Miniluzahan Okolakiciyapi Ambassadors

“Rapid City Circle of Friends”
Bridging cultures in Rapid City. Because relationships matter.
Why?

Addressing the problem:

The lack of or broken relationships and lack of respect between the Native and non-Native American communities in our city.
Who are the MOAs?

• Native and non-native leaders
• People representing multiple community sectors
• Those who accepted an invitation to come and learn together
• People who recognized the identified problem ‘up front’ when invited to participate
The Mniluzahan Okolakiciyapi Ambassadors 2015
The Mniluzahan Okolakiciyapi Ambassadors 2018
Museum of Tolerance
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“Hope lives when people remember”
Simon Wiesenthal
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We believe

History and Place MATTER

Relationships MATTER
BEAM

Bridging Cultures

Educating ourselves and others

Advocating

Modeling Respectful behaviors
MOA as “champions”

**Examples**

- Black Hills Wacipi Sponsor
- LNI Sponsor
- First People’s Fund Sponsor
- Native American Day Parade
- LNI Lakota Handgames
- Corporate Citizen Challenge 2017 / 2018
- “Wacipi 101”
  - Wacipi Community Breakfast 2017
  - Wacipi Community Lunch 2018
- Rapid City Indian Boarding School and Sioux San Lands History
- 40th Anniversary LNI celebration (signs in downtown RC)
- RCPD – Native themed patrol car
- RCPD – Race relations and policing Press Forum sponsor
“Celebrating Native American Day”

PARADE
ALL CHILDREN ARE SACRED

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2016

PARADE WILL START AT 1ST STREET & MAIN
8:00AM LINE UP - 9AM PARADE STARTS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FLOAT CONTEST $500 GRAND PRIZE, $200, $20

CONTEST CATEGORIES: MOST TRADITIONAL, MOST SPIRIT, MOST HUMOR, MOST COLORFUL, REZ CAR

LUNCH PROVIDED
AT 11AM!

DURING BLACK HILLS POWWOW!

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
RURAL AMERICA INITIATIVES,
RAPID CITY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS,
MNLUZAHAN OKOLAKICYAPI AMBASSADORS,
RAPID CITY REGIONAL HEALTH, BLACK HILLS POWWOW

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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: CHAS JEWETT 605.431.3594
Wacipi 101
Central High School
Old Auditorium
Doors Open 6PM
Event 6:30PM-8PM

Date: Oct 4, 2016
Free Event!

MniLuzahan
Okolakiciyapi
Ambassadors

Emcee:
Whitney Rencountre

Featuring:
Dancers & Singers

A Learning Experience
About the Wacipi
& Song & Dance!

Get ready for
Black Hills Powwow
October 7-9, 2016

For more info contact Whitney 391.2034
Or Karen Mortimer 390-8937
BH Wacipi Attendance and sponsorships are growing!
LAKOTA NATION INVITATIONAL

DO BIG THINGS

JOIN US
December 13th
4:30 p.m.
Theatre Entrance
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

TO RED CARPET WELCOME
LNI players, coaches & Board of Directors

CHRISTMAS CHAMBER MIXER
TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW
For more information call 605-718-8484

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Supporting new initiatives!

You are cordially invited

Grounds Blessing
August 28, 4:00 PM
Care Campus
321 Kansas City Street
(Please enter the front doors located in the Northwest Corner of the building)

Meal and tour immediately following the Grounds Blessing

Please RSVP to Karen Mortimer at karen@moarapidcity.org

CARE CAMPUS
Restoring Mind, Body & Spirit
An Inconvenient TRUTH
The History Behind the Sioux San
(Rapid City Indian Boarding School)
Lands & West Rapid City

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and Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender
RCISL – Memorial Walk

To honor the children who died there

October 8 Native American Day

A community event

A prayer ceremony
Memorial Walk

Mayor Allender
Dr. Lori Simon

Sharing a proclamation and acknowledgement
Memorial Walk
Ceremony
Building relationships ... one person at a time
What have we learned?

• Relationships take time

• Important to balance Native and non – Native membership

• Need to go SLOW to go fast

• Change happens at the “speed of trust”
What works?

to be quietly respectful and aggressively authentic
What works?

To set a tone of peace when working through conflicts
A tone of respectful curiosity
Seeking to understand
and
Celebrating our differences
What works?

Creating partnerships and collaborations

Developing relationships over common “passions”
Community building...it’s like planting trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.
Sometimes it’s the journey that teaches you a lot about the destination
Wopila Tanka
MNILUZAHAN OKOLAKICIIYAPI AMBASSADORS

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