net Assets

Unrestricted	685,864
Temporarily Restricted	15,085,544

Minority Interest -

Total Net Assets and Minority Interest \$15,771,408

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$19,857,980

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenue

Fundraising Income	66,165
Grants and Awards	950,312
Interest and Other Investment Income	1,039,480
Other Income	272,852

Total Revenue 2,328,809

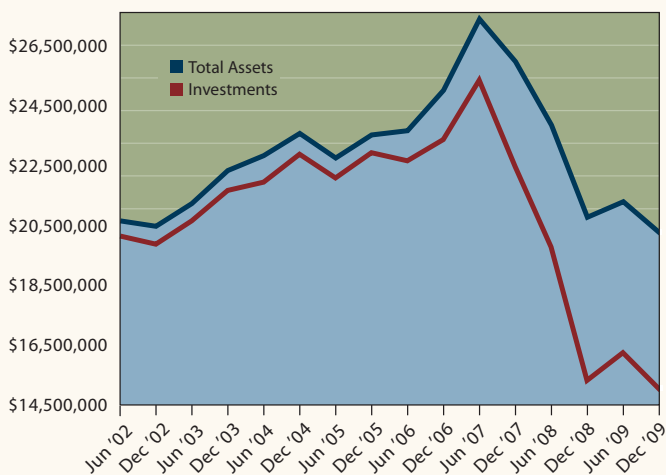
Expenditures

Salaries/Taxes/Benefits	860,327
Advertising	2,252
Depreciation	72,391
Insurance	7,263
Dues and Subscriptions	10,827
Postage	10,043
Office Expenses	46,373
Professional Fees	32,617
Contracted Services	765,141
Rental	70
Repairs and Maintenance	6,559
Grants	15,934
Travel Expenses	40,711
Utilities	5,188
Board Expenses	44,338
Communications	29,899
Interest	63,222
Other Expenses	22,004
Indian Land Capital Company	265,715
Minority Interest Loss	-

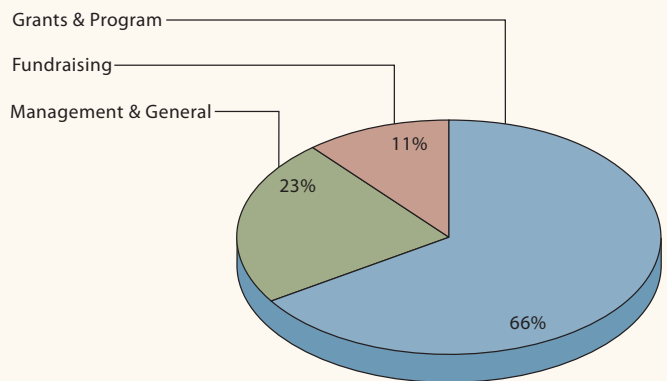
Total Expenditures \$2,300,874

Revenue over Expenditures \$27,935

ILTF Total Assets Since Inception



Expenses by Function





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OUR MISSION

Land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management.



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