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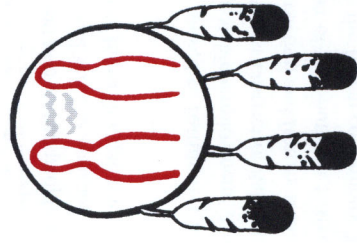
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## HISTORY OF THE BAIC:

The BAIC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving American Indians in Baltimore and other surrounding counties. The BAIC was founded in 1968 and was originally named "American Indian Study Center, Inc." The center was formed because concerned American Indians and non-Indians saw a need for an organization that would serve as a social and cultural outlet for those living in the area. In addition, the BAIC was formed in hopes of educating the American Indian and non-Indian people about Indian culture. Education would serve as a means of providing a better understanding of Indian life and a way to preserve our culture.

American Indians moved to Baltimore City in the 1940's in hopes of finding stable employment. A majority of them settled in the Southeast District of Baltimore City and took jobs in construction and factory trades. The BAIC is located in the heart of the Southeast District, so that it could better serve the Indian community. The greatest number of American Indians in the city are from the Lumbee tribe. There are families and individuals of many other tribes such as the Pima, Haliwa-Saponi, Apache, Blackfoot, Cherokee, Tuscarora, Coharie, Sioux, Navajo, Oneida, Piscataway, Nanticoke, Lenni-Lenape, Cheyenne and so many others. All of these tribes share a common bond of love, family, and traditional values.

The leaders of the Indian community realized that most of our people needed assistance in locating jobs, homes, financial assistance, etc. Therefore, the leaders of the community designed and executed a plan of advocacy for the community. Since 1968, the center has offered services or provided activities in the following areas: A trading store and American Indian museum, cultural program, adult basic education, housing program, alcohol and drug abuse program, HIV-AIDS program, the BAIC scholarship fund, senior citizen program, economic development, youth program, tutoring services, classroom training, job placement, transportation, daycare, and business development. These programs have enabled our community to press forward and begin to take a greater control of our destiny.

### THE MISSION OF THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER:

The Baltimore American Indian Center (BAIC) is a community based non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of Native Americans living in the State of Maryland. The center provides a social, economic, training assistance, and access to health related services. It also aims to provide a central voice, a focus for expressing concerns and a way to resolve problems affecting American Indians in Maryland.

### THE VERA SHANK DAYCARE AND SECO HEAD START PROGRAM:

Our children are the future and we believe that a vital part of the development of children is a quality Daycare and Head Start program. The BAIC Daycare is funded in part by a grant made available through the State of Maryland Child Care Administration and a partnership with the South East Community Organization (SECO) Head Start Program. In an effort to protect our future generations, the BAIC is committed to providing our youth with all resources available to afford them opportunities for a healthy childhood.

### CULTURAL PROGRAM:

Our cultural program is currently housed at the Virginia S. Baker Recreation Center. It serves as a safe haven for 25-30 youth every week. This program teaches our youth about their heritage through dance, drumming, beading, and other arts and craft skills. The youth have formed a dance troupe called "The Soaring Eagles" and they are renowned all over the State of Maryland for their artistic talent and performances. They have performed for over 35,000 people at Pow-Wows, cultural presentations, and other various school performances.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM:

The Senior Citizen program provides a safe atmosphere for our Native seniors to meet and socialize. There are day trips, health programs, and other various programs designed to enrich the lives of our elders. This program is strictly funded on donations of the community and fund raising done by our elders.

### VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

The BAIC during the baseball season operates a concession stand at Camden Yards. This effort is carried out through volunteers and community members.

\*If you would like to get involved in any of these programs or provide volunteer services for our organization please call or e-mail us with your name, address, phone number and the program you would like to get involved in. Thank-you!\*

Yes, I would like to support the Baltimore American Indian Center with a one-time gift of:

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