

OUR FOCUS

**CENTERING INDIGENOUS
VALUES IN ALL ASPECTS OF
OUR WORK.**

AICHO honors the resiliency of Native American people by strengthening communities and centering Indigenous values in all aspects of our work; we provide housing and supportive services while also managing arts, cultural, and food sovereignty initiatives in Duluth, MN.

**HOUSING
& SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**ARTS
& CULTURE**

**SUSTAINABILITY
& FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**

Our operating philosophy is that every Native American deserves to live in a non-violent and non-threatening environment and has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

The American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO) transforms oppression into opportunity. Created in 1993, AICHO started in a parking lot outside a social service agency with a conversation between Native community members, who asked why our community had no resources, no community spaces, and no services that met our cultural needs. AICHO was created as an Indigenous response to social conditions in Duluth, MN, powered by the urban Native American community.

AICHO started with basic needs - shelter, housing, support - and this resulted in ongoing work to change systems. The issues are real: the impact of violence, housing and economic inequity, historical trauma and racism. AICHO provides a continuum of community action, housing options, and support services. Our goal is to respond to crisis while laying the path for long-term stability and our vision is to rebuild our Indigenous community.

To understand our community, historical context is necessary. Duluth is in the heart of Indigenous territory that was ceded and holds strong spiritual/cultural significance. While the land ceded in the treaty process built immense wealth for others, including many industries that propelled Minnesota to economic prosperity, the Indigenous community in Duluth is at ground zero with high poverty.

AICHO is changing the narrative in our community, by asserting our political and cultural ties to the land and forging a commitment to build sustainable, community-owned practices. AICHO is symbolic of a resurgence in Indigenous community and cultural power.



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