



*Honoring the Brilliance of our Diamond Anniversary 60 years*  
**PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER GALA & NATIVE AMERICAN ART AUCTION**  
*April 19, 2008 @ Phoenix Convention Center*

## ABOUT THE PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER

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The Phoenix Indian Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1947 by Mr. Leon Grant, a tribal member from the Omaha reservation, living in Phoenix. The Center began as a drop-in location for early urban Native Americans coming to Phoenix, looking for work. It was incorporated with 501(c)3 status in 1954 and is a long-term recipient of United Way funding. Today the Center provides a variety of services to assist Native Americans in their ongoing transition to urban life.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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Our mission is to serve as the primary resource for Native Americans in the Valley of the Sun and to promote and foster Native American culture and contribution to our society as a whole. In pursuing our mission, we celebrate our cultural heritage, support the general welfare and promote economic, social and educational advancement of the Native American community and we continuously strive to enhance the experience and benefit of traditional cultural values for all the citizens of the Native American community.

## BOARD GOVERNANCE

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The Phoenix Indian Center, Inc. began as a grassroots organization and has always been governed by a Board of Directors. Below is a listing of our current Board Members.

### Executive Committee:

- President - Katosha Nakai, Lewis & Roca
- Past President - Linda J. Benally, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation
- President Elect - Robert Roessel, SRP
- Treasurer - Joe Abdai, Banner Health
- Secretary - Jean Nahomi-Mani, Gila River Telecommunications

### Members:

- Darryl Bradley, Stantec Company
- Patty Dimitriou, Alternative Marketing Solutions
- Steve Geiogamah, City of Scottsdale
- Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
- Tim Jayne, Wells Fargo
- Ramon Martinez, Casino Arizona
- Dave Smoot, NATAWA
- Richard Todd, Universal Background Screening

### Administration Representatives:

- Patricia K. Hibbeler, Chief Executive Officer
- Franklin LaFave, Chief Financial Officer

*Special Notes – ten of the thirteen board members are Native American; PIC has approximately 30 full-time staff and 98% are Native American; 60% have a Bachelor's degree or above and the average tenure of employment is six years with the longest single staff tenure being 28 years.*

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## TARGET POPULATION SERVED

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Native Americans residing in Maricopa County

## SERVICES WE PROVIDE

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### Adult Services

- Employment counseling/ Job training and placement
- Skills for Success/job readiness class
- Adult Education/academic skill improvement
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparation
- Internet/computer access for resume building and job searches
- Life Skills adult classes

### Youth Services

- In school services/partnership
  - Substance abuse prevention programming
  - Cultural enrichment
  - Youth tutoring
  - Academic assistance
  - In-school support groups/talking circles
  - Youth underage drinking assessment

### Family Services

- Case management
  - Rental and utility assistance
  - Food boxes and bus tickets
  - Brokering of referrals to outside services
- Individual/family/couples counseling
- Onsite childcare for clients utilizing Center services
- Child welfare programming assessment

### Cultural Enrichment Programs (Adult & Youth)

- Navajo language and history classes
- Other tribal presentations

## Client Demographics

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The Center serves over 4,000 urban Native Americans residing in Maricopa County at any given time. The following statistics hold true for our most recent clientele:

- 28% report either part-time or full-time employment
- 77% of households earn less than \$15,000 per year, 20% of households earn between \$15,000 and \$35,000 and 3% earn more than \$35,000
- 61% of households have children and with an average family size of 3.5 persons
- 67% of households are headed by women
- Average time living in Phoenix is 8 years

## Finances

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The Phoenix Indian Center, Inc. has a clean history of financial audits which are available by request. We do not employ lobbyists in either the state or federal legislature.

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## Contact Information

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