

# Healthy Spirit

INDIAN HEALTH CARE RESOURCE CENTER OF TULSA NEWSLETTER

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## IHCRC RECEIVES AAAHC ACCREDITATION

Many years of hard work and dedication by the entire staff of IHCRC has paid off. Indian Health Care Resource Center has achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), according to Carmelita Skeeter, Executive Director.

Status as an accredited organization means Indian Health Care has passed a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care, set by the AAAHC. Over 1,300 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by the AAAHC. However, there are only four other organizations in Tulsa that have been given the distinction of AAAHC accreditation. "Accreditation underscores our long-standing commitment to providing the highest possible levels of quality care to the community we serve," said Carmelita Skeeter. "We are pleased and proud to have our efforts recognized with this accreditation."



Georgia Hammill, Clinic Administrator, said "The accreditation not only reinforces our clinics standard of care, but encourages us to continue to look for future improvements."

Among the types of ambulatory health care organizations that can seek AAAHC accreditation are ambulatory and office based surgery centers; single and multi-specialty group practices; college and university health services; dental group practices; community health centers; occupational health centers; and managed care organizations.

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### Calendar of Events

- April 10  
5th Annual American Indian Symposium
- April 11  
National Alcohol Screening Day
- April 12-14  
Men's Two Spirit Retreat
- May 10-12  
Statewide Tobacco and Health American Indian Youth Conference
- May 27  
Memorial Day  
Clinic will be closed

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Moscelyne Larkin and Michael Loman show their support for IHCRC 12th Annual Dance of the Two Moons, see page 2.

# 12TH ANNUAL DANCE OF THE TWO MOONS

Numerous volunteers, donors, sponsors and a dedicated planning committee, helped make this year's 12th annual Dance of the Two Moons benefit a huge success. This year's theme was "Encouraging Our Children to Reach for the Stars." This annual benefit dinner helps to raise money for our children's health programs at IHCR.

The benefit was held Saturday February 9th, 2002 at the Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott Hotel. This year's Honored Artist was Shan Goshorn who donated a painting entitled, "Cherokee Beaded Belt", to help raise money and Moscelyne Larkin, founder of the Tulsa Ballet, served as the Honorary Chairperson. During her speech, Ms. Larkin shared with guests her pride as a Peoria Indian and her strong affiliation with all Native Americans. The Dance of the Two Moons provided guests with dinner and a memorable and entertaining program that showcased the contributions Native Americans have



Shan Goshorn and her husband, Tom Pendergraft enjoy the evening at the 12th annual event.

made to our common culture. The evening began with the Lord's Prayer sung by Virgi Thompson with daughters Faith and Connie accompanying her with Indian sign language. Highlighting the evening was an exhibition of Indian children's fashion provided by KitiKiti'sh Sisters and traditional music provided by Ron Anquoe and Michael Loman. With the help of emcee Curtis Zunigha, the

entire program went smoothly. Guests danced until midnight to the music of Jimmy Markam and Friends.

A large silent auction was held throughout the evening featuring original Indian art and jewelry and numerous other items were donated by area artists and merchants. This year we also had several staff members donate original pieces of artwork.

Many local area business and artists helped to make this year's benefit a huge success. This year's corporate sponsors were: **Eagle Sponsors** – AEP/Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Chickasaw Nation, Bank of Oklahoma Foundation Fund and Tulsa Community Foundation, Jim Ruley & Co., Inc. and Williams; **Bear Sponsors** – Jim and Janet Cameron and Dr. Robert and Jacquelyn Lawson; **Buffalo Sponsors** – Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma Osteopathic Foundation, Tiger Natural Gas, Tulsa Teachers' Credit Union and Ken Ray Underwood.



"Dance of the Two Moons" Chairperson Goldie Phillips shows off the print she won during the "plate walk."

