



THE HOPI FOUNDATION
LOMASUMI'NANGWTUKWSIWMANI

2011 FALL NEWSLETTER

“Strengthening Communities Through Collaborative Actions”

Höhöqya

In the period of harvesting or Fall

The months of September, October and November occur during the Fall Season. The Hopi word for the harvesting or fall period is Höhöqya. It can also mean gathering in the crops or the process of gathering a harvest like the word Maawya.

All the work associated with harvest needs to be done before winter comes. Once it is done, then one can look forward to a time of rest and feel a sense of great satisfaction and accomplishment. Activities which take place in fall are the harvesting of crops, traditional weddings, and dances of the women’s society known as basket dances. All these Hopi cultural activities are significant for they all involve strong commitment on a variety of levels.



Summer 2011: Natwani Coalition Funds Local Food & Farming Projects

The Hopi Foundation’s (HF) Natwani Coalition (NC) has had an eventful summer managing thirteen recipients of the 2011 Natwani Coalition Food & Farming Community Grant program. This is the first year the Coalition has directly funded food and farming projects to the Hopi and Tewa communities through small grants provided through partnership with the USDA-OAO Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Grant (OASDFR) and The Christensen Fund totaling \$15,000. The funding assisted individuals and organizations to create, support and further their work in Hopi agriculture, food and farming. All accepted projects were in alignment with the HF and NC mission & goals aimed to support practices and methods of agriculture, food distribution, and food consumption that are healthy for Hopi individuals and their communities.

Funds were available for agricultural projects that occurred through the summer ending August 2011. Each application was reviewed by a team that included farmers, health professionals and youth. The review team ranked each project based on whether it: 1) supports Natwani Coalition mission and goals, 2) project impact, 3) project feasibility and, 4) whether it promoted diversity and access to Hopi communities. Upon review one team member stated, “Many of the proposed projects involved families. This is a good and positive way to teach children the concept of working together and having a larger goal that benefits others.”



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Sophia Quotskuyva, 2011
Board Vice-Chairperson.
Photo by J. Anderson

Askwali Uma Öki

Greetings from The Hopi Foundation Board of Trustees

My name is Sophia Quotskuyva from the Village of Kykotsmovi and my clan is *Maswungwa* (Fire Clan). I am a certified teacher of the blind and the visually impaired. Employed by the Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind out of Tucson, Arizona, I serve the northern regions in Tuba City, Page, and Kayenta School Districts.

Currently, I am the Vice-Chairperson for The Hopi Foundation Board of Trustees. I have served as a Hopi Foundation Board of Trustee for many years beginning when KUYI, Hopi Radio 88.1 FM was in the early stages of development to become the unique NPR broadcast outlet of the Hopi nation and surrounding area. It has been an awesome experience and an opportunity to see the HF programs and projects grow.

In serving the Hopi community, Foundation continues to oversee five active programs and a variety of projects. Some of the activity this past Summer and Fall includes the work of the Hopi Leadership Program. It is bringing to a close the third year of working with emerging Hopi leaders and professionals and this month, the 2010-2011 Leadership class graduates. Already, the HLP legacy has begun to unfold as new graduates with their project ideas for *giving back* to the Hopi community will begin working with community people to initiate and develop the projects.

HF also sponsors Natwani Coalition (NC), a program dedicated to preserving and restoring the healthy food system and agricultural traditions of the Hopi and Tewa people. During this past summer and for the very first time, the Coalition has been able to grant funds for Hopi farming projects in order to assist each project so they can provide a public service through their work in Hopi agriculture, food, and farming.

I would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to all of The Hopi Foundation and program staff and to my fellow Board of Trustees for their commitment, dedication and creativity in helping to make The Hopi Foundation a great success. May we see many more HF projects blossom and be bountiful in the coming years. *Askwali, uma piw mongvastoti.*

With best regards,

Sophia Quotskuyva

Next Barbara Chester Award Slated for October 2013

Dr. Barbara Chester played a prominent role in the establishment of The Hopi Foundation (HF) some 20 years ago, and close relationships continued between her and our Hopi people. In honor of the life and work of Dr. Barbara Chester, an award was established by The Hopi Foundation for clinicians/practitioners who treat victims of torture.

