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Kalispel Tribe of Indians Named Philanthropists of the Year

Award honors extraordinary philanthropic contributions in Northwest Indian Country.



(Seattle, Wash.)— Potlatch Fund recognized The Kalispel Tribe of Indians for their outstanding commitment to invest in the community at their 6th Annual Gala in Seattle this past weekend. The Kalispel Charitable Fund is one of many ways that the Tribe contributes to the greater Spokane and Pend Oreille Counties. Saturday, November 15, 2008, the Seattle based Potlatch Fund held its annual Gala at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Seattle. The Gala celebrates the great work and the great people in Indian Country.

Glen Nenema, Kalispel Tribal Chairman says, “Over the years, The Kalispel Tribe of Indians has worked hard to provide jobs, build tribal enterprises, and provide economic opportunities. We’re proud to give back to the community.”

The Kalispel Charitable Fund contributed approximately \$700,000 to over 200 non-profits last year alone. Contributions went to organizations that supported causes and provided services related to the mission of the Tribe, including cultural, community, services, social services, educational and health services.

“Turning tribal gaming funds into contributions is more than just giving money, it’s about benefitting a broader community. We want to recognize the organizations that aim to reach those who need it the most and encourage them to continue their positive efforts,” said Ken Gordon, Potlatch Fund Executive Director.

This year the Potlatch Fund awarded two Native giving programs and an outstanding Non-Native Foundation, The Kalispel Charitable Fund, The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, and The Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation.

About Potlatch Fund

Potlatch Fund is a Native led non-profit, based in Seattle, which aims to inspire the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy in Northwest Indian Country. The Fund is a grantmaking foundation and leadership development organization serving Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. Their mission is to inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy in Northwest Indian Country.

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About The Kalispel Tribe of Indians

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians has over 400 members. The tribal reservation is located in Usk, WA. The Tribe operates several health and social service programs through the Camas Path, along with a number of business enterprises, like Northern Quest Casino and Kalispel Case Line. For more information on the Kalispel Tribe, go to www.kalispeltribe.com.
