

## **Mitákuye Oyás'įn**

We hope this finds you well and in good health. A warm and sincere greeting to you. We at the Owl Bonnet Cultural Preservation Organization are writing to express our gratitude, to share our mission and to humbly request your support.

Our mission is to support the Wiwang Wacipi Holy Circle Sun Dance led by Chief Keith Horse Looking, Sr. From the very beginning, we were established with the primary aim of supporting the Sun Dance. Our role is predominantly financial. We want to emphasize that we do not have any involvement in the ceremony itself. The ceremony is the embodiment of the Chief's vision and is solely under his guidance. We are deeply honored to play our financial part and approach this responsibility with immense gratitude. It's essential for our donors to recognize this clear delineation of duties and to know that your support of this organization is a direct support of the Holy Circle Sun Dance itself.

We are committed to transparency. Regular financial reports detailing expenses and total donations (excluding donor names) are provided to Chief Horse Looking, Sr. and the Sun Dance community. Meeting minutes, agendas, and financial statements are also shared to keep the community informed and involved. If you have any questions, please write to the Board at [info@owlbonnet.org](mailto:info@owlbonnet.org) or directly to our Treasurer Jeff Wallman at [jeff@owlbonnet.org](mailto:jeff@owlbonnet.org).

### **There are two ways you can support the Wiwang Wacipi Holy Circle Sun Dance:**

- **[Sun Dance Fund](#)**: Supports the annual ceremony's expenses. This includes equipment and supplies of the Sun Dance like wood, fuel, cook shack supplies, repairs.
- **[Chief Fund](#)**: Supports Chief Horse Looking's spiritual and leadership endeavors. This is an account we hold for the Chief to support his travel and other expenses throughout the year.

We are an entirely-volunteer Board and we strive to keep administrative costs below 10% of our annual revenue. This ensures that at least 90% of your donation directly benefits the chosen cause. Your contribution will be used exclusively for its intended purpose.

**Consider supporting the Owl Bonnet Cultural Preservation Organization and help preserve the Lakota Sicangu Sun Dance tradition. Together, we can ensure the flourishing of the ceremony grounds, our families, and our shared cultural heritage.**

Wopila Tanka. We appreciate your support.

Respectfully,  
Board of Directors  
Owl Bonnet Cultural Preservation Organization  
[owlbonnet.org](http://owlbonnet.org) | April 26, 2024