HF has long held a high regard and deep friendship for Barbara including great respect for her advocacy and lifework with victims of torture. The Tucson-based Owl & Panther program for refugee children established by Chester and sponsored by HF continues and remains a strong part of her legacy. After her passing, HF established the Barbara Chester Award to honor the worthy persons who under-take the difficult and often dangerous work of providing healing services in circumstances of torture; and to call attention to such abuses, thus drawing support for the prevention of torture and associated trauma.

The Hopi Foundation is proud to announce the next Barbara Chester Award (BCA) in October of 2013. The Award website will provide updates and selection material in the coming year. Dr. Robert Robin, PhD, former director of the HF Center for the Prevention and Resolution of Violence will serve as the BCA Coordinator to assist with the recruitment and selection of the next award recipient.

If you are interested in learning more about this award, please visit www.barbarachesteraward.org.



Barbara Poley Awarded a National Fellowship

Barbara Poley, Executive Director of The Hopi Foundation in Kykotsmovi, AZ, has been named a 2011 Alston Bannerman Fellow. The Alston Bannerman Fellowship is a national award presented by the Center for Social Inclusion which honors longtime community activists of color and gives them the opportunity to take sabbaticals in order to step back, reflect and recharge.

When asked why she does the work she does, Barbara Poley, The Hopi Foundation Executive Director, smiled, thought for a moment and replied, “My motivation comes from believing in values of being a Hopi and living by those values. I see myself not as an activist but rather as a contributing community member seeking a safe environment and a happy, healthy and self-sustaining life for my People. I have learned it takes a lifetime to acquire the ability to address life’s circumstance and community needs with humility and a caring attitude. The work I have been doing for the last eighteen years has been to serve my people with respect by coming together to do activities for the benefit of all, helping one another in time of need, and taking the initiative to take care of something without having to be instructed, asked or reminded, regardless if anyone will notice my efforts but that it will make a difference

“When I applied for the Alston Bannerman Award, I had to think about and answer why I want a sabbatical? I realized I can’t move forward until I can reflect and ask myself questions such as where are the gaps in what my community needs and how can I apply what I know to new needs in the community. I am ready for some time to reflect and think.

One of the things I would like to do while on sabbatical is to develop a good plan for becoming healthier as a priority and it would be wonderful to spend some quality time with our Leadership Alumni learning how our program was of benefit to their lives. Also, having received requests from other individuals and organizations about my leadership style and success, I now have a desire to create some kind of educational tool to support others in their leadership, one which provides me an opportunity to speak and share about my leadership experiences with others.”

Poley Names Her Successor

Monica Nuvamsa is a member of the Tewa Cloud Clan from the Village of Songoopavi located in Second Mesa, Arizona. She received her BA from the University of Arizona in 1997. Some of her early career experiences include developing and managing the Hopi Tribe's Domestic Violence Program until her appointment to the Hopi Tribe's Intergovernmental Liaison coordinating tribal policy and appropriations priorities at both state and national levels. Monica also served in higher education and leadership development for the University of Arizona's Native American Student Affairs and the Morris K. Udall Foundation's Native American Congressional Internship Program in Tucson, Arizona and Washington, D.C.

She currently serves in several capacities at the Hopi Foundation including, Associate Director, Director of Programs and KUYI General Manager. She is also a board member of the Hopi Education Endowment Fund and Native Americans in Philanthropy.

After returning to Hopi she began her employment with the Foundation in January 2007. “I am truly honored to be part of The Hopi Foundation transition into a new phase of leadership. The Foundation has brought me many wonderful realizations, foremost is being a part of an organization that starts with community first and reflects a talent and skill that comes only with experience born from local values, local assets and local resilience. As a result, I've witnessed how change in our community must be affected one person at a time.”

