



STAHS reaches out to spread word about Tribal cultural museum

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society is reaching out to the outlying communities, becoming involved by participating in local activities and getting the word out about the proposed cultural center with a museum component.

People are excited about the prospect and greet us with enthusiasm and many questions. It's rewarding to see the interest that is being generated, the genuine curiosity about Tribal history and the encouragement we have received.

Among the many activities of the past two months was a presentation at a Toledo Chamber of Commerce luncheon, attending the annual Potlatch Gala (Potlatch Fund is a Native-led nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the Native tradition of giving) to network and discover grant opportunities, and decorating a Christmas tree with decorations that represent Siletz culture for auction at the Angels Anonymous charity ball at Chinook Winds.

Sharing the dream is an uplifting experience and networking at many of these events is helping us as a board discover the resources that may be available to us that will allow us to reach our ultimate goal.



Courtesy photos

Above left: Margo Hudson joins members of the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples at the Potlatch Fund Gala.

Top: Teresa Simmons makes a presentation to the Toledo Chamber of Commerce.

Above: Elaine Smith, Teresa Simmons and Gloria Ingle decorate the STAHS tree for the Angels Anonymous Festival of Trees.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Preventing Denials

1. When using CHS, you must have **every** appointment pre-authorized by obtaining an authorization number within 24 hours of services rendered.
2. If you're going to a specialist appointment (not your primary care physician), it must be approved through Gatekeeping. This means your doctor must fax referrals and chart notes by Tuesday of each week for consideration on Wednesday morning. If approved through Gatekeeping, you must then obtain an authorization number from your CHS worker within 24 hours of appointment.
3. When going to the ER or urgent care, you must notify CHS within 72 hours of the visit. The ER and urgent care must be a last resort – if the service is deemed inappropriate, CHS will not cover the service. You must utilize your primary care doctor when possible.
4. CHS requires you to apply for alternate resources. This means you are required to apply for the Oregon Health Plan if you do not have other insurance, such as Moda, Blue Cross/Blue Shield or Medicare. If you are over-income for alternate resources, you can provide that proof to CHS and they can issue a waiver for that year.

CHS Phone Numbers

Toll-free – 800-628-5720

Local – 541-444-1236

Fax – 541-444-9645

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit siletzlanguage.org.

Information for Tribal veterans

Vet rep asks Tribal veterans to call in: All Siletz Tribal veterans are asked to call Tony Molina, Honor Guard director and Tribal veterans representative, to verify their DD214s and enrollment numbers so he can process their names to be placed on the Veterans Memorial on Government Hill.

Siletz veterans office open daily: Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See below for contact information.

From our veterans representative, Tony Molina: All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation.