

# **An Early Childhood Learning Center**

## **Chief Dull Knife College**

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## **Request for Assistance**

### **Project Background**

This summer a group of students, volunteers, and faculty from five universities and ten states will make a trip to Lame Deer Montana to help construct an Early Childhood Development Center on the Campus of Chief Dull Knife College. This project is being planned and managed by the American Indian Housing Initiative, a collaborative research and education program in sustainable building methods.

### **Community Impact**

Located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, this new 4000SF facility will provide much needed childcare and parenting education in the region. The ECLC project will also add a learning landscape, veteran's plaza, and study circle to the campus of Chief Dull Knife College, helping to make the college a destination for local travelers, and an important asset in the community.

### **Base Funding**

This project is being funded through in-kind volunteer contributions, a HUD TCUP grant, and a USDA Rural Development Grant.

### **We Need Your Help**

This project is currently in jeopardy due to extensive utility relocation requirements and unexpected problems and expenses incurred due to the challenging site chosen for building. The coordinators of AIHI are seeking support and sponsorship for this project to help ensure it completion and operation by August of 2006.

All contributions or discount services and products made to this project can be considered **tax deductible** gifts to Chief Dull Knife College, a registered non-profit organization. All sponsors and contributors will be recognized on a plaque that will be hung permanently inside the facility, and on any publicity the project receives.

### **Suggested contribution levels**

Partner: \$25,000

Sponsor: \$5000

Donor: \$500

### **Work Party Contributions**

Opportunities are also available for groups of volunteers to help with the construction of the building. Construction is being managed by experienced volunteer leaders from the American Indian Housing Initiative at Penn State University.

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