Nuvamsa will succeed Barbara Poley as Executive Director of The Hopi Foundation upon her retirement in 2012.





Hopi Leadership Program Class of 2010-2011 Graduates

The Hopi Leadership Program (HLP) was established in 2006 in response to the need for strong, effective, and culturally-grounded professionals at Hopi. It teaches a new generation of leaders how to balance their traditional cultural wisdom with today's needs.

In September of 2010, HLP launched its 3rd program to train the next cohort of community leaders. Their 14-month journey reached its conclusion on November 15th with a graduation banquet held at the Hopi Day School in Kykotsmovi, AZ.



The graduates of the 2010-2011 class are: Ruth Ami from Hotevilla and of the Greasewood Clan; Malinda Andrews from Mishongnovi and of the Corn Clan; Angie Harris from Mishongnovi and of the Eagle Clan; Norman Honie, Jr. from Songoopavi and of the Tewa Cloud Clan; Eldon Kalemisa, Jr. from Sipaulovi and of the Sun-forehead Clan; Bernita Kuwaninvaya from Hotevilla and of the Reed Clan; Gloria Lomahaftewa from Songoopavi and of the Cloud Clan; Janalda Nash from Sichomovi and of the Flute/Deer Clan; Kevin Nash from Sichomovi and of the Tobacco Clan; and Nikishna Polequaptewa from the Kykotsmovi and of the Badger Clan.

After taking part in the leadership program for five months, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what they have experienced so far. One participant, Malinda Andrews said, "I have learned that I will not be selfish with the information provided to me about our history, migration, cultural norms and responsibilities. When I am visiting with family and I am aware of some of these areas, I have taught myself to speak slower, more clearly, and to listen to what the others are really saying. From the short six months I have learned about the history of Hopi, gotten clarification of some Hopi customs, I thought, I knew; but best of all, you develop this incredible bond with other participants and you look forward to visiting with them and learning from them."

Since the launch of the Hopi Leadership program in 2006, the total number of HLP graduates has grown to 37. The Hopi Foundation looks forward to continue working with alumni from all of our leadership programs to support the needs of the community.

Congratulations to the Hopi Leadership Class of 2010-2011!

Visit us online to learn more about how you can support our work through a charitable contribution to any of our projects or as an unrestricted gift. You can do so by mailing your tax deductible contribution to:

The Hopi Foundation

PO Box 301

Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

or donate online via our website

www.HopiFoundation.org



Askwali/ Kwakw'ha! Thank You!



Hualapai Radio Station Trainee Interns at KUYI Hopi Radio

EPCH, The Peach, broadcasts from the Hualapai Indian reservation along the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon, [*Hakataya*, Backbone of the River]. Recently, aired on the KIDSTAR Internet radio network, the Hualapai wish to create a full terrestrial station, *KBAJ* [Hualapai People]. The Peach is run under the Native American Research Center's Health 5 Project with five teen volunteers. The shows focus on changing health behavior by encouraging peer-based physical activities.

Hualapai's Radio Project was one of 12 Native stations faced with severe financial cuts during the recent Corporation for Public Broadcasting / NPR fracas, losing funds to plan, construct and operate their terrestrial radio station. KUYI offered to provide support to them and other affected Native communities.

Staff Assistant Tim Vaughn spent three days at KUYI learning basic radio operations, shadowing DJs, NPR and local news programming; learning broadcast technology, tower equipment and maintenance; producing, recording and editing of speech and music; policies & procedures: volunteer recruitment and grant writing, compliance with Federal regulations, and underwriting. Tim observed remote equipment operation for Hopi High's Teen Show and sat in on KUYI's health program House Calls.

Maria Garcia, Production Assistant taught Tim editing and transferring while Macadio Namoki, Development & Marketing Coordinator discussed fundraising strategies. Station Manager Richard Alun Davis trained Tim on specific broadcast software used daily at The Peach.