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please contact Edward Rogers at 382-1292 to schedule a time to volunteer

# IHCRC Gives Blood to Save Lives

Doing our part to help others, IHCRC held a Blood Drive on February 15th. Thirteen IHCRC staff members took time out of their day to do their part. Everyone who donated blood got a free T-shirt from the Red Cross and was allowed to wear

jeans that day. IHCRC will be coordinating another blood drive and will invite the surrounding businesses and non-profit organizations to join in our efforts. IHCRC would like to thank everyone who gave the gift of life.



Sandy Battiest shows off her free T-shirt after donating blood at the IHCRC American Red Cross Blood Drive.

## Eligibility Requirements

Effective January 1, 2002

In order to receive health care at our facility, Indian Health Care Resource Center requires written documentation of Indian blood from a federally recognized tribe. This written documentation must be presented to the receptionist before health care services can be provided.

Documentation of federally recognized Indian blood can be provided by presenting either a C.D.I.B. card (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) or other written documentation of tribal membership (such as a letter attesting tribal membership on tribal government letterhead, an Indian Status Card, a tribal enrollment or membership card, etc.)

Indian Health Care is an intertribal,

non-profit organization that services members of any federally recognized tribe. We do not have any minimum blood quantum requirement to receive services, however, we cannot accept tribal membership documents for "state-only" recognized tribes. For example, we cannot accept Missouri or Arkansas Cherokee tribal enrollment cards.

Children under age 18 or a spouse with an Indian head-of-household may receive services if the head-of-household provides written documentation of federally recognized tribal membership.

Note: There are no restrictions of Indian blood to use Indian Health Care's substance abuse, HIV/AIDS programs or the Cherokee Nation's WIC program.

## *Indian Health Care to Take Part in National Alcohol Screening Day*

Indian Health Care Resource Center will be conducting a one-day outreach, education and screening event as part of the National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD). NASD offers screening, education, intervention and referral to treatment for at-risk drinking and a range of alcohol problems, including alcohol dependence.

Indian Health Care will be focusing on how alcohol affects the overall health of individuals. This national event hopes to raise awareness of effects and the symptoms of alcohol abuse.

This screening and educational session will be open to the public and will be conducted at Eastland Mall, 14002 E. 21st St., from 2:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. on April 11th. The event will be held in the Community room located in the southeast corner of the mall, west of Dillard's.

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### Contest Winners

#### *K - Second Grade*

Wesley Rushing (1st Place)  
Callie Tunnell (2nd Place)  
Makayle Blackwell (3rd Place)

#### *Third - Fifth Grade*

Joshua Ramos (1st Place),  
Mason Shackelford (2nd Place)  
Sam Selyukov (3rd Place)

#### *Sixth - Eighth Grade*

Nancy James (1st Place)  
Michael Wolfmule (2nd Place)  
Nancy James (3rd Place)

#### *Alternates*

Brandi Hall  
Theresa Rabbit  
Brittany Bear

## IHCRC Holds Children's Art Contest

Indian Health Care Resource Center is proud to announce the winners (Listed at left) of our recent children's art contest. To help amplify the theme of this year's Dance of the Two Moons theme of "Encouraging Our Children to Reach for the Stars," we asked the contestants to draw a picture of what "they wanted to be when they grow up." We had over sixty entries and twelve of the drawings were assembled into a calendar. Each winner was presented with a calendar and an award for their achievement. The calendars are on sale for \$5 and can be purchased at the clinic or by calling Emily Bolusky at 382-1206.

On January 9th we held a press conference to announce the winners

of the art contest. Several local magazines, newspapers and artists were on hand to show support for this event. Each child was given the chance to have a picture taken with their drawing and tell everyone about what they wanted to be when they grow up. Nancy O'Banion, Director of Health and Wellness, was quoted saying, "I was delighted at both the number of drawings submitted by the kids, and the wide variety of career goals they envisioned for themselves. These kids understood the theme 'Reach for the Stars.'"

This was a wonderful event and we look forward to continuing to encourage all children to reach for the stars.

**Don't forget to contact your employer about their corporate matching program.  
IHCRC is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Monetary donations are fully tax-deductible!**