

Fall 

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WI Inter-tribal Pink Shawl Initiative



Dream the
Cure Cure

WI Pink Shawl Makes a Debut

Volunteers needed

Your help is needed to man the information table at the Hunting Moon Pow-wow.

November 2nd-4th

Friday 4:00- 10:00

Saturday 11:00-10:00

Sunday 10:00-5:00

Grand Entry for all Pink Shawl Society

6PM Friday

1PM Saturday

Pink Shawl meeting to follow at 3PM

Special Activities

- September 8th – Pink Shawl Debut-Indian Summer Festival, Milwaukee, WI
- September 23– Komen Race for the Cure, Milwaukee, WI
- October 20th - UWM Milwaukee, WI –Annual Pow-wow
- October 21st—Tribute to Caring, Milwaukee, WI
- November 2-4th Hunting Moon Pow-wow, State Fair, West Allis, WI

In an effort to raise awareness of breast cancer among American Indian women, a group of native women located in the Milwaukee area have formed the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Pink Shawl Initiative.

The kick-off of the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Pink Shawl "Dream the Cure" Initiative debuted at Indian Summer Festival, Sept. 7-9, at Milwaukee's lakefront Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest grounds). **Melodie Wilson**, former news anchor, activist and founder of ABCD – After Breast Care Diagnosis, was honored with a Pink Shawl at the 1 p.m. Grand Entry on Saturday, Sept. 8.

A special fire was maintained throughout the run of the festival to honor breast cancer victims and

survivors. In keeping with American Indian tradition, the public was invited to say a prayer and place tobacco in the fire. An informational booth at the festival's Gathering Place area offered information as well as "Dream the Cure" dream catchers, hats and shirts for sale to benefit the initiative.

The group plans to join forces with ABCD to provide a native component to their organization. Other event will be held throughout the year to spread the message of early detection is the best medicine we have to fight this disease

The Pink Shawl project started three years ago in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The project was developed to raise awareness of breast cancer among American

Indians. The women produced pink shawls that are worn at powwows. Today, these pink shawls are becoming increasingly identifiable among tribal women as symbols of awareness about breast can-



2007 WI Pink Shawl Initiative debuts at Indian Summer Festival- Milwaukee, WI



Board Elections Slated

The Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Pink Shawl Initiative has two positions available on the executive board, along with additional board posts.

Your help is needed to

round out our newly found organization. If you are interested in pursuing a board position, please join us at 3PM on Saturday at the Hunting Moon Pow-wow for a meeting. Elections will be held at the

5:30 November 8th meeting at the Oneida Social Services SE Wisconsin. 2778 S 35 St, Milw, WI 53215. Contact DebUshakow at 414-384-7740 if you have questions.