# **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

# The time for healing is now

**Our Mission:** work to ensure a meaningful and appropriate response from responsible agencies for those Native American individuals, families, and communities victimized by the United States' federal policy of forced boarding school attendance and to secure redress from responsible institutions in order to support lasting and true communitydirected healing.

> STAFF Christine Diindiisi McCleave EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe)

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## Message from the President of the Board

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has had an exciting year of accomplishments and challenges. The past year marks a milestone in the growth of NABS as an independent organization. Since NABS' inception in 2012, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has served as our legal counsel and our fiscal sponsor helping us accomplish the organizational tasks of fundraising and hiring our first staff member. As of this fiscal year, NARF no longer shoulders the task of being our fiscal sponsor. We owe a debt of gratitude for NARF's support and we are fortunate to have their ongoing support at both the program and legal levels. Their assistance has been and continues to be critical to our success.

Our Executive Officer, Christine Diindiisi McCleave, has just completed her first year as NABS' only staff, taking up and meeting the challenges of actively pursuing Development, implementing Programming, and handling the myriad of details of running day-to-day Operations. Happily, with increased support from our funders, NABS will soon be ready to hire more staff, freeing the Executive Officer to devote more time to programs and capacity building.

As with any emerging organization, Board of Directors involvement has been critical to fill the various roles and actively engage in committee work, which drives development and program implementation. Two board members have retired, Elicia Good Soldier and Andrea Carmen, and we thank them for their valuable service in this critical beginning phase and take comfort in knowing they both continue their work to promote healing from Historical Trauma, including that from boarding schools. We are excited to welcome a new Director, Jacob Davis, whose experience and talents allow him to jump right in, with sleeves rolled. The entire Board has stepped up and will continue to be called on to be a working board in the coming year.

Lastly, we wish to thank our Coalition members and generous donors. We are grateful for all who share NABS' vision of strong Native communities, healed from the effects of the historical trauma of boarding schools. We look forward to another year of growth and productivity in 2017.

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Jerilyn DeCoteau President of the Board



# **Programs and Accomplishments**

Following are updates in each of our four programmatic areas:





#### **Awareness**

NABS completed research on a list of boarding schools and compiled a map of federal and church run boarding schools to be included in our 2017 publication.

We met with the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaskan Native Education (WHIAIANE) to discuss boarding school healing and attended several tribal listening sessions.

We also started an education campaign including e-newsletters, blogs, and webinars.

## Justice

NABS has been working with our attorneys at NARF to submit a filing to the United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances for children who didn't return home from boarding school.

We also started a petition to the U.S. Federal Government for the creation of a Truth Report on the U.S. boarding school policy, history, and legacy.





#### Action

NABS filed a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request to the BIE (Bureau of Indian Education) for U.S. Boarding School data since no one, to date, has compiled a complete accounting of boarding schools and number of children who attended.

We also met with representatives from the U.S. Army War College to deliver a petition to them and the President to repatriate the remains of Native American students buried at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School Cemetery, now the Army War College.

## Healing

NABS helped facilitate two GONAs (Gathering of Native Americans) focused on boarding school healing. The GONAs took place at Klamath and Umatilla with the help of NARF, SAMHSA, and Tribal Tech.

NABS is researching community-led models for healing historical trauma and effects of boarding school experiences and plans to publish a report of resources and best practices.



## Get involved! Here's how:

- 1. Join the Coalition
- 2. Make a donation
- 3. Sign up for e-news on our website
- 4. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram
- 5. Join the Tribal Leaders Advisory Council

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## 2016 Partner & Donor Recognition

NoVo Foundation Bay and Paul Foundations First Nations Development Institute American Indian Services Native American Rights Fund Freedom Lodge, Inc. Christ Church Cathedral Individual Donors gave \$2,773 THANK YOU!

# Financials as of September 30, 2016



#### **SOURCE OF FUNDS**

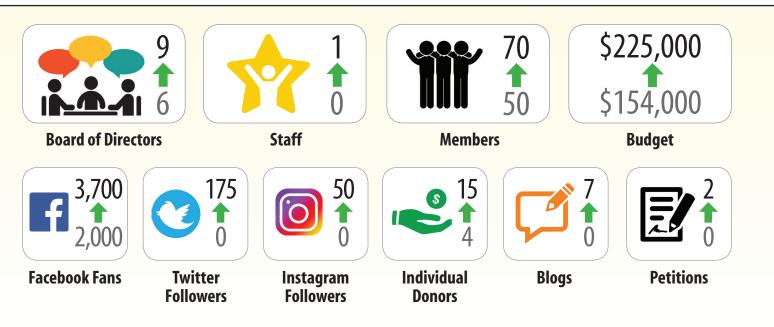
- \$75,000 Novo/Tides Foundation Grant
- **50,000** Bay and Paul Foundations Grant
- **8,000** Other Grants
- **2,773** Individual Contributions
  - **975** Merchandise Sales & Interest

\$136,748 Total Funds

#### **USE OF FUNDS**

84% Program Personnel & Other Program Costs
15% Administrative
2% Fundraising

# 2015-2016 Growth by the Numbers



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