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To Whom It May Concern:

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (ID #41563) whose mission is: ***To preserve, protect, and promote the Dakota culture for future generations.***

To that end, we hold a traditional pow-wow each year. This event allows us to share our Dakota culture with neighboring Twin Cities communities. Last year, our pow-wow attendance exceeded 1,500 participants. This represents a 300% increase since our first pow-wow in 1999. We are expecting even more people to attend in 2008.

Our 9th Annual Traditional Welcome Home Pow-Wow will be held on August 8-9-10, 2008, on the St. Peter's Church grounds in Mendota, Minnesota. Every four years, our custom is to hold a traditional giveaway. A traditional giveaway is where all participants come up and choose a small gift. We will continue this tradition in 2008. **Our events are open to the public.**

As a small tribal community that has been working towards federal recognition for the past ten years, our funds are limited. A traditional pow-wow is not a fundraising event – it is a cultural one. All proceeds will go towards supporting our activities related to preserving, protecting, and promoting the Dakota culture.

Would you help us by making a donation?

\$250 \$350 \$500 Other \$_____

Not only is your gift 100% tax deductible, you will also be mentioned in our program booklet as a contributor.

In addition to our annual pow-wow, we also hold weekly Dakota language classes, monthly Dakota culture classes, and other events that are open to the public at no charge.

We are not affiliated with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota Community.

Please contact Sharon Lennartson or Renée Johnson at 651-452-4141 with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



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