In addition to Hualapai's EPCH, KUYI has provided consulting and assistance to Native American stations KSHI, Zuni, New Mexico; KWIS, Moscow, Idaho; KBFT Bois Forte, Minnesota; and KIYE Radio, Nez Perce from installing, operating and repairing streaming equipment, control room gear, tower equipment and generators, as well as underwriting, volunteering and daily operations tactics.

Why does KUYI provide such training? KUYI Station Manager, Richard Alun Davis answered, "This is one of the myriad of reasons community/tribal radio, will continue to play a vital role in American broadcasting. We, Native American stations, share our knowledge out of concern with the strength of our Native communities rather than profit. These are the values we keep alive. The Hualapai will benefit from the experience of the Hopi people and all the American Indian broadcasters, and journalists that brought about the existence of radio in Indian Country."

Owl & Panther Speaking Peace

Owl & Panther (O&P), a project of The Hopi Foundation located in Tucson, Arizona took part in the University of Arizona's Poetry Center "Speak Peace" Exhibition on September 17, 2011. Knowing that we walk a fine line when we ask those whose lives have been damaged by war to *speak back*, *speak out*, *speak peace* to images depicting that very aggression.

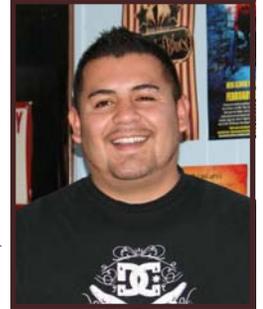
Our O&P participants are as young as five and are as old as sixty. They come from Congo, Guatemala, Mali, El Salvador, Chile, Iraq, Nepal, Bhutan, Ethiopia and Somalia. Each carries memories of the brutality of war, some the scarcity of camps. Others still witness a family member's ongoing battle with Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder's (PTSD) haunting night visitors.

The O&P project has never asked anyone "What happened to you?" While collaborating on the Comic Book Project we came closest to the line when we asked "why would someone from your country have come here?" but never directly "why did *you* and *your* family come?" We strive to provide a safe community with a variety of activities that allow them to express themselves.

Last week we asked our participants to shake up a jar of muddy water and place it in the middle of a labyrinth. When they'd finished walking the curving path, the dirt had settled and the water was almost transparent again. Then we wrote. We try to design our activities that way – as a metaphor for letting the fear and confusion drop so they can enjoy their moments of clarity and build on them.

Our *Speak Peace* performance on the 17th was well attended and a story was broadcast on Arizona Illustrated that highlighted three of our alumni. <http://ondemand.azpm.org/videosshorts/watch/2011/9/22/1830-war-survivors-speaking-peace/>

For more information about the Owl & Panther Project please see the HF website or www.owlandpanther.org





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The Natwani Coalition staff not only managed the program and grantees with their projects, but provided support, resources and all technical services (i.e., budget management, gathering online quotes, etc.) to them as well on a daily basis. Most, if not all grantees, were introduced to grant writing and reporting for the first time.

"I am honored to have worked with each of the thirteen mini grant projects and the participants and their families that managed them. I am so thankful to all of them for sharing their stories, inviting me into their homes, and holding deep cultural conversations about Hopi farming with me. As a result of this experience I have grown professionally, personally, culturally and spiritually. Thank you all for your teachings and your friendship." - Samantha Honanie, Natwani Coalition Program Manager

Youth Runners Ready to Compete in National Track & Field Meets

"When I was growing up," recounted Coach Devon Lomayaoma, "I could have just as easily been influenced by negative influences such as drugs, alcohol, bad parenting, etc. But I wasn't. I was lucky I had guidance and some very good role models beginning with my parents, my elementary school coach Gary Polacca, and high school coach Rick Baker. I wrote to The Hopi Foundation because I feel Hopi youth deserve a chance to experience what a few of us have and to be proud of it. I feel it is my turn to give back. I tell my students to be grateful for all you have, and that you are Hopi. You live on this earth for a reason. We all have gifts and competing is one way to use your gift of running."



Youth runners wearing their new team jerseys.



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