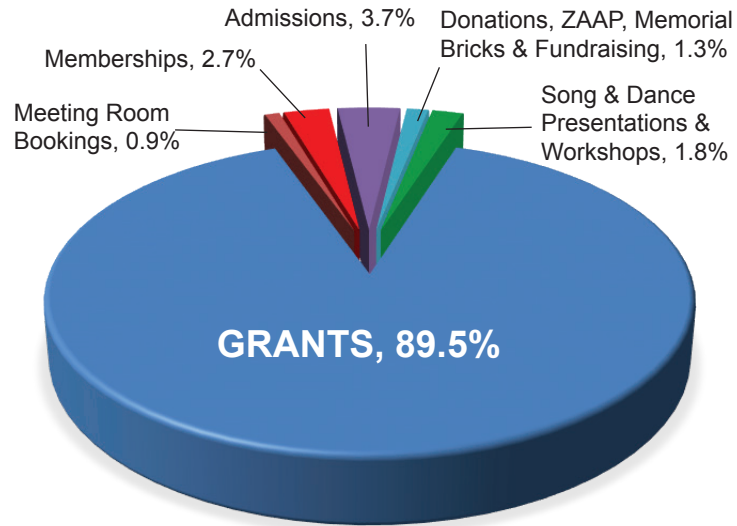


## FINANCIALS - EXTERNAL REVENUES

**\$305,381**



## YOUR SUPPORT

*Your continued support is vital to us as it provides essential funding for:*

- Free admission to Ziiwing Center exhibits for members of all North American Indian Tribes
- Discounted admission for military personnel, school children, college students, and educators
- Funding for outreach programs which take our teachings and collections into schools throughout Michigan
- Preservation of our artifacts and collections, ensuring that our culture will be preserved for future generations
- Maintenance and promotion of our exhibits so that our heritage and culture can be enjoyed by everyone
- Repatriation and reverential reinterment of Anishinabek ancestors and their belongings



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(THEY WORK WITH EACH OTHER)



Winnie and Levi Sturgeon preparing splints on Bkejwanong Territory, Walpole Island First Nation, Ontario, Canada. Image credit: Volney H. Jones papers, HS 18249, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

This changing exhibit of Anishinabek basketry was created in partnership with the University of Michigan and on display at Ziiwing from April 18, 2019 thru October 5, 2019.



## ZIIWING CULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT



*"Working Together for our Future"*

**October 2019 - September 2020**

### Ziiwing Cultural Society Mission Statement

The Ziiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified, and culturally relevant educational experience, which promotes the Society's belief that the culture, diversity, and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

# Accomplishments

- 6,544 visitors experienced all the Center has to offer: 196 people were provided educational services at 5 offsite bookings by our staff
- Implemented 113 special events and cultural programs for the Tribal community and general public
- Provided 50 tours for 1,581 guests: 17 K-12 tours and 33 adult tours, including complimentary SCIT, Migizi, SECR and Retail Employees' Orientation tours
- The ZCS maintains 8 Tribal Cemeteries including Baseline Cemetery (Isabella & Union Townships, Isabella County), Maloney Road Cemetery (Pinconning Township, Bay County), Mission Creek Cemetery (Union Township, Isabella County), Nibokaan Cemetery (Chippewa Township, Isabella County), Nippising Cemetery (Isabella Township, Isabella County), Nottawa Cemetery (Nottawa Township, Isabella County), Saganing Cemetery (Standish Township, Arenac County), Swartz Creek Cemetery (Gaines Township, Genesee County) in addition to the Ziiibwing Center's 3-acre lawn. (14.41 acres per week)
- Repatriated and reburied the physical remains of the following Native American individuals and funerary belongings: 38 ancestors and 116 associated funerary belongings from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and 1,031 ancestors and 2,050 associated funerary belongings from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. The ancestors and their belongings were reburied on Federal land in West Virginia on October 23, 2019 by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Nansemond Indian Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and United Keetowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.
- Ziiibwing conducted NAGPRA consultations with Ball State University, City of St. Ignace, City of Traverse City, Indiana University, Mannik & Smith (Toledo Metro Parks), Michigan History Center, Michigan State Police-Lansing Post, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan
- Cultural Resource Management team and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer completed 319 cultural resource reviews. These reviews are required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and protect the cultural resources/traditional cultural properties of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
- Awarded 3 of 3 Federal grants submitted: Council on Library and Information Resources, National Park Service FY2020 Tribal Historic Preservation Office-Historic Preservation Grant and Institute of Museum and Library Services for a total of \$273,350
- 784,475 individual contacts were logged by our team, including physical visits, phone calls, E-Noodaagan newsletters, email and social media interaction via Facebook
- Research Center served 1,295 patrons
- Ziiibwing employees serve on many local and national boards, committees and councils:
  - Anita Heard (Research Center Coordinator) serves on the Saginaw Chippewa Data Governance Board and belongs to the Society of American Archivists
  - William Johnson (Curator) serves on the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA), serving his third consecutive 4-year term as Chairman, the National Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Revisions Committee, and the University of Michigan's Advisory Committee on Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains under NAGPRA (since 2011)
  - Shannon Martin (Director) serves on the Advisory Council for the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois, Central Michigan University's Olga J. Denison and G. Roland Denison Visiting Professorship of Native American Studies Committee, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Research Advisory Council, and the National Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Revisions Committee
- Ziiibwing Commercial Services transitioned into the ZCC Gift Shop, retaining 1.5 staff. Completed a physical inventory for Ziiibwing's Meshtoonigewinoong Gift Shop, new floor design, and an onsite inventory storage area with the assistance of the Ziiibwing Center team. New Point of Sale (POS) system was installed and initiated.
- The Ziiibwing Center hosted and mentored 2 permanent part-time Youth Workers as part of our Visitor Services Team

## OUR YEAR

The Board of Directors for the Ziiibwing Cultural Society/Ziiibwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is proud to recognize the many accomplishments of this organization and its staff within our Annual Report. Despite experiencing an unprecedented global pandemic that took place during a large part of this fiscal year, Ziiibwing was able to adapt and perform ways to accomplish the goals of its mission statement and maintain its relationship with the Tribal community through online presentations, curbside pick-up offerings, and social media connections. Although the events that the community has come to love could not safely take place this year, such as **NativeFest**, **Indian Car Bingo**, the **Ziiibwing Birthday Sale**, and **Honoring, Healing and Remembering** at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, the Ziiibwing Cultural Society continues to strive to be a vital and progressive organization for the Tribe. As we express condolences to the many families who suffered personal losses this year, we also express our continuing gratitude to those who support us in our very important work. Chi miigwetch!

# Our Members

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