



2009 Roots of Strength-Recognition

Letter of Interest--Due August 14, 2009

Final Entry Must be Postmarked by September 14, 2009

DESCRIPTION OF RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The 2009 "Roots of Strength" – Recognition Program encourages Cancer Support groups who work with American Indian or Alaska Native populations to show their support for cancer survivors. The Recognition Program will reward "doing." Support groups can submit entries in one or more categories.

One cancer support group entry from each category will be chosen for recognition at the "Roots of Strength" conference to be held October 13-16, 2009 at the Cherokee Casino & Resort in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A financial award will be made to each winning group. As funds are secured, the value of the award will be confirmed.

The recognition categories are:

- **Service to Newly Diagnosed Cancer Survivors**

Entries should demonstrate how the cancer support group's efforts helped newly diagnosed cancer survivors:

1. understand what kind of treatment they were receiving.
2. understand the short and long term effects on the rest of their lives of their cancer treatment
3. attend each of their medical appointments
4. involve the survivor's family and caregivers in the treatment efforts

Letters of support from at least 5 cancer survivors must be submitted with final entry.

- **Ability to Place Cancer "High" on tribal government or urban Indian organizational board health agendas.**

Entries of the cancer support group should include:

1. copies of the tribal government's cancer related resolution or policy
2. documentation of how the group worked with the governing body

Letters of support from the governing body must be submitted with final entry

- **Ability to Develop Cancer Awareness and Reduction of Risk programs for Native Communities**

Entries should demonstrate the cancer support groups ability to:

1. Develop partnerships with medical providers, cancer education groups, and other

cancer service groups and

to secure the partners help with cancer support group projects.

2. Develop or solicit cancer education materials that are culturally appropriate for their community

3. Attract American Indian or Alaska Natives to their cancer education events.

4. Increase the knowledge of healthy lifestyles in their community.

Letters of support from the partners must be submitted with final entry.

CATEGORY SELECTION

Category –Select one category only

- Service to Newly Diagnosed Cancer Survivors
- Ability to Place Cancer “High” on tribal government or urban Indian organizational board health agendas
- Ability to Develop Cancer Awareness and Reduction of Risk programs for Native Communities.

The cancer support group activities must have happened between July 1, 2008 and August 30, 2009.

TYPES OF SUBMITTALS

The entries can be submitted in one of three ways:

- 10 minute video copied onto a cd or “jump drive”
- Up to 20 photographs copied onto a cd or “jump drive
- As an artistic expression with a photo of the art copied onto a cd or jump drive.

A 2-5 page description of the project must accompany each submission.

All entries must be postmarked no later than September 14, 2009. Please mail to:

**Native People’s Circle of Hope
9770 SW Ventura Ct.
Tigard, OR 97223**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION

Support Group Leader Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
State: _____ Zipcode: _____
Email Address: _____
Telephone No.: _____ Alternate Telephone No.: _____

SUPPORT GROUP MEMBER NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

Minimum of two members required to be eligible for a Recognition Award. Please use separate piece of paper for additional member's names and addresses.

Support Group Member Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
State: _____ Zipcode: _____
Email Address: _____
Telephone No.: _____ Alternate Telephone No.: _____

Support Group Member Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
State: _____ Zipcode: _____
Email Address: _____
Telephone No.: _____ Alternate Telephone No.: _____

CERTIFICATION BY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP LEADER:

I certify that our cancer support group has a minimum of two members and that we focus our efforts on American Indian/Alaska Native cancer issues.

We are _____ or are not _____ affiliated with a federal or state funded cancer program. If we do receive federal funds for cancer support group that organization is _____ and the amount we receive each year is _____ .

Signed by _____

Date Signed: _____