



NEWS RELEASE

## Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Celebrates the Great Work of its Community Fund Partners with Annual Awards

**Brooks, CA** (May 7, 2018) Yocha Dehe tribal leaders and citizens saluted the commitment and achievements of their Community Fund partners at the tenth annual Partners in Philanthropy Luncheon at the Tribe's Séka Hills Olive Mill & Tasting Room in Brooks.

Certificates of Recognition, commending ongoing excellence in service, were presented to:

- Yolo Creek & Community Partnership. A partnership of three organizations – Yolo County Resources Conservation District, Putah Creek Council, and Center for Land Based Learning – its goals include creating healthy wildlife habitat on working landscapes; educating about the environment and the benefits of restoration; and involving students and community members in hands-on environmental stewardship projects.
- California Indian Basketweavers' Association (CIBA). CIBA was created out of concern traditional basketry knowledge was quickly disappearing and “master weavers” would cease to exist. It is committed to preserving and promoting California Indian basketweaving traditions; providing healthy physical, social, spiritual, and economic environments for basketweavers; and enhancing awareness of California basketry and Native California cultural traditions among Native and non-Native audiences.

The Tahtimihn Award (Tahtimihn means “star” in Patwin) was presented to:

- Davis Community Meals (DCM). DCM began in 1990 as a meals program for low-income and homeless individuals and families. Today, it offers sheltered, transitional, and permanent supportive housing to Davis residents. DCM programs are designed to affect long-term individual and family stability by increasing self-sufficiency and helping individuals become permanently housed.

The Yocha Dehe Community Fund is governed by a Board of Directors, made up of tribal citizens and supported by government staff. The fund uses philanthropy to enhance the quality of life for Yolo County residents and Native American people,

focusing on six funding priorities: Education, Helping People Help Themselves, Native Arts and Culture, Native Health and Wellness, Native Rights and Tribal Sovereignty, and Steward the Natural Environment.

Since 2000, the Community Fund has provided grants totaling more than \$30 million to 390 diverse organizations.

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*Photo Caption: Yocha Dehe tribal leaders and Community Fund Board members with representatives of the 2017 Community Fund Partners in Philanthropy honorees.*

*Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent, self-governed nation that supports our citizens and the Capay Valley, CA community by strengthening our culture, stewarding our land and creating economic independence for future generations. ([www.yochadehe.org](http://www.yochadehe.org))*

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