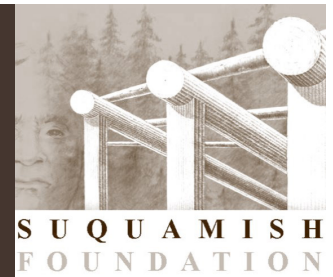


# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## Greetings from the Director of the Suquamish Foundation

Hello Friends,

It has been over a year since I have had the honor to accept the position of Director of the Suquamish Foundation. I also continue to serve as the Director of Grants for the Suquamish Tribe, as the Treasurer of Suquamish Tribal Council, the elected governing body of the Suquamish Tribe, and serve on the boards of several community non-profit organizations.

As we conclude 2016, which is the 11th year of the Suquamish Foundation, we would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity and inspiration of our supporters and donors as well as the dedication of our long-standing Board; Frances Malone, Rich Deline, Luther Mills, Jr., Sarah van Gelder, Noel Purser, Jim Nall, and Marilyn Wandrey. We also welcome our newest members, Brittany Bakken and Teri Bayes. We have not only worked hard to revitalize and reorganize the active role and fund-raising goals of the Suquamish Foundation together, we have celebrated the strides, originality and creativity of doing so.



Robin Little Wing Sigo

Highlights of 2016 are:

- We reorganized and revitalized our Foundation Board.
- We prioritized our fund-raising efforts on increasing the availability of public open spaces, such as playgrounds and parks, within the Suquamish community as safe, healthy places for families and neighbors to gather; and to continue to support the Suquamish Museum and Arts Center.
- We hosted our annual signature event, A Time to Gather at the Kiana Lodge in May to honor the vibrancy of the Suquamish Community by showcasing some of our artists, musicians, philanthropists and allies in an art auction and dinner. Our beautiful event raised over \$35,000 for the Foundation's priority projects.
- We hosted the inaugural Ribbons of Resilience fashion show at the Whitehorse Gold Course in October. This fun event celebrated Tribal traditions as well as the individual creativity and artistry of our community members. We showcased beautiful ribbon shirts and dresses made and modeled by our community members. All of our Tribal Council modeled the designs of Lyndee Wells and Alaina Capoean. At the same time, it raised funds for and awareness of the Suquamish Foundation.
- The Suquamish Foundation began awarding the Suquamish Tribe's Appendix X grant program. This is funded by proceeds from the Tribe's casino and is awarded quarterly throughout the year. We awarded \$233,527 non-profit and Tribal organizations in 2016.
- Total funds raised in 2016 was \$43,370.

I want to profoundly thank our donors, supporters, colleagues, elected officials, community volunteers and Board members who made 2016 so memorable. I invite each of you to embrace the metaphor of our theme of this year's A Time to Gather; that of "sunrise"; a time when we once again rise in spirit, in resilience, in community to commence a bright, new day of creation, cooperation and accomplishment in serving our diverse and vibrant Suquamish community.

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*Suquamish Tribal Member*

# Ribbons of Resilience

## *First annual native-inspired fashion show brings community together*

We want to thank everyone who attended the Suquamish Foundation inaugural Ribbons of Resilience fashion show at the Whitehorse Golf Course Ballroom on October 21, 2016. This fun evening event celebrated tribal history and traditions as well as the individual creativity and artistry of our community members. At the same time, it raised donations for and awareness of the Suquamish Foundation, which has supported programs and projects that benefit the Suquamish community since its' inception in 2005.

An illuminated catwalk and a live deejay music mix accompanied the stylish modeling of male and female community members of all ages, as well as the full complement of the Suquamish Tribal Council, including Chairman, Leonard Forsman, along with many of the very youngest and most adorable members of the Suquamish Tribe.

Robin Sigo, Treasurer of the Suquamish Tribal Council and Director of the Suquamish Foundation, the non-profit branch of the Suquamish Tribal Government, emceed the event with obvious enjoyment, story-telling, infectious humor and pride.

Each of the beautiful and original ribbon shirts, garments and baby outfits told an individual story through its colors, patterns and ribbons. Each, indeed, were wearable art pieces.

Ribbons for Resilience showcased beautiful ribbon shirt and dresses from many community members and families, including original multi-piece collections by E'thayta' ae (LynDee Wells) and Xoputsee (Alaina Capoeman). Styles included traditional stars and salmon motifs, as well as contemporary Seahawks and Star Wars designs. One of the most hauntingly beautiful garments was a ledger art shirt, worn by Chairman Forsman, with an illustrated tribute to upholding sovereignty rights guaranteed in the treaty.

Our nearly 150-person audience engaged with the energy of the models and artistry of the garments with such



*Suquamish Tribal Council Member Sammy Mabe was one of several elected officials to showcase ribbon apparel at the event.*



*From left; Amaya Lawrence, Charlotte Ives and Teylor Ives model ribbon outfits.*

enthusiasm and charitable generosity that we have already started planning for next year's event. The Ribbons of Resilience event was joyful and beautiful. Again, we thank everyone who attended and collaborated with us to support a diverse and cohesive community working together for positive change.

## FINANCIALS

### Revenue & Expenditures

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Donations          | \$43,370 |
| Income             | \$3,664  |
| Operating Transfer | \$34,570 |
| Expenditures       | \$49,707 |

**Fund Balance \$31,897**

### Expenditures Breakdown

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Salaries             | \$9,405  |
| Fringe               | \$2,394  |
| Travel & Training    | \$191    |
| Contractual          | \$300    |
| Supplies & Materials | \$29,213 |
| Contributions        | \$7,100  |
| Indirect Costs       | \$1,104  |

**Expenditures \$49,707**



# International Wool Weavers Symposium

## *Workshops and Showcase highlight events*

The Suquamish Foundation worked with Suquamish Museum to host the first International Salish Wool Weavers Symposium (SWWS), in Suquamish February 19-21, 2016. Made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the event featured presentations from weavers and curators, hands-on workshops with small wool weaving projects and a wool weaver marketplace with wool weaving supplies. The SWWS also featured a Salish Wool Fashion Showcase and Competition on Saturday. The event, attended by more than 180 traditional weavers from tribes and first nations, made more than 5-thousand dollars in donations for the Suquamish Museum.



*Suquamish Tribal Elder Sue Henary working on a loom during one of the Plenary Sessions at the symposium.*



*Weaver Daniele Morsette's works brought her a Third Place prize at the Fashion Showcase. Morsette, center, is pictured with models Kanim Natrall, left, and Kiaya Natrall, right.*

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## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

### A Time To Gather

*Annual fundraising dinner and art auction at Kiana Lodge.*

**May 2017**

### Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser "Wrapped in Resilience"

*A new fundraising event designed to bring community together in a celebration of Salish inspired attire.*

**October 2017**

### Cultural Heritage Park & Playground

*Help support bringing new equipment, landscaping and safety upgrades.*

**Ongoing**

### Suquamish Health & Fitness Center

*Help support bringing new programs, equipment and outdoor areas to the new Suquamish Fitness Center.*

**Ongoing**





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## RIBBONS OF RESILIENCE - OCTOBER 2016



*Many thanks to staff, donors and volunteers who made our first fashion showcase a success!*