Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community

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MMDTC is a Non-Profit 501-C3-41563 Tribal Organization

"To preserve, protect, and promote the Dakota culture for future generations."

Dear MMDTC Members, Honorary Members, and Friends,

Since 1994, the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community has fought to protect sacred spaces and keep Dakota culture and community alive in our Mendota homeland. We have done so through a combination of grants, dues, and generous donations. In recent years, we have done so despite the space we rent as a tribal office becoming so infested with mold that it is hazardous for human beings to work there.

For a time, we hoped that we might come to terms with the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) to obtain an office space in the Dupuis House, which was constructed by people who were ancestors to many of our members. Our partnership with MNHS has yielded other gains and we will continue to pursue our relationship with them. However, in our negotiations it has become clear that we will not be allowed to open a tribal office in the Dupuis House in the foreseeable future.

This being the case, we will now be seeking a space to rent in the Dakota County area that we will be able to use as a tribal office and cultural center. A space of 1000-2000 square feet will enable us to run a tribal office with regular hours. It will give us a place where we can safely conduct meetings, hold Dakota language and culture classes, and invite our elders to tell their stories. Finally, it will provide us with a mold-free workspace for organizing and digitizing our tribe's records and historical documents.

Given the current real estate and rental market in Dakota County and the broader St. Paul area, we estimate that such a space will cost us around $2000 per month in rent. This amount significantly exceeds the sum that we currently receive in monthly dues. We cannot rely on grants for this purpose, as the grants we currently receive to hold our culture classes and our annual Powwow do not permit us to use their funds to cover routine operational costs such as rent. Therefore, we now turn to our members, our honorary members, and others for assistance.

We invite you to make a pledge to contribute monthly to help us make rent for a new MMDTC Tribal Office and Community Center. Your pledge will allow us to continue our efforts to preserve and promote Dakota culture in Mendota, the birthplace and historical homeland of the Mdewakanton Dakota people.

Pledges and other donations to MMDTC are tax-deductible. If you make your pledge using PayPal, make sure to select "Donation", so that PayPal does not charge our community a fee for the transaction.

We can accept donations via credit card, check or money order or the simplest method; using our ACH system to make a recurring donation.

Donations can be made online, over the phone 651-452-4141, in person or through postal mail.
To donate online, or for more information, please visit https://mendotadakota.com/mn/pidamaya/

Sincerely,

The MMDTC Tribal Council

Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community Pledge Form

Name	
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I Pledge The Following	$20 ☐	$25 ☐	$50 ☐	Paid monthly
$45 ☐	$60 ☐	$75 ☐	$150 ☐	Paid quarterly
$180 ☐	$240 ☐	$300 ☐	$600 ☐	Paid Annually in _____ (month)

My gift will be matched by _____(company/family/foundation, etc.